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Subject: [External] Tosa Veterans Memorial
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Mr. Pinon and Ms. Saso,

I am reaching out with some comments to share with the Board of Zoning Appeals. I believe this matter will be on the agenda for the July meeting.

I know that this project has been approved by the Design Review Board and is now in the hands of the Board of Zoning Appeals. I live just four houses away from this proposed site and am writing to voice some concerns that I would like to see addressed before this project is permitted to move forward.

First, I am okay with the idea of using this corner lot for this purpose. I am supportive of our veterans and would welcome a memorial in my neighborhood. However, my support for the addition of the memorial to our neighborhood is not without concerns. I ask the Board to consider the following as it reviews this zoning change request.

Lighting is my primary concern. I had the opportunity to sit down with the architect and I understand the intent is to utilize up-lighting for the seven flags that will be in this space. At the time of our discussion, the intent was to light the flags all night. While I appreciate these expectations to honor the six branches of the military, and our Nations flag, the idea of introducing seven spotlights shining into the night sky, directly next door and across the street from our peaceful homes is not acceptable. I find this part of the proposal to be selfish and, for the Board's consideration, contrary to one aspect of this Board's purpose of protecting the general welfare of the community members. Additionally, I believe that the addition of all-night lighting may be contrary to the Municipal Code addressing landscaping and screening (24.12.010, A.9, Reduce impact of...glare).

I understand that this project has been moved from Hart Park to this space. In reviewing the plans, I get the impression the VA has simply attempted to squeeze the plan for the park into this triangle. Although I believe it's a tight space for the scale of the project, with the exception of the proposed night lighting, it could work.

I learned the proposal includes lighting that would be dimmed to half at nighttime. While I appreciate the effort, half the lumens is still unsustainable for the neighborhood. I propose requiring the flag lights to be completely off during the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. With that change, I could support this plan.

While I have your ear, I'd like to understand that the City has also considered the parking and access questions. I expect and hope that the memorial will attract a number of visitors. However, recognize that there is limited parking near and around this triangle. Please consider how this will be addressed. While I don't see this is a concern for the neighborhood, I just want to be sure that the users and approvers have a plan. There's no sense in building something that only those able to walk several blocks can utilize.

Again, I am good with placing a memorial on this property in my neighborhood but please consider the impact of the proposed lighting. Thank you for taking my comments into

consideration.

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