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Sno-King Environmental Protection Coalition

SnoCo Council Asks for Motion to Affirm Hearing Examiner Decision

It's not quite over yet, but the long effort to block BSRE's attempt to build a small city at Point Wells took another positive step forward on Wednesday afternoon. After a few hours of public testimony and 15 minutes in executive session, Council members directed their staff to prepare a motion affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision denying BSRE's application.

The Council worked through a list of 16 issues under appeal and in a series of 4 - 0 votes requested each of the 16 issues be included in the motion to affirm the decision. The unanimous votes taken without discussion made it clear that the Council was not impressed by BSRE's arguments.

Council staff will create the final wording of the motion affirming the HE's decision. The motion is expected to come to a vote on Monday, October 8 at the regular Council meeting which starts at 10:30 am.

RB and Woodway neighborhoods well represented

Local Point Wells expert Tom McCormick used his extensive knowledge of the issues to create 15 comment papers covering the most critical areas under appeal. Sno-King Coalition leaders Jerry Patterson and Tom Mailhot recruited a small army of RB and Woodway residents to travel to Everett to read the papers to the Council. In total there were 20 speakers against the appeal and only BSRE speaking in favor of the appeal.

A Snohomish County manager commented after the hearing that this was the most impressive public comment showing he had ever seen in his long career in government.

What's next?

While passage of the final motion seems all but assured, BSRE could still file an appeal in Superior Court. BSRE has only a few weeks to file the appeal so we will know soon if they decide to continue the appeal process.

Thanks to untold hours of work by a small group of local residents we've been able to represent the neighborhood at virtually no cost in hearings before the Hearing Examiner and the County Council. However, if BSRE decides to file an appeal we will need to hire an attorney to represent our interests, and that will require a more serious outlay of funds. If that time comes we will need your financial support to continue the fight. And, of course, you can get a jump start by clicking on the Donate button below.

We will of course let you know what happens next as soon as we know.

Make a donation

Sno-King Environmental Protection Coalition is asking for your financial help as we prepare for the expected court cases that will follow the Council's decision. Continuing our fight through the court system takes time and money. We can contribute the time but we need your help contributing the money.

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