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CASE NUMBER: 13-2-14836-6 SEA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD,

NO.

LAND USE PETITION

Petitioner,

CITY OF SEATTLE, DAN DUFFUS, and SOLEIL DEVELOPMENT, LLC,

V.

Respondents,

and

DAN WICK, KIRK CHRISTIANSON, CONFLUX ARCHITECTURE and ERIK EKSTROM GROUND EVOLUTION, LLC,

> Potentially Interested Respondents.

Petitioner Maple Leaf Community Council Executive Board (Petitioner) submits the following in support of a Land Use Petition under the Land Use Petition Act, RCW 36.70C.

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1. Name and Address of Petitioner

Maple Leaf Community Council Executive Board Attn: David Miller, President PO Box 75595 Seattle, WA 98175

2. Name and Address of Petitioner's Attorney

David S. Mann Gendler & Mann, LLP 1424 4th Ave. Suite 715 Seattle, WA, 98101 206-621-8869

3. Name and Address of Local Jurisdiction

City of Seattle 600 Fourth Avenue Seattle, WA 98124

4. <u>Decision Making Body and Decision</u>

The decisions being appealed are building permits granted on March 8, 2013, for four residential units located near the northwest corner of NE 89th Street and Roosevelt Way NE in the Maple Leaf neighborhood of Seattle. The decision-making body is the Seattle Department of Planning and Development ("DPD") under permit numbers 6321574 and 6325824, copies of which are attached as Exhibit A.

5. Persons to be Named Pursuant to RCW 36.70C.040.2.b-d

Dan Duffus Soleil Development, LLC 300 Queen Anne Ave, North #369 Seattle, WA 98109

6. Additional Potentially Interested Parties

Dan Wick CWLLC 5512 First Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98105

Kirk Christianson Conflux Architecture 5512 First Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98105

Erik Ekstrom Ground Evolution, LLC PO Box 55309 (18978 Forest Park Drive NE) Seattle, WA 98155

7. Petitioner's Standing

7.1 The Maple Leaf Community Council Executive Board ("Community") is the duly elected representative body of the Maple Leaf Community Council and is authorized to take legal action on behalf of the Maple Leaf Community Council. The Maple Leaf Community Council is made up of members who own property, operate businesses, and/or reside in the Maple Leaf community, including owners of property, business operators, and residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposed developments. The Community brings this action on behalf of its members.

7.2 The Community will be significantly aggrieved and adversely affected by the lack of Design Review and/or SEPA Review on the proposed developments. These developments are in the heart of the Roosevelt Way NE Maple Leaf Business District. The Community, including its individual members, residents, and owners, will be prejudiced or are likely to be prejudiced from the lack of Design Review

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and/or SEPA Review that could result in construction breaking up the Maple Leaf Business District in this area.

- 7.3 As neighboring residents, DPD was required to consider and protect Petitioner's interests.
- 7.4 Judgment in favor of the Petitioner will substantially eliminate or redress the prejudice to the Petitioner.
 - 7.5 Petitioner has exhausted its administrative remedies.

8. Concise Statement of Errors

- 8.1 DPD's issuance of permits for four units on this site without Design Review is clearly erroneous because it fails to follow Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 23.41.004.A.1 (Table A) requiring Design Review in NC-2 zones for any project with four or more units.
- 8.2 DPD's issuance of permits for the four units on this site without SEPA review is clearly erroneous because it fails to recognize the SEPA exemption contained in Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.05.800 (Table A) is not applicable because more than four units are being constructed in this NC-2 zone.
- 8.3 DPD's issuance of permits for the four units on this site without SEPA review is clearly erroneous because it fails to recognize that the permits on this site are physically and functionally related to pending applications on the adjacent two properties and together both exceed the allowed categorical exemption and will have a probable significant adverse environmental impact.

- 8.4 DPD's issuance of permits without conformance to requirements related to "substantial development" in the Northgate Overlay District as required by SMC 23.71 is clearly erroneous.
- 8.5 DPD's issuance of permits without conformance to parking requirements specific to the Northgate Overlay (SMC 23.71.016) is clearly erroneous.

9. Concise Statement of Facts

- 9.1 On June 29, 2012, DPD accepted permit filings for two two-unit buildings under DPD Project #6321574 (Building A, the NE building facing Roosevelt Way NE) and #6325824 (Building B, the NW building on the 'back' property line). These two filings are part of an overall development of 13 units located at the corner of NE 89th Street and Roosevelt Way NE. The applicable zoning is NC2-40. All 13 units share a western property line with property zoned Single Family (SF). All 13 units are located within the Northgate Overlay.
- 9.2 On November 6, 2012, DPD accepted permit filings for two two-unit buildings under DPD Project #6320796 (Building C, the center-east building facing Roosevelt Way NE) and #6341436 (Building D, the center-west building on the 'back' property line). The applicable zoning is NC2-40.
- 9.3 On November 8, 2013, DPD accepted permit filings for one three-unit building and one two-unit building under DPD Project #6318864 (Building E) and #6341809 (Building F). The applicable zoning is NC2-40.
- 9.4 On March 8, 2013, DPD issued building permits for #6325824 and #6321574 without Design Review, SEPA review, and/or proper conformance to rules relating to the project's location in the Northgate Overlay area.

- 9.5 Project #6321574 includes permitting for the construction of a 10-foot curb cut off Roosevelt Way NE necessary to access a driveway to provide parking for Building A. Vehicular access for Building B under #6325824 is functionally dependent on the curb cut permitted under Project #6321574.
- 9.6 Project #6321574 and #6325824 were permitted as sharing the same city sewer line connection and the same water line connection at the street, making them functionally related.
- 9.7 In a series of emails on January 17, 2013 between the Community and DPD, DPD Planner Samantha Upthegrave noted that, while each structure on the site has a separate permit number, "...all the plans and review happen under a primary number for each lot." The same email thread shows that Project #6321574 is considered the "Primary" permit and #6325824 is considered the "Secondary" permit. The public record for #6325824 notes the "Review and Process for two A/P under 6321574", which reinforces the fact that all review and processing for this record happens under a single process within DPD. (See Exhibit B.)
- 9.8 DPD's EDMS system used by the public to retrieve documents related to a specific permit or development indicates all 13 units are "Related Development Sites".
- 9.9 DPD violated City codes requiring Design Review for this four-unit development. The Seattle Building Code (SBC) explicitly defines live/work units as Dwelling Units. The Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 23.41.004 defines the threshold for Design Review in NC2 zoning as four "Dwelling Units" or 4,000 square feet of non-residential gross floor area.

9.10 DPD violated City codes requiring SEPA review for this development. For purposes of SEPA review (but not for Design Review), DPD calculates live/work units as non-residential. Taken together, this development contains 4,884 square feet of live/work space. This exceeds the SEPA exemption contained in SMC 25.05.800 (Table B).

9.11 Seattle SEPA regulation SMC 25.05.305.A.2.b precludes use of a SEPA categorical exemption where the proposal is a segment of a proposal that includes:

A series of exempt actions that are physically or functionally related to each other, and that together may have a probable significant adverse environmental impact in the judgment of an agency with jurisdiction.

Permit numbers 6321574 and 6325824 are clearly physically related. All units are located on a contiguous parcel. The record indicates no intent by the Respondents to develop these as anything other than a single project. DPD itself states that all plans and reviews happen under a single project number. The sites are clearly functionally related because access to Building B is dependent on a curb cut permitted for Building A.

9.12 Permit numbers 6321574 and 6325824 are also physically and functionally related to the nine units (thirteen in total) proposed on the adjacent two parcels. The architect and baseline exterior designs are the same. The initial application had all six buildings sharing the same driveway. The plans identify the four buildings sequentially A-F instead of treating them as unrelated. The plans describe the "urban garden" feature as sharing "the public frontage [with the] adjacent lots" to satisfy the requirements of SMC 23.71.014.B and SMC 23.71.014.C. DPD's EDMS system shows they are "Related Development Sites". Buildings A, B, C, and D share the same entrance

off Roosevelt Way NE. Indeed, the record indicates no intent by the applicants to develop these as anything other than a single project. The applications were intentionally segmented in order to try and avoid SEPA and Design Review thresholds.

9.13 The cumulative effect of all pending applications, when viewed together, will have a probable significant adverse environmental impact. By setting the categorical exemption at four dwelling units or 4,000 square feet in the NC2 zone, the City has recognized that anything more than four dwelling units or 4,000 square feet may have a probable significant adverse environmental impact. Here, the cumulative effect of the combined projects far exceeds the four dwelling unit/4,000 square foot threshold. The City's SEPA policies confirm that the height, bulk, and scale of development should be reasonably compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. One of the ways this policy is addressed is through the Design Review process. By intentionally avoiding Design Review, the applications necessarily fail to meet the City's SEPA policies for height, bulk, and scale.

9.14 This project is located in the Northgate Overlay District and, at greater than 4,000 square feet of new construction, represents a "substantial development" as defined in SMC 23.71.007. DPD should have required a transportation analysis plan to determine whether the Respondents would be required to implement a Transportation Management Plan under SMC 23.71.018.

9.15 According to notations on the plan documents, meeting the requirements in SMC 23.71.014.B and SMC 23.71.014.C was accomplished by sharing the public frontage amongst all three projects.

9.16 There is significant doubt whether the entire 13-unit development meets height, bulk, and scale compatibility requirements in the Northgate Neighborhood Design Guidelines for when NC2-40 development abuts single-family zoning. Determining this conformance is normally the province of Design Review, which was not completed for this project.

9.17 Parking requirements for the Northgate Overlay (SMC 23.71.016) require anywhere from 0.9 to 1.0 parking stalls per 1000 square feet. The live/work units in Buildings A and B contain 4,884 square feet of commercial space. The residential unit on site requires one parking space. DPD has only required one parking space as opposed to the 5-6 that are actually required by the code.

9.18 Permits 6321574 and 6325824 were taken through the approval process for the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), Seattle City Light (SCL), and the Seattle Fire Department (SFD) as a single four-unit project. Combined with DPD's statements on how they reviewed this project, this means all review that was applied was done assuming the four units were one project. Permits 6321574 and 6325824 were only considered separate in order to intentionally avoid Design Review and SEPA review.

9.19 Because of the lack of Design Review, SEPA, and compliance with provisions for the Northgate Overlay, waste and recycling pickup is wholly incompatible with the surroundings. On recycling day, 39 garbage, food waste, and recycling receptacles will be lined up along the busiest pedestrian section of the primary Business District in the Maple Leaf neighborhood. This is immediately adjacent to the award-winning Snappy Dragon restaurant and less than 50 yards away from the Maple Leaf Grill.

10. Relief Requested

Petitioner requests the following relief:

- 10.1 An order revoking the issued building permits and halting construction activity until the proper Design Review can be conducted.
- 10.2 An order revoking the issued building permits and halting construction activity until SEPA review can be conducted.
- 10.3 An order revoking the issued building permits and halting construction activity until the permits are properly modified to adhere to standards pertaining to "substantial developments" and other regulations pertaining to the Northgate Overlay District.
- 10.4 An order requiring DPD to conduct Design Review and SEPA review on all 13 units together.
 - 10.5 Such other relief as the Court deems just and reasonable.

DATED this **27** day of March, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

GENDLER & MANN, LLP

By:

David S. Mann, WSBA No. 21068

Attorneys for Petitioner

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EXHIBIT A

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Permit & Complaint Status

Project # 6321574

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Address	8911 Roosevelt Way NE	Permit Number	6321574	
Location		Permit Status	Permit Issued	
Records Filed At	8901 Roosevelt Way NE	Application Date	Jun 29, 2012	
Application Type / Action Type	CONSTRUCTION / NEW CONSTRUCTION	Issue Date	Mar 08, 2013	
Work Type	FULL REVIEW (COMPLEX)	Expiration Date	Sep 08, 2014	
Category	MULTIFAMILY	Finaled Date		
King Co. Assessor's #	510040-2506, DV0080196, DV0080197, DV0080198	Owner	DAN DUFFUS SOLEIL DEVELOPMENT 300 QUEEN ANNE AVE N #369	
Zone/Overlays and ECA	NC2-40, ARTERL, OVERNG, SP STR		SEATTLE, WA 98109	
Legal Description	LOTS 4-6, ACRE 5, TRACT 31, MAPLE LEAF ADDN TO GREEN LAKE CIRCLE, LESS STREET	Contractor	SOLEIL LLC 300 QUEEN ANNE AVE N, #369 SEATTLE, WA 98109	
			GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE: SOLEIL*953BR	
Description of Work	Construct NE 2-unit live/work structure this permit and occupy, per plans. (Establish use as and construct 2-unit live work structure and duplex with attached garage and occupy, per plans (Review and Process for 2 A/P under 6321574).	Permit Remarks	Construct and maintain one 10' wide residential curbcut along Roosevelt, starting at the southern property line. PriorityGreen Expedited	
Related Permits	6325824	Related Land Use Permits		
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Project # 6325824

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Address	8913 Roosevelt Way NE	Permit Number	6325824
Location		Permit Status	Permit Issued
Records Filed At	8901 Roosevelt Way NE	Application Date	Jun 29, 2012
Application Type / Action Type	CONSTRUCTION / NEW CONSTRUCTION	Issue Date	Mar 08, 2013
Work Type	FULL REVIEW (COMPLEX)	Expiration Date	Sep 08, 2014
Category	MULTIFAMILY	Finaled Date	
King Co. Assessor's #	510040-2506, DV0080196, DV0080197, DV0080198	Owner	DAN DUFFUS SOLEIL DEVELOPMENT 300 QUEEN ANNE AVE N #369
Zone/Overlays and ECA	NC2-40, ARTERL, OVERNG, SP STR		SEATTLE, WA 98109
Legal Description	LOTS 4-6, ACRE 5, TRACT 31, MAPLE LEAF ADDN TO GREEN LAKE CIRCLE, LESS STREET	Contractor	SOLEIL LLC 300 QUEEN ANNE AVE N, #369 SEATTLE, WA 98109
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Related Permits	6321574	Related Land Use Permits	
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Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2013 11:38:39 -0800 [01/17/2013 11:38:39 AM PST] From: Updegrave, Samantha <Samantha.Updegrave@seattle.gov> #

Portman, Cliff < Cliff.Portman@seattle.gov> #

Subject: RE: 89th and Roosevelt Development

And 3013793 was placed on hold and my understanding is that the applicant will cancel it.

--Samantha

----Original Message----From: Updegrave, Samantha

Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 11:38 AM
To: 'david.miller@mapleleafcommunity.org'; Portman, Cliff

Subject: RE: 89th and Roosevelt Development

David -

I apologize for any confusion re: the building permit numbers. Each structure on a site has a separate permit number (which I believe is driven by a building code requirement), though all the plans and review happen under a primary number for each lot. The project numbers I provided initially are those primary ones. Here they are again with the additional numbers.

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6320796 (primary) / 6341436 (secondary) @ 8909 Roosevelt Way NE
6321574 (primary) / 6325824 (secondary) @ 8911 Roosevelt Way NE
6318864 (primary) / 6341809 (secondary, filed under 852 NE 89TH ST because it is a corner lot);
demolition permit 6341811 @ 8901 Roosevelt Way NE
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Not sure if you received the first email I sent this morning, so here it is again.

In the most recent iteration, 6320796 and 6321574 (at 8909 and 8911 Roosevelt Way NE) each proposed (2) live-work units and (2) townhouse units. 6318864 (at 8901) proposed (3) live-work units and (2) townhouses. These numbers may change or shift as the applicants respond to DPD corrections, but those are the numbers the last time we saw plans, which was in early December.

In short, the cumulative count the last time plans were submitted was (7) live-work units and (6) townhouse units.

--Samantha

----Original Message----From: David Miller [mailto:david.miller@mapleleafcommunity.org] Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 10:39 AM To: Updegrave, Samantha; Portman, Cliff Subject: Re: 89th and Roosevelt Development

Samantha -

Thanks. So let me see if I understand this...

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6320796 - Build one 2-unit live/work
6321574 - Build one 2-unit live/work
6318864 - Build one 3-unit live/work.
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So 6341809, 6341811 (which are mentioned on 6318864's page), 6325824, 3013793, and 6341436(which is referenced on 6320796) are no longer active permits?

My confusion is that if I read those first three correctly that makes only 7 units and not the 10-15 I get (and Cliff gets) if I count other ways.

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Thanks for helping me through this.
 ----Original Message-----
From: Updegrave, Samantha
To: Mr. David Miller
To: Portman, Cliff
Subject: RE: 89th and Roosevelt Development
Sent: Jan 17, 2013 9:13 AM
David -
These are the active building permits.
 6320796 @ 8909 Roosevelt Way NE
6321574 @ 8911 Roosevelt Way NE
 6318864 @ 8901 Roosevelt Way NE
 --Samantha
----Original Message----
From: David Miller [mailto:david.miller@mapleleafcommunity.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 9:03 AM To: Portman, Cliff
Cc: Updegrave, Samantha
Subject: Re: 89th and Roosevelt Development
Thanks. Can you provide, or put me in touch with someone who could provide, all the currently-
active project numbers for this development? I'm worried that the project map and search are
missing some.
 ----Original Message----
 From: Portman, Cliff
To: Mr. David Miller
 Cc: Updegrave, Samantha
Subject: RE: 89th and Roosevelt Development
Sent: Jan 17, 2013 7:57 AM
Hi David. I do not have the plans in front of me. I recall the three projects each have two
 residential units and three live-work units.
 ----Original Message----
From: david.miller@mapleleafcommunity.org [mailto:david.miller@mapleleafcommunity.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 1:24 PM
To: Portman, Cliff
Subject: 89th and Roosevelt Development
 cliff --
 Can you tell me how many units are going in on the 89th and Roosevelt Development? I'm finding
 it hard to tell for sure.
Thanks,
David
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David Miller
President
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