

Sheri Sanchez

From: Betty Nunamaker [betty.nunamaker@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 4:01 PM
To: Sheri Sanchez
Subject: Fee Deferral--Public Hearing

I would like to take this opportunity to fervantly speak against this fee deferral proposal. Clearly, fee deferrals in cities this size are not permitted. It seems we spend more time trying to go around or bend the rules than we should. For years, Blaine has always been in a money crunch (or lack, thereof).

The reason for this is because we have been taken advantage of or used over and over again. As I understand it, the current proposal is to defer \$90,000 in fees for two years for one developer. Is a precedant being established? Personally, I would prefer the \$90,000 being in the hands of the city finance department up front.

Here is another question. If a Blaine small business builds a new building, are we prepared to give the business owners a two year tax deferral break? Are we not trying to encourage small businesses to locate in Blaine, which will also provide employment opportunities for our citizens? Deferral of a few thousand dollars would be a huge bonus for a small business with many start-up costs. Fair is fair, but this clearly favors the big dwelling unit developer over a smaller business owner. Smaller businesses will provide Blaine jobs, long after the dwelling units are finished and the developer gone.

May we soon stop worshipping at the altar of "development" at any price, and concentrate on fairness, equity, and what is good for Blaine.

Sincerely,

Betty Nunamaker
972 4th St.
Blaine, WA.

8/27/2007