O'Donnell, Mary Beth

From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 1:27 PM
To: Euler, Gordon; Anderson, Colete; O'Donnell, Mary Beth
Cc: Cook, Christine
Subject: FW: Follow Up - Comment Correction Letter
Attachments: SchwarzFamilyCommentCorrection.docx; SchwarzFamilyCommentCorrection.pdf

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Oliver

From: Kamp, Jacqueline
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 1:19 PM
To: Orjiako, Oliver
Cc: McCall, Marilee; Anderson, Colete
Subject: FW: Follow Up - Comment Correction Letter

Oliver,

This was sent to us this afternoon. Should this go to MB?

Jacqui

From: Mary Schwarz-Baur [mailto:mary.schwarz.baur@outlook.com]
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 12:42 PM
To: McCall, Marilee; Anderson, Colete; Kamp, Jacqueline
Cc: rschwarz2901@gmail.com; Michelle Scott
Subject: Follow Up - Comment Correction Letter

Hi Marilee, Colete and Jacqui,

I'm writing to follow up with Marilee regarding the comment correction letter I sent a couple of weeks ago (please see email below).

Would any of you know if there is a process to replace or add the attached letter to our original comment?

Thanks for any help you can offer,

Mary Schwarz-Baur
360-608-1718

Sent from Windows Mail
From: Mary Schwarz-Baur
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 7:35 PM
To: Marilee.McCall@clark.wa.gov
Cc: rschwarz2901@gmail.com, Michelle Scott

Hi Marilee,

Our family submitted comments for the Comprehensive Update on April 13. Soon after, my sister noticed some inaccuracies stated in the letter regarding the order of events/dates of a mapping error. We would like to submit the attached letter as a correction to the letter that we had submitted for the record.

Are you able to help us with this?

You should find the letter attached in both Word and Adobe PDF files.

Thanks so much in advance!

Mary Schwarz-Baur
360-608-1718
2914 Grant Street
Vancouver, WA 98660
April 13, 2015

Attention: Clark County Planning Commissioners

Re: Comprehensive Growth Plan Update: parcels 180747000, 986030723, 180748000 & 180834000

To whom it may concern, order

We are writing to voice our support for R-5, AG-5 or AG-10 zoning designation for four (4) parcels located northeast of 179th street in Ridgefield, Washington:
  - 180747000: Consisting of 22.21 acres owned by Richard Schwarz and Michelle Scott (daughter of Richard).
  - 180747000: Consisting of 22.21 acres owned by Richard Schwarz (this is a non-conforming lot acquired by inheritance).
  - 986030723: Consisting of 6.12 acres owned by Richard Schwarz (this is a non-conforming lot acquired by inheritance).
  - 180748000: Consisting of 6.12 acres owned by John Schwarz (this is a non-conforming lot with a house on it acquired by inheritance).
  - 180834000: Consisting of 22.31 acres owned by John Schwarz.

The parcels were originally designated R5 as part of the 1998 Agri-Forest Remand Hearings, but were inaccurately recorded as AG-20 during a Comprehensive Plan Update in 2004. The error was detected in 2006 when our family attempted to sub-divide for the purpose of apportioning the property to the grand-children of Walter and Jean Schwarz. We filed a request to correct the error, and were granted R5 designation as an amendment to the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update. However, this decision was reversed in 2009 by the Washington growth-management hearing board. The reversal negatively impacted the family’s ability to pass-down the legacy of Walter’s father, who originally homesteaded the property in late 1800s.

We would prefer to have the county correct the mapping error during the current update with the creation of an AG-5 or R-5 designation to bring all existing parcels into compliance. At a minimum, we would like to see the AG-10 zoning implemented. Due to the location of the parcels in relation to the existing R-5 and non AG zoning that surround them, it is impractical to think these lots could be absorbed into a corporate farm. The surrounding R-5 lots prohibit regular agricultural activity necessary for a profitable farm; and many byproducts such as noise, dust, odors, application of chemicals, and large, slow-moving machines on roadways would be intolerable to the neighboring residencies. We believe these parcels are better suited for small, boutique, family-run agricultural activities in line with the cultural heritage of the area, and which do not require chemicals, irrigation and other expensive investments.

Thank you for your consideration,

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