

April 27, 2020

Dear Ms von Hausen:

I was dismayed to see a re-submission of the proposal to subdivide and build two substantial houses at 14401 Sunset Drive. Must the neighbours re-visit this unwanted change to our area again so soon?

On what grounds should this proposal be given variance on lot size?

Why should next door neighbours' space be compromised by a building closer to them than is stipulated in the bylaws?

Most especially, the proposed "shared" driveway of the new buildings opens onto a very narrow, heavily used road i.e., Sunset Drive, right next to its dangerous corner with Archibald Rd.

- Vehicles driving south down Archibald, which is very steep at this point, cannot see traffic coming up the hill from Sunset Drive.
- In icy weather it is difficult to negotiate that hill in a westward direction and it must be done so "at a run" from Magdalen Crescent. It is the only way of reaching many houses on the hillside in treacherous winter conditions.
- Vehicles meeting one another on Sunset Drive in this block must frequently pull aside to allow oncoming traffic through because of the narrowness of the road.
- This bottleneck serves all traffic moving south to Marine Drive from Archibald, Brearly and Kerfoot. It is a busy street.
- There are no sidewalks to protect the many pedestrians who use it on their way to and from the beach.

Rather than allowing densification on this corner, the city should consider widening the road to make it safer for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ponsford
14371 Sunset Drive

Bryan An & Jenny Lee

14440 Sunset Lane

604-542-5768

Oct 13, 2020

To: Planning Department

City of White Rock

RE: Development Application

14401 Sunset Dr.

I am submitting this statement to state my strong opposition against the development application for 14401 Sunset Dr.

A zoning bylaw is a contract between its citizen and the city. It is integral to the purchase of a home. People have chosen to live in this R1-zoned neighborhood because of its green space, trees, and plants that are permitted in these larger lots. My neighbors and I have paid a premium price for the R1-zoned properties because we expect the R1 Zoning Bylaw to protect the environment as well as our investments in these properties. Unless there are urgent matters that absolutely mandate a change in the R1 Zoning Bylaw, it is difficult for me to accept changes to the bylaw. To change the bylaw at the expense of the entire neighborhood for one property owner does not seem rationale. **Furthermore, I would like the Planning Department to consider the fact that this application is not very different from the application that was submitted 4 years ago. Since it was repealed last time, I believe that the same decision should be made as there have been no changes in the circumstances.**

Every property in this neighborhood not only meets but exceeds the minimum provisions of the R1 Zoning Bylaw. The average lot size of this neighborhood closest to the proposed property is just below 8,000 sq ft. The lot sizes are consistent throughout the neighborhood. If one property begins to not meet the minimum provisions, there will be more properties in the future that will fail to meet the minimum requirement.

This development application fails to meet the R1 Zoning Bylaw on multiple fronts. The application proposes two properties that do not and cannot meet the minimum setbacks, the minimum lot sizes, or the minimum frontage as mandated by the R1 Zoning Bylaw. It encroaches on 4 neighboring properties. It neither conforms to the neighborhood standards nor respects the interests and rights of all the property owners. Furthermore, it jeopardizes the long term environmental, economic, and interests of the neighborhood. If this application passes, it will set an example for future develop who will be encouraged to follow suit and our green space will be gone.

Additionally, this application produces safety concerns. The property is located at the bottom of a very steep hill and is bordered on both sides by exceptionally narrow roads without sidewalks. There are three blind corners. There have been many instances where cars must reverse and move to the side to let another car pass through. Sunset Drive narrows to single-lane width in front of the property and Magdalen Crescent Lane is barely wide enough for one vehicle. Placing two driveways in this narrow lot, on either narrow road, exacerbates an already treacherous situation for both pedestrians and drives. This may cause future accidents in the future and be of high danger especially for younger kids and elderly people.

We would like to point out that this Development Application violates the covenants legally governing this property and imposes substantial legal costs on the Covenant holders. This is unwarranted and unjust as it is using the city as an instrument to violate or abrogate existing legally binding contract. I find it difficult to accept a reason for this Development Application to pass and we strongly oppose this subdivision.

Sincerely,

Bryan An & Jenny Lee

From: [Clarence Arychuk](#)
To: [Athena von Hausen](#)
Cc: [Bea Hadikin](#)
Subject: 14401 Sunset Drive
Date: Saturday, May 30, 2020 4:30:18 PM

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Thank you for returning my telephone enquire and hearing my concerns about the proposed rezoning and subdivision of 14401 Sunset Drive from RS1 to CD. I assume that the purpose of the rezoning to CD is to allow the proposed lots to be smaller than the surrounding RS1 neighbourhood as the property does not appear to satisfy the subdivision standards under the current zoning.

I wish to emphasize that we do not object to the subdivision of this property but are very concerned that adding traffic to this short stretch of Sunset Drive is very dangerous. This is a very busy section of road that many people drive, cycle and walk here to access Marine Drive and the destinations along the waterfront and beach. Those of us who live along Marine drive frequently travel this route to get to and from our homes. Contemplating adding any driveways, even for a rebuilt single home, onto Sunset is very dangerous and will make a bad situation even worse. I suggest that all driveways from this property be from Archibald and Magdalen lane, if the subdivision is to proceed. I also believe that a sidewalk needs to be built along the entire frontage of Sunset lane and it needs to be extended to Magdalen Crescent. This will at least separate the pedestrian and vehicle traffic and enhance safety. It would appear that a 1.5m sidewalk can be fit into the north side of Sunset Drive, in the area between the back of the existing curb and the property line. If there is not enough room, then I would support a the CD bylaw that makes provision for the additional road widening/dedication of Sunset Drive needed to make this work. It would also appear that it is possible to extend the sidewalk out to Magdalen Cres. It appears that there is some planting in the boulevard area between the back of curb and the flanking side yard of #14424. Removing the dangerous hedge on the boulevard here will improve sightlines and make this busy section of road safer. As the applicant is seeking to rezone the property, because they do not have the area to meet the RS1 subdivision requirements, i believe it is not to much to ask that they do these infrastructure improvements as compensation for the extra lot they will be able to yield.

I trust that our comments will be included in your land use report to City Council and we do not need to contact the Mayor and Councillors directly with our comments. We would also appreciate if you could let us know when this application is scheduled to go to Council for consideration.

Sincerely, Bea Hadikin and C. Arychuk
14276 Marine Drive

Planning and Development Department
City of White Rock
Att'n Athena Von Hausen, Planner
October 13, 2020

Dear Ms. Von Hausen

On May 8th of this year, I wrote to the Planning and Development Department to register my objection to the proposed development of property at 14401 Sunset Drive. My objection was principally based on my belief that the height of the proposed buildings would violate the terms of the Restrictive Covenant on the property.

On behalf of the Planning and Development Department, you replied, providing me with plans for the proposal, including elevations for the proposed buildings. From my review of these plans it appears that the proposed height of the buildings, taken at the average natural grade, does not violate the Restrictive Covenant.

Therefore, at this time, while I do not support the application, neither do I oppose it. Specifically, I take no position. Please disregard my earlier communication expressing opposition. I have every confidence that the Planning and Development Department will come to an appropriate decision on this application taking into account all relevant factors.

Having said that, should there be any future applications to amend or otherwise vary the plans for this development in any material form, I would like to be advised in order that I can ensure compliance with the terms of the Restrictive Covenant, and I reserve the right to object, should this occur.

Yours truly

Roger McMeans

From: [Keith Solinsky](#)
To: [Athena von Hausen](#)
Subject: proposal 20-001 14401 Sunset Drive
Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 8:38:05 AM

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I wanted to express our opposition to allowing for 2 homes to be built on this location should the current site rules state the lot was and is for a single family home, on the current lot , not 2 homes or subdividable to 2 lots for 2 homes.

Keith Solinsky

Help preserve our heritage!

Email White Rock City Hall: avonhausen@whiterockcity.ca

Regarding proposal 20-001 14401 Sunset Drive

Our West Beach is the most unique and spectacular area in the entire lower mainland. Beautiful architecturally designed homes on spacious lots coupled with spectacular ocean views are some of the reasons why. One has a sense of wild nature here. As events in the world change our neighborhood is becoming even more of a sought after and precious place to live.

Help me keep it that way.

The development proposal on 14401 Sunset Dr. is to crowd in 2 houses on undersized lots. What a blemish this would be! Not only that, if approved, others will be attempting to do the same thing. The end result...lowering of your property value and loss of community attractiveness.

The time to halt these actions is now. Email City Hall at the above address and let them know your feelings.

Pass this on to your neighbors.

Dave De Camillis