

Public Comments Bellevue Nursery CPA November 13 – October 24, 2018

Matz, Nicholas

From: KMT <chepaka@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 15:04
To: Matz, Nicholas
Cc: ushti@yahoo.com
Subject: Bellevue Nursery - Neighborhood Business Support

Nicholas - Please accept this email as public comment in support of amending Bellevue's comprehensive plan to change Bellevue Nursery from residential to neighborhood business. It is so important to support legacy businesses in thriving for the future and in Bellevue Nursery's case, just like the City of Bellevue it too has evolved and adapted to the changing times. Over 60 years of service for a small, retail focused business is almost unheard of these days. It is crucial that a land use designation does not stifle their future ability to continue serving the community's needs -- being stuck in red tape or endless and unanticipated costs does no one a favor.

While I am not a resident of Bellevue, I come to Bellevue to shop and Bellevue Nursery is one such business that I choose to spend my dollars. I hope to continue to do so for many years to come.

Thank you in advance for sharing my public comment with Council in hopes of a YES vote.

Respectfully,

Kristi

Matz, Nicholas

From: Shuyang Liu <shuyang.liu@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2018 11:03
To: Matz, Nicholas
Cc: Xintian Yang
Subject: Bellevue Nursery Rezone - November and December City Council meeting

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Hi Nicholas

I hope this email finds you well. I think I heard it was mentioned in last final review session that there will be a City Council study meeting in November and a City Council final vote meeting in December. May I ask when these two meetings will be?

Thank you!

-Shuyang

Matz, Nicholas

From: 王珊 <lingyan100@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2018 22:11
To: Matz, Nicholas
Subject: Bellevue nursery rezoning

I occasionally visited and purchased quite a lot from time to time in the past 4 years. I agree with the nursery owner that the expansion will meet the requirements of growing population and businesses.

Currently, a lot of new constructions are underway in Bellevue. The nursery requires to be upgraded. Rezoning will allow them to invest further and provide a better place for locals, such as myself.

Best,
Shan wang

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Sent from my iPhone

Matz, Nicholas

From: Karen Steeb <karen@kksdesigns.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 12:00
To: Matz, Nicholas
Cc: ushti@yahoo.com
Subject: Bellevue Nursery's Application for Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Neighborhood Business

Dear Mr. Matz,

Bellevue Nursery is recognized as a quality business through out the greater Eastside landscape industry. It attracts people from Everett to Renton who are interested in the landscape products and services which Bellevue Nursery provides. Please allow them to expand these services through the addition of class rooms, a small cafe and other improvements which will allow them to continue to enhance individual's environments.

Please grant Bellevue Nursery application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Neighborhood Business.

Sincerely,

Karen Steeb
Landscape Designer
Woodinville, WA

Matz, Nicholas

From: Alan Chin <regit368@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 16:26
To: Matz, Nicholas
Subject: Bellevue Nursery rezone

Hello Nicholas

I support the Bellevue Nursery rezone request after reviewing their application for rezone. The nursery has been there for as long as I can remember and they plan to be there for as long as their business can survive in this changing environment. City of Bellevue is growing very rapidly and much of the downtown surrounding properties have been rezoned to anticipate more growth. So Bellevue Way should allow higher density because its a heavily traveled arterial road.

Almost all new real estate developments in Bellevue leaves no trace of what was there before. In this case, the property owners wants to maintain their nursery icon right next to downtown Bellevue. Its their passion to serve the community. I find that they are not the typical greedy developers just want to make the money and leave. I strongly support this project. Thanks.

Alan Chin
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Matz, Nicholas

From: Lila Hamai <LilaH@bellevuenursery.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 15:52
To: Matz, Nicholas
Subject: Bellevue Nursery Rezoning

Hi Mr. Matz,

Full disclosure - I am an employee at Bellevue Nursery. I am also an avid gardener, Bellevue resident and have been involved with horticulture for many years. Garden centers/nurseries are few and far between these days. A nursery I worked at previously has since closed. It is a difficult business to be in. It is largely weather dependent and seasonal. Bellevue Nursery is an oasis in the middle of a bustling, thriving city. A place where residents and non-residents alike can go to catch their breath, run into neighbors and friends, find a lovely gift and of course find quality plants, gardening items, services and advice. The nursery has been here since 1955 and could use some improvements in order to stay relevant. The nursery has to be able to attract current and new customers in order to remain viable.

I hope that the rezoning will be allowed so that Bellevue Nursery can continue to provide their services to the Bellevue community and beyond. I've come to know many of our customers and these relationships are why in large part I work here. Building community one plant at a time.

Regards,

Lila Hamai

Matz, Nicholas

From: yawen yu <yawenchina2012fall@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 13:43
To: Matz, Nicholas
Cc: PlanningCommission; Council
Subject: Fwd: Fw:Fw:Objection to Bellevue Nursery CPA application from bellevue residents

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Hi Mr Matz and Bellevue Planning Commission,

I am resending this because my Oct 3rd email is not included in the published public comments [here](#). Can you make sure this email is included in the public comments?

I live in Bellevue and have been to the Nursery for gardening supplies. I am very concerned about Bellevue Nursery's comprehensive plan amendment application, in which they want to change their zoning from residential to neighborhood business. I want to send in this letter as my written testimony for the Oct 24 public hearing to oppose to the Nursery's rezoning.

Rezoning it to business zoning will open up lots of possibilities in its future land use. I feel really worried about it. For example, convenient stores will be allowed in the new zoning, which may sell alcohol or smoking products. The nursery is very close to Bellevue High School. E-cigarettes have been a problem among all high schools. If a convenient store were to be opened at the nursery's location in the future, I could imagine students from Bellevue High could rush down there and hang-out there after school. They can be easily exposed to real cigarettes and alcohol products there. Restaurants may also be allowed in the new zoning. If a Chick-fil-A like restaurant is opened there, it will be a disaster for all the people commuting through Bellevue way.

If we keep it as current residential zoning, the nursery can still continue their business there, which will be the best for the entire community.

Due to the potential risks to the community and the traffic, I think we should stop it now.

Best,
Yawen Yu
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