

The Village at Fishers Landing Neighborhood Association — Summer, 2025 Newsletter

REZONING Plans for Village of Fisher's Landing???

The City of Vancouver is proposing MAJOR zoning changes. It is updating its Comprehensive Plan to guide growth through 2045. This includes rezoning proposals that could significantly alter the Village at Fisher's Landing. The State of Washington passed new regulations to increase "middle housing", and the City must comply. These are the two current proposals:

<u>Possibility A:</u> <u>Corridor Rezoning</u>: Rezones properties along SE 165th Avenue to "mixed use". Allows for residential and commercial development along this corridor.

<u>Possibility B:</u> <u>Full Neighborhood Rezoning:</u> Rezones the entire Village, including the Hamlet, to medium-density residential. Permits a mix of single-family homes, townhomes, and multi-story housing throughout the neighborhood.

Why does this matter?

- 1)<u>Community Character</u>: potential changes to the neighborhood's look and feel, with impact on property values.
- 2)<u>Infrastructure Impact</u>: Increased demand on roads, utilities, and public services.
- 3)<u>Housing Diversity</u>: Introduction of varied housing types and densities, with impact on property values
- 4)<u>Resident Input</u>: Decisions are being made now: community feedback is crucial. There are MANY ways to become involved in the Public Comment Period before the Plan is presented to the City Council this fall so check these out:

**** <u>VFLNA Rezoning Meetings:</u> held on Wednesday evenings, contact Atul Mathur to join, group has met with City Planners

**** Interactive Public Meetings for All Citizens of Vancouver:

Wednesday, July 30th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Firstenberg Center

Monday, August 4th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm via ZOOM

Saturday, August 9th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at City Hall Page One

REZONING: Check websites to comment online, to register for ZOOM meetings, and further details: <u>www.beheardvancouver.org/plan2045</u> OurVancouver2045@cityofvancouver.us

COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, & RESTRICTIONS (CC&Rs)

All of VFLNA has CCRs that bind all properties, designed to protect the livability of our community and our property values. They are more restrictive than the Vancouver City Code. Homeowners are notified of violations by CCR Committee chair Bill Hruby.

Each homeowner received a copy of the CCRs when their home was purchased. A property attorney has verified that the CCRs in all phases had been properly recorded and are binding on all homes.

When violations are noted, then the VFLNA CCR Committee notifies the relevant homeowner of the violation. There are several recurring violation issues:

- 1. parking of trailers, motor homes and boats in driveways;
- 2. use of sub-standard weight shingles on roofs;
- 3. setting garbage and recycling bins in visibility from the street (should be inside or behind a solid screen;
- 4. raising of poultry and/or breeding domestic animals;
- 5. maintenance/repair of perimeter wall, sidewalk trees, and adjacent city sidewalk by homeowner;
- 6. dismantling of inoperable vehicles anywhere on the lot.

Remember, <u>high standards maintain the values of everyone's property</u>. If you have one of these violations, please correct it as soon as possible. If you are a renter, check with your landlord. If you need assistance to make this correction or have questions, please contact a VFLNA Board Member. A message can also be sent on our website.

Little Free Library installed on SE 34th Way

Yes, the first Little Free Library (LFL) is "up and running"! It is located at 16609 SE 34th Way, under a shade tree near the sidewalk, bright blue and filled with books of all types. It is a registered part of the International Little Free Library system, and Libby Clow (homeowner) is the Steward. The

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pamphlet box on the post contains copies of VFLNA newsletters and City newsletters and City pamphlets. Libby will keep the LFL stocked. If you have good quality books for adults, teens, and/or children. please leave them in a bag on the homeowner/s front porch. Please leave a note in your bag of books if you would like to help Libby with this community project.

The LFL was financed mainly by a Neighborhood Grant from the City of Vancouver in November, 2024. It is made of a composite product that never needs painting.

See the last page (turn over) for photos and details of this completed neighborhood project.

The Village of Fisher's Landing Neighborhood Association:

Website: www.vflna.com for up-to-date information, to make donations, and to communicate with the Board via e-message

Annual VFLNA Meeting: early November, 2025 — watch for the "sandwichboards" at entrances to Village

Board Directors: President-Atul Mathur. Vice-President-Phil Brooke. Treasurer-Laura Mason. Secretary-Cindy Finch

Board Members-at-Large: Bill Hruby, Bob Dehler, Katherine O'Neil, Toby Graff, Brian Kelly, Kathyellen Blovits, Ronny Plushnick, Fran Hammond, Dennis Hite

Volunteers are needed for all projects — distributing newsletters and flyers, spring "Neighborhood Cleanup/Dump Day", social gatherings, setting up for the Annual November meeting, and more. It takes all of us to keep our Neighborhood Association current and vital. Send us a message on the website.

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Little Free Library at the Village at Fishers Landing, Vancouver, WA





Digging the hole

It takes a "village". Someone has the idea, someone builds the stand, someone provides the location, someone does the install, and someone else stocks it with books. 🎉 🍋 - Roger Thompson

Serving the community with books and announcements







Step-by-Step: How We Built and Installed our First Little Free Library



The Village at Fisher's Landing

Neighborhood Association

- Hosted by Libby Clow
- Concept by Atul Mathur
- Assembled by David Finch
- Installed by Roger Thompson
- Project led by Cindy Finch, Secretary, VFLNA
- Funded by a micro-grant from the City of Vancouver