

Letter, Snohomish County Executive John Lovick, January 6, 2014

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Project File Name: Wellington Hills County Park 13-115371-LDA

Dear John,

First, congratulations on your new position as Snohomish County Executive. I want to recognize the quote on your Snohomish County homepage "...I'm looking forward to continue working with the county's elected officials on behalf of the citizens of Snohomish County. I see this as a wonderful opportunity to restore faith in county government."

In regard to the Wellington Hills Park project, Tom Teigen and the Snohomish County Parks Department need special attention. There is absolutely no faith in this department as we citizens have been the victims of sneaky tactics from the beginning and an agenda to steamroll a mega sports complex into our rural community without due process. This is a situation of government gone amuck. There are so many problems.

I'm certain you are aware of these facts, but here's a short refresh of a couple dirty moves.

- The Brightwater mitigation monies were to be used to mitigate the surrounding neighborhood affected by the Brightwater project. The opposite is true. The Parks Department in conjunction with sports complex interests sees it as an opportunity. Those of us that live close to the Wellington Hills property have NEVER been asked what we want as a community park and we are the subjects of the mitigation. The records will show there were Ad Hoc meetings, but the parties involved were hand selected by the Parks Department.
- May 8th 2012 There was a public meeting to announce Wellington Hills Park was a done deal and dirt will start moving the following September. The Parks Department already had an illegal Master Plan.
- June 27 2013, The MDNS was issued a notice of withdrawal from the Hearing Examiner due to improper issuance by the Parks Department.
- We (the public) were notified in late December, right in the holiday season 2013, we had 21 days to comment to the LDA permit application. The files were finally

available on Jan 9. The volumes of information are huge. This process was intentional from the Parks Department and designed to be a burden for those of us that care about what is going on here. We have until Jan 13 to respond.

In conclusion, Snohomish County should deny the LDA permit application and all other permits associated for the Wellington Hills Park Project. Snohomish County Parks Department needs to prepare a new SEPA checklist for a new revised Master Plan. A master plan that the community can address and support. A Master Plan that is approved by the Snohomish County Council PRIOR to any permit applications.

John, you know these facts are only the tip of the iceberg. There are so many major problems with the details of the current plan for Wellington Hills Park. The county records show biased studies and lack of good information regarding regional impacts; Traffic, Noise, Safety, Roads, Drainage, Fiscal Responsibility, GMA Violations, Lighting and Glare to name a few. Somebody with integrity needs to step up and take responsibility for lack of honest due process from the Parks Department.

Personally, we like sports, we love sports. We want kids to be able to use the park as a place to grow and learn. We don't mind a soccer field or 2, we love the game and we used to coach soccer! We want a community park built for everyone. Having lights on until 9:40, a parking lot for over 700 cars and 4 full size synthetic turf fields with people yelling is not what a community park in a rural neighborhood built with mitigation money should be.

Now is a good time for you to restore our faith and our neighbor's faith in county government. Let's work together and do what right for the whole community, not just be at work for one or two special interest groups that want to stop by and visit the park until the lights go out forcing them to go home.

Thanks for your time. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

B.S. and S.S.