

June 15, 2009

To whom it may concern

10 Bushby Street

On June 15, 2009 the Fairfield Gonzales Planning and Zoning Committee held its regular meeting. Due to other circumstances our regular complement of committee members was unavailable to participate. One of the items on the agenda was a conversation (inquiry) relating to a possible future rezoning application for 10 Bushby. Nigel Banks of Banks Design was present to represent one of the five strata owners on the property. The committee was informed that for health reasons there is a need to add elevator to the building to allow the couple to access their third floor apartment. The only feasible way of accomplishing this is to add it to the exterior of the building, thus triggering the rezoning. The proponent was very forthcoming with information about the property, including the history. To say the history for the development process for the building on the property is irregular is a significant understatement and what further complicates the proposal is that the part of the building and property where the elevator would be located is owned and controlled by the strata council, not any individual owner.

Without a written understanding from the city of what changes and approvals would be required to make this rezoning possible and the application being presented to the committee by the party legally entitled to do so, the committee would be doing a disservice to all to comment any further. We suggest that the couple seeking the installation of the elevator go to their strata council with a formal request for their proposal. If it is accepted, then a representative meet with the city area planner and have the planner advise our committee in writing as to what changes and approvals would be required. We will be happy to revisit the rezoning request once we have the necessary information to be able to responsibly contribute to the conversation.

**Rezoning**

*Note: For properties registered pursuant to the Strata Property Act, an application must be accompanied by a letter of authorization from each registered owner within the strata supporting the changes to the City of Victoria Zoning Regulation Bylaw as requested in this application).*

This is the first letter the committee has ever written of this nature. I'm sorry we could not be more helpful at this time. As we all stated that this is the beginning of the process and sometimes finding the location of the beginning is a process of its own. If we can be of further assistance please let us know.

Thank you

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Planning and Zoning Committee