

April 26, 2009

Mayor and Council
City of Victoria

1041 Southgate

Fairfield Gonzales Planning and Zoning Committee held a full mail out meeting with neighbours and the proponent for 1041 Southgate. The proponent is seeking a site specific rezoning for this property which is currently zoned RK. The reason for the rezoning is to permit an additional unit and allow for some minor changes to the setback requirements.

I have to say that the “new mail out letter” assisted the neighbours greatly in knowing what questions to ask. Most of them had the letter with them and referred to it throughout the meeting. On previous occasions it would be necessary for the committee to fill in the blanks on topics that may not have been discussed, but important information nevertheless. Between the proponent being more revealing during his presentation and the neighbours feeling more confident in their understanding of the proposed changes, it made for a more knowledgeable and therefore a more productive meeting.

Neighbours Comments

The neighbours present asked questions to get clarification on a number of items. All the answers seemed to be to their satisfaction. One tenant living in the multi-unit next-door would like the house reduced in height and all neighbours seemed to express their thoughts about parking in the area.

Committee Comments from the previous meeting on the same project

If this was located anywhere else we would be insisting on less parking and more green space, but because of the parking restrictions on the street we find it difficult to object to what is being proposed. This was the only concern mentioned by the committee members.

Wayne Hollohan
Chair,
Fairfield Gonzales Planning and Zoning Committee