Statement of Colin Elder on November 3, 2017 at SSDP Hearing Examiner's Session

My name is Colin Elder and my wife and I own property adjacent to the East Lake Sammamish trail in the View Point Park neighborhood at 2115 E. Lake Sammamish PL SE. We have lived herefor about 15 years.

The trail is a wonderful public amenity that we use almost daily. We support the trail but our concern expressed here today is regarding safety and security for both users of the trail and property owners adjacent to it.

What we ask is that you put a condition on approval of trail development that holds King County to the 60% design plan as it exists in the View Point Park area, except only for the relocation of the rest stop to a more logical location (east side of trail). The 60% plan leaves in place the fence alongside the View Point Park beach area. This fence provides controlled access to the private beach area for homeowners in the neighborhood. It also prevents unknown or unauthorized users from accessing the private beach. We also ask that clear signage indicating no public access be installed on the fence. In my written statement I have included two aerial photos that identify the fence that should stay in place.

We also ask that if the 60% plan is materially altered the process for public input is re-started.

If the fence and locked gate are removed the specific concerns for the health and well-being of the whole community are as follows:

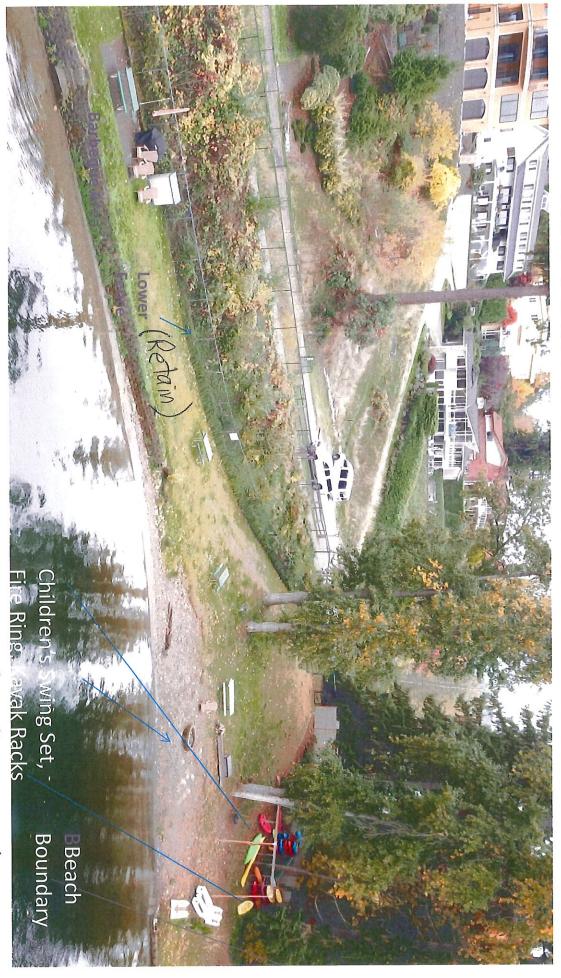
- Trail users will use the beach area creating a safety hazard and liability given that there will be no supervision of the water or beach area use.
- Two private driveways, one of which is ours that is narrow and winding, will be used by unauthorized vehicles trying to access an area that appears open to the public
- Use of the private beach by the public at night in an area that has no legal road access and likely will not be policed well or at all, creates a safety issue for the neighborhood.
 In the past our community beach was the site of underage drinking parties but our security measures have stopped these.
- In addition, if the fence is removed it will likely create noise and maintenance and repair issues from unauthorized use.

My wife and I are not alone in our concerns . Also in my materials I will provide you with a document containing 32 signatures of residents in the neighborhood supporting efforts to keep the beach area safe. These were gathered in just the last few days.

The current 60% plan shows that the fence adjacent to View Point Park does not interfere with current trail design or construction. It provides controlled access for authorized users of the beach and prevents unauthorized access. We respectfully request that your ruling include the condition that the fence adjacent to the View Point Park beach be left intact. Thank you.



VIEW POINT PARK COMMUNITY BEACH



boundary, children's swing set, kayak racks and fire ring. View of Community beach showing picnic tables, barbeque area, fence lines, westerly

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