

Re: Community concerns over Fauntleroy Place construction site fencing

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter; it is representative of the sentiments of a large number of West Seattle community organizations, our constituents, and the general community of West Seattle who we endeavor to represent.

Our concern is over the condition, esthetics and most importantly the safety of the now stalled Fauntleroy Place construction project site. The current fencing is an unappealing chain link that presents an unwelcoming presence at what is essentially the gateway to our West Seattle neighborhood. It is also a serious safety hazard to have temporary fencing protecting vehicles and pedestrians from a 4 story drop at one of West Seattle's busiest intersections. In addition, parts of the sidewalk do not meet ADA standards. And finally, the area of landscaping on the corner was created with community time, resources and pride. This area is currently overgrown and haphazardly surrounded with chain link fence which only adds insult to injury.

We are all struggling during these trying times. We are trying to keep our businesses open, we are trying to keep our homes and neighborhoods attractive and welcoming, and we are trying to build a future where West Seattle emerges prosperous and revitalized. The reaction that residents, visitors and retail shoppers are having to your site – as expressed to us as by the community – is that of seeing urban blight and neglect at the heart of our neighborhood.

We hope the future of West Seattle will include a complete and successful Fauntleroy Place project. The majority in our community were eagerly anticipating the addition of your residents and retail, as evidenced by the primarily positive community response to your proposed project at the Design Review Board meetings.

The above prefaces our request that you please take steps to make your project site more appealing and safe during the time it remains fallow. At a minimum, we are requesting an 8' painted plywood screening fence, a vehicle barrier, at least 4 feet of continuous sidewalk clearance to meet ADA standards, and the landscaped area restored. We would welcome a dialogue with the responsible party from your organization regarding how to put these requests into motion.

We hope to resolve this amicably before West Seattle Summer Fest (July 9, 10, 11) which is the first of several community summer events.

Thank you for your consideration,

Possible recipient: Seattle Capital

Possible cc: Sally Clark, Sally Bagshaw, Tom Rasmussen, Tim Burgess, Mike O'Brien, Michael Dorcy, Diane Sugimura

