

Cement Plant Status

Purpose: To inform neighbors of Cedars 49 and surrounding areas of the status and next steps regarding the development of the Knife River Cement Batch Plant

Dear Neighbors,

The executive committee met today regarding the cement plant. As part of an ongoing effort starting today, we would like to let you know what the status of the situation is and our next steps.

First of all - THANK YOU to the many who attended the Zoom calls, church meetings, and County Council meetings in the last two weeks. Your voice is being heard and we have begun to raise awareness of the issue in the community as evidenced by the front page story in the Columbian newspaper on January 18th. In summary we have all become aware of the many medical, environmental, quality of life, and county procedural problems that are part of this proposed development.

STATUS TODAY:

- Currently we are awaiting an application for a Conditional Use Permit by Knife River. Once the application is submitted Clark County will assign a planner and begin a SEPA (environmental) review will take place. The Friends of Central Vancouver will request a hearing and we will have the opportunity for public comment.

NEW INFORMATION:

- The Friends of Vancouver have formed a Non Profit Organization in order to act as a group, and legally collect funds for fees related to fighting the cement plant.
- The Executive Committee added the Amberglen HOA (60 homes off 112 th street and 68th Ave) and we heard from the Coalition for Sustainable Land Management about their struggle against Freight Rail Dependent Use development in Brush Prairie since 2018
- The group has concluded that an attorney specializing in land use will be needed. Our situation will require a lawyer to comb through the various issues to determine our best argument in front of the County Examiner hearing. This will be an expense however in order to fight the development with the best legal angle we need an attorney experienced in land use and environment. The group has learned many land use attorneys in Clark County work for developers primarily, so many lawyers would not be on our side. We have narrowed our search down to two firms - one in Vancouver and one in Seattle. We plan to research the firms further and meet again with a recommendation to hire one of them before the end of January.

NEXT STEPS:

- Jan Kelly will be the primary contact for questions at:

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- Watch your email for an update on our search for an attorney by January 30.

Thank you all again for caring about the health of our neighborhoods -

Sincerely,

The Friends of Central Vancouver Executive Committee

Jan, Blake, Bill, Mark, Susan, Keith, David, Janie, and Adam