

## Scott Waller

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Request to increase fence height from standard 6ft to 8ft at new library 15216 Main Street E, Sumner WA 98390.

I discussed a few issues with Scott Waller at city hall on 10/21/2024. He suggested that I discuss with my neighbors for concurrence and email him our suggestions. Scott showed me a municipal code requiring a solid perimeter fence of wood or masonry material, and a requirement for 10ft of landscaping

The neighbors surrounding the new library parking lot have all agreed that the new solid fence required should be a minimum of 8ft, higher than the standard 6ft for the following reasons:

1. Privacy - The floor in my house and the decks on the back are 2ft above ground level, making it very easy to look over a 6ft fence, effectively 4ft higher than floor level. Also making it easy for people in the parking lot to look into our houses.
2. Lighting mitigation - An 8ft fence will help block the lighting from the parking lot, including the cars driving through the parking lot, from shining into our homes. If a wood fence is used instruct the installers to not have gaps between the boards to minimize the light shining through the fence wall.
3. Noise mitigation - There will now be cars driving around and people walking through the parking lot and at their cars having conversations.

We would like the site plan to be updated to show where the fence will be. The current fences surrounding this area are just inside the property line on the residence side. We assume the new fence will be on the library side of the property line. As an example, there is a 8ft solid fence at the school district parking lot at 1518 Main Street.

Regarding the lighting mitigation Scott mentioned that it would help to limit the height of the light poles, directing the lights away from the neighboring properties and using deflectors. It would be preferable to add the lights (number of lights and their height) to the site plan.

Another concern is that there is sufficient drainage so that rain water and irrigation in the new landscape does not spill over into the neighboring homes. The current plan seems to indicate a drain around the perimeter. Not sure if that is the case.

I have discussed this list of comments with the following neighbors to the parking lot.

Charles & Sue Bowker, parcel 7001640040  
6028 153rd Ave E

Bobbi Snider & John Dunn, parcel 7001640050  
6022 153rd Ave E

Donald & Mary Kersey, parcel 4037220250  
15210 62nd St Ct E

Troy & Linda Johnson, parcel 7000140070  
6109 152nd Ave E

Thomas & Janice Long, parcel 7000140060  
6103 152nd Ave E

Adam & Megan Morton, parcel 7000140050  
15201 61st St E

Thanks  
Chuck