

7/26/24

TJ, Sally, Diane

Goal: Debrief on the LUPA appeal process and understand the invoices

Diane needed Rick's help with LUPA, he had a right as the SaveBothell attorney to review. She got stuck in a mediation, so the LUPA was filed late. She addressed most of what Rick added and some of it was helpful, some of it wasn't in her opinion.

Snohomish County is an outlier with their rules and regulations, we asked if there was a gap in her understanding and she said 'no', the initial discussion with Rick was helpful. Sno County attorney agreed their code is odd. Duana (NP attorney) argued no final decision. County attorney wanted to 'stay' the LUPA, this will create a better record through the hearing examiner process. Rick felt strongly about the LUPA. Rick's additional information caused delays for Diane but mainly the reason she missed the deadline was the mediation she was doing for another client. In retrospect, Diane should have declined the 7/5 meeting due to other obligations. Rick and Joan concerned about the ruling being wrong by Duana that the judge signed. Rick responded on Monday following the hearing concerned about the inaccuracies in the document, Diane didn't understand why it was important to Rick, it didn't give her any heartburn, in retrospect the judge put additional info in the revised order which will protect us.

Diane said she was behind with her billing, TJ said we really need to know the cost to date. Rick billed quite a bit for the LUPA. She said she'd have the bill to us by Mon 7/29.

For the moment, TJ told Diane we need to pause her work for Eastglen due to funding concerns and the fact we didn't have her total costs yet. Diane offered to look at Rick's bill at no extra charge to see what he's billing for in relation to the LUPA. She will go back and check to see if she sent the LUPA review to Rick. She did have a conference call with Duana and Sno Co attorney. Diane is legally on file for the SEPA appeal to represent Eastglen, we could put Rick back in charge of SEPA for Eastglen which makes sense. TJ approved Diane to spend 30 min on SEPA appeal documents before she pauses.