



Regina Robinson

From: Kim Stockdill
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 8:12 AM
To: Regina Robinson
Subject: GL CORR FW: Letter of support for crystal mountain
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Correspondence for GL-RZ-2014.1. Please redact, post, and circulate.

Thank you!

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From: Sarah Knoebber [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2016 2:49 AM
To: Kim Stockdill; Robert Kojima; Sandy Pottle; George Harris; Laura Busheikin
Subject: Letter of support for crystal mountain

Hello, I've been told to send this letter, which I wrote some time ago, to add my support towards the expansion of CM activities.

I would also like to say I did attend the recent information session at the north end hall. What stood out for me, that would be helpful, is the idea of a 'site planner', to pull all the concerns of water management, use of land, forest access etc together.

I do appreciate CM tone and quality of outreach communication with those of us on the north end.

Dear Council members for the Islands Trust,

I am one of the shareholders [REDACTED] on the north end of the island, and have been involved with that project since [REDACTED]. I write this letter of support for our neighbors Crystal Mountain Retreat Center.

In these last few years, since [REDACTED] has built his house and moved there, I have been witness to the changes that have occurred within their establishing this center. It seems very much in keeping with a sense of gentle treatment of the land. This supports and is congenial with the surrounding neighbors and with Therah. In this last year I have good relations with meditators, sharing and renting my abode on the residential ridge in Therah, as it's proximity is close and walkable. I see this as not only supporting those who are willing to sublet to people on Retreat for specific learning times, but also, contributes to the local economy, regarding food buying, and local people who are hired to contribute, in various quiet ways.

It is also a place of learning, as [REDACTED] invites the public of the island to participate in occasional Wonkors. These are splendid events, which are informative, and I find it interesting to learn about Tibetan teachings, in such a generous and open manner.

In regard to the re-zoning for a site specific forest retreat for meditators, I believe this to be a lasting legacy, as the Stupa, which has been placed there years ago, is being venerated and charged with a strong message of Peace and Understanding, for decades.

I see no reason, to hold back their continued flourishing of these teachings, as it seems to benefit so many people; and appears to offer only good to those around them.

I hope you consider granting them the zoning they require, as I can see nothing but continued good will come of it.

Thank you for your kind considerations in this matter.

Sarah Knoebber

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