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David,

Thank you to the Planning Commission and planning staff for bringing forward the 95% Portage Cove Trail design for review during these challenging times.

Letters of support for the Portage Cove Trail past and present are important for understanding that there has been community support for the Portage Cove trail project from many sectors: the past mayor, manager, chamber of commerce, CVN, KHNS, SAIL, and many other entities whose communiques and efforts are documented in the broader and more detailed history of the project.

The attached letters of support for waterfront trail planning speak eloquently to the importance of collaborative planning, inclusivity, and accessibility that can be achieved with the trail project.

Each person who comes forward has valid concerns and perspectives that need to be heard. The question for those who govern and lead is, what is best for the whole community, for our long-range economic health, and for a vibrant community that attracts people of many different backgrounds and talents to make their contributions to our business sector and quality of life?

There is substantial documentation that pedestrian access to downtown waterfront property propels economic growth. Even on borough land, appropriate businesses can be located that will enhance the trail and vice versa, generating ongoing rental and tax revenues for the borough. With judicious planning, multiple sources can generate more revenue for the borough than one-time property sales for residences or businesses for property tax revenue.

For example, a food stand renting a location on the borough-owned waterfront will pay a premium price for the location on a small footprint that could bring in more than the property taxes and pay multiple thousands of dollars in sales tax on their food or other products purchased by visitors using the trail and residents who want to enjoy the waterfront.

I encourage the borough to continue striving for win-win opportunities in all of our planning efforts.

Best regards,

Carol Tuynman

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