

Appeal of the SJ Quad subdivision

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Sitka Assembly:

I respectfully appeal the decision of the Planning Commission's approval of the final plat filed by Pacific Tower Properties, Inc. for a minor subdivision of the former Sheldon Jackson Campus (805 Lincoln Street, 104 Jeff Davis Street, 804 Sawmill Creek Road).

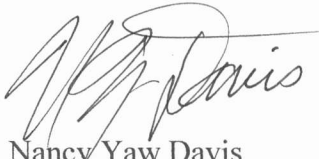
My name is Nancy Yaw Davis. I live at 701 Lincoln Street. My interest in the property began in 1936 when I was born on Jeff Davis Street and my interest in the property as a concerned citizen will continue for the rest of my life.

I believe the decision is wrong for the following specific reasons: The proposed plat is not a "minor" division in any sense of the word. It does not meet the city code for a minor subdivision. (See Chapter 21.12. Minor Subdivisions p. 242). The three proposed parcels will not become "integral parts of the adjoining lots" (See 21.12.010 Applications. A.2. page 242), that is, the lots will not be touching or bounding at a point or line. Rather, the cemetery which was "contiguous" before becomes separated. Nor does the plat proposal reflect a common sense understanding of something that is "minor" or small in size. The plat totals 105,058 square feet.

The desired outcome to this appeal is to bring the plat proposal to the full assembly where additional discussion can be held. Under the present code the plat does not need to come before the assembly because it is called "a minor subdivision". Also, under the present code there is no appeal process. A sharpened understanding, clarification, and change in the city code for "minor subdivisions" in Sitka is one desirable outcome. Bringing the proposed subdivision to the attention of the Assembly is the second desired outcome.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Yaw Davis