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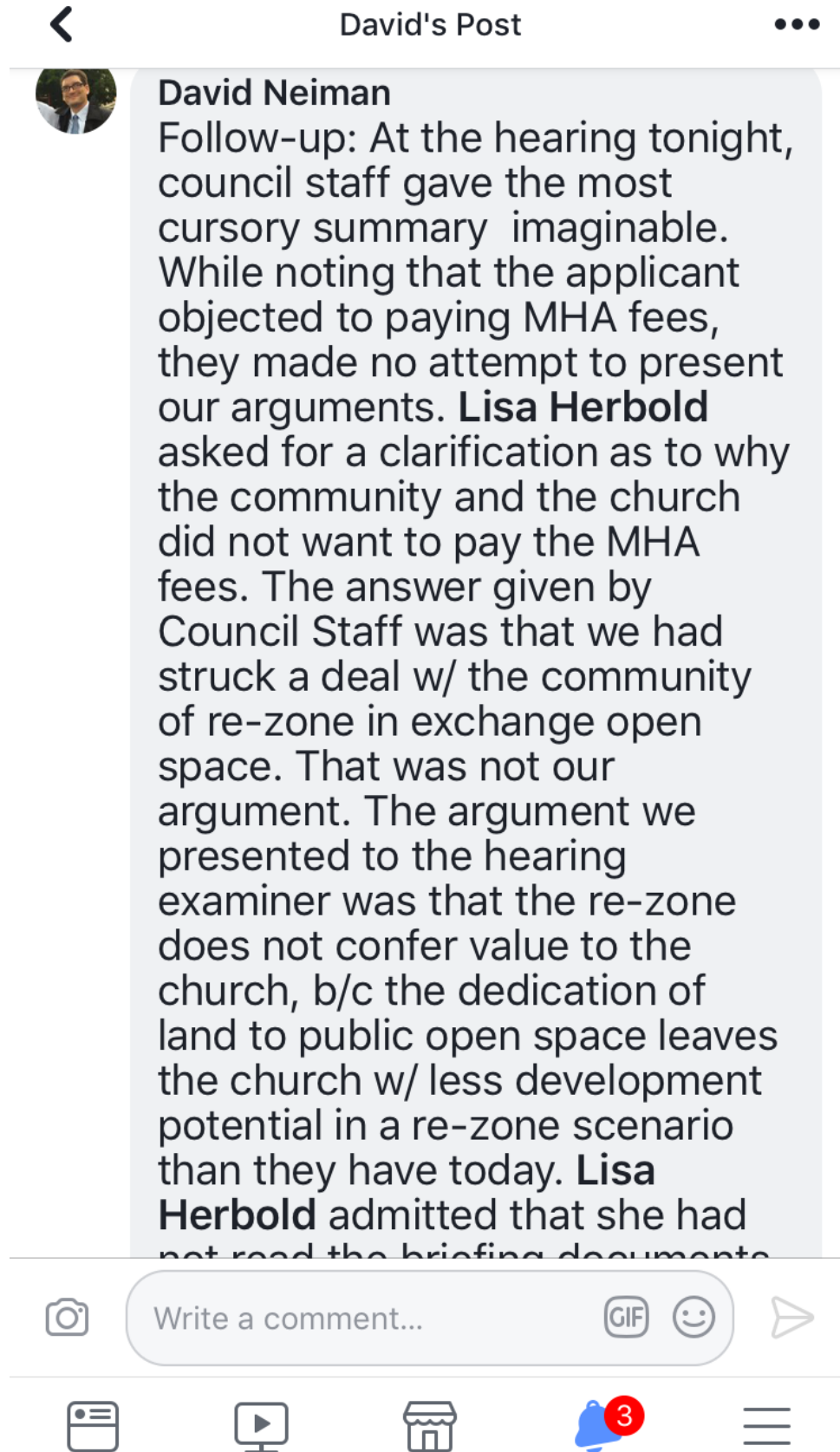
**Councilmember Herbold – Disclosure of Ex-parte Communication
on the proposed contract rezone for 5911 42nd Avenue SW (C.F. 314343)**



On November 27, the Planning, Land Use and Zoning (PLUZ) Committee recommended the approval of proposed contract rezone with conditions for 5911 42nd Avenue SW (C.F. 314343) to Full Council. I abstained from the vote because I wished to review the record more fully. On November 28, I read statements posted in opposition to PLUZ's decision regarding the rezone posted on a social media site. These communications expressed:

- Criticism of Council staff's representation of the applicants' objection to the application of the provisions of Mandatory Housing Affordability, as a condition of the rezone;
- Doubts regarding PLUZ's understanding of the issue;
- Derision about the PLUZ's decision-making process on this matter; and
- Disapproval of my abstention from the PLUZ vote on the recommendation.


I responded to these posted comments with a post on the same social media site explaining my abstention and providing a hyperlink to the online information regarding the rezone application, CF 314343.


Attached to this written statement, is the screen capture of the posted comments described above.








 David's Post 






When **Rob Johnson** offered to delay a vote until Dec 5th to allow for more study time, CM Herbold demurred, allowing the vote to go forward.

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 **David Neiman**
The WSCN folks are a really great bunch of people who could have cashed out years ago, but they wanted to find a way to preserve the church green for their neighborhood to use instead of just selling their land for development. They put in four years working for their community to get to this point. In the end, the council-member that represents them didn't even read the brief, and the rest of the committee couldn't even be bothered to discuss their arguments on the merit. It was a pretty sad showing all around.

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 **Rob Harrison**
That is really disappointing.
We need to fix this process.
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 **Charlie Cunniff**
That is terrible politics and
awful governing. Lisa should
be ashamed
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 **Matt Hutchins**
Sadness. Here was an
opportunity to support
housing, open space and a
community-the trifecta of
healthy neighborhoods.
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 **David M Sucher**
Charlie Cunniff

Lisa,
Do you hear?
You had to read the material


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 David's Post 






Lisa,
Do you hear?
You hadn't read the material?
Sad.

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 **Lisa Herbold**
Ashamed? What shame is there in wanting to have all the materials available to me before voting? I said in the meeting that I wanted to read the Morgan Community Association's support letter - rather than depend upon staff characterization of that letter. The letter was part of the record but not provided Councilmembers as part of the 50 plus pages of materials (which I did read) here:


<http://seattle.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2601689&GUI...> See More


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David's Post


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 **Rob Harrison**
Lisa Herbold Having all materials is a worthy goal. Going by David Neiman's account above, why not delay the vote then, as **Rob Johnson** proposed, to allow time for all to review all the materials? What are we missing in the story that you can fill in?

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 **Claudia Wold**
I admit I am very confused about HALA requirements. I understand that it impacts neighborhoods but the only thread I could pull here is the frustrations and high costs of delays. For the rest of us, could you pretend we don't know all the details?

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