

March 27,2008

To Mayor Cam Reid (by hand to Mayor and Councillors)
Cc Councillors,
Subject: When is a hearing no longer a hearing?

You might consider it rude of me for having left last night's hearing during the dissertation and critique by Art Phillips. If I recall correctly Phillips was asked if he wanted to speak before the start of the hearing. He declined. Then you allowed him time at the end—time that was not measured like that of all the other speakers. At that point I had reason to believe that the “Public” part of the “Public Hearing” was over—and it was getting late. It appeared that several others in the audience felt the same way.

By my count, of the twenty members of the public who spoke, sixteen gave reasons for not proceeding to fourth reading---at least at this time. Two thought it might be ok and two wanted it for the jobs and so their kids wouldn't have to leave “home” to make a living. I'm not counting Mr. Phillips for obvious reasons, or the last person up because I wasn't there to hear him.

I thought the turnout was fantastic—good thing they didn't all want to present. Now it's up to Council.

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