

Public Comments - Written Comments						
#	Date	Form	Name	Topic	Comment (may be paraphrased or abridged)	Response / Recommendation
1	20250913	Email	Gwen Dopp	Support for Project	Expressed strong support; described proposal as a much-needed and respectful use for Port Angeles.	Comment acknowledged
2	20250915	Email	Mark & Ninette Swanson	Zoning inconsistency, parking, noise, enforcement concerns	Acknowledge zoning and parking concerns; note application will be reviewed for compliance with R7 zone standards, parking demand analysis, and enforcement of existing code provisions.	Acknowledged zoning and parking concerns; informed of application review processes; encouraged to utilize public comment period and follow procedures for next action one decision notice announced.
3	20250915	Email	Pam Ogier	Parking, traffic safety, noise, neighborhood character	Opposed application; raised concerns about lack of parking (4–12 cars/hour), loss of prior on-site lot, pedestrian safety due to easement removal, early morning music disturbing seniors, and long-standing residential use history. Requested consideration of neighborhood impacts and questioned why business not located in vacant commercial buildings.	Acknowledged concerns regarding parking, safety, and noise; informed of application review processes; encouraged to utilize public comment period and follow procedures for next action one decision notice announced.
4	20250919	Email	Diane Whitmore	Support for Project	Supported application; noted improvements to property, beneficial reuse of vacant community space, anticipated low impacts, and potential community health/well-being benefits.	Comment acknowledged
5	20250921	Email & Phone	Rex & Penny Berneking	Concern of Parking Availability	Expressed concern about limited street parking and inadequate on-site spaces for 10–12 class attendees; emphasized importance of preserving parking for residents with children.	Acknowledged parking concerns; informed of application review processes; encouraged to utilize public comment period and follow procedures for next action one decision notice announced.

From: [Diane Whitmore](#)
To: [Community and Economic Development](#)
Subject: Application Comment in care of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Date: Friday, September 19, 2025 1:51:47 PM

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To Whom it may Concern:

Thank you for sending notice of an upcoming permit application. I am writing in support of the HOP 25-0133 Zone R7 Application for a Yoga and Pilates Studio at 1027 W. 7th Street in Port Angeles. I am a neighbor living just four doors down from this property.

Since the Grange was purchased five years ago, the owner, Mary Scofield has made stunning outdoor improvements, turning a hot gravel lot into a lush 4000+ square foot. garden that beautifies the entire side of our block. This sweat equity has impressed a lot of neighbors, dog walkers, and cyclists, who pause to enjoy this rapid and impressive transformation.

The Grange has sat idle for a long time, and I for one, am enthusiastic about a plan to utilize such an historic community space for, well, the community. It is surely going to become an asset to our little corner of Harborview, and seems likely to generate low-impact benefits for the larger neighborhood. I have no concerns about traffic, noise, or other local impacts resulting from this mild-mannered offering that benefits the health and well-being of Ms. Scofield's modest number of clients and students.

I hope you will approve Ms. Scofield's application. Thank you for your service to our city, and for considering this letter as evidence in your decision.

Sincerely,
Diane Whitmore

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From: [Gwen Dopp](#)
To: [Community and Economic Development](#)
Subject: Studio at the Grange
Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025 11:09:14 AM

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Super excited about this! It will be a lovely place for classes with our excellent instructor. We need this kind of dedicated and respectful place in Port Angeles.

Gwen Dopp

From: [Mark Swanson](#)
To: [Community and Economic Development](#)
Subject: Application HOP 25-0133
Date: Monday, September 15, 2025 2:01:04 PM

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thank you for the public notice as part of the administrative process for a home occupancy permit application. We are writing to ask the city to reject this application.

The property at 1027 W. 7th Street is zoned R7 and this use would be inconsistent with that zoning as it would be incompatible with and not functionally related to the residential environment in the neighborhood.

From our experience, we note that there are already many vehicles parked in the street at and around 1027 W. 7th Street. Adding more vehicles for the suggested pilates studio business would create congestion and make it more difficult for residents to park and for first responders to have access to the street.

The city has already turned a blind eye to the business operated around the corner from 1027 W. 7th, a vehicle repair/detailing shop operated in a garage at 616 S D Street. The vehicles come and go at all hours, creating considerable noise and light disturbance, and the city has done nothing.

More strict — not more lenient — zoning enforcement will enhance the living environment in Port Angeles and we ask that this application be rejected with prejudice.

Sincerely,

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From: [Pam ogier](#)
To: [Community and Economic Development](#)
Subject: business in residential neighborhood at 1027 West 7th Street
Date: Monday, September 15, 2025 12:18:00 PM

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I came into the office on September 15th to ask questions regarding business at 1027 West 7th Street. I was able to speak to Angel Torres but he wasn't able to answer my questions. I was told I

would need to submit questions and concerns in email. I do have some concerns about why a yoga shop in a residential area is not needed. We have many empty buildings in town. I am wondering where 4 to 12 cars per hour are supposed to park. Many years ago it was a grange. Cars parked in a large parking lot on property. This owner has taken that away. Also we have kids and adults that walk to park and school dailey which is what our easement is for and she took that away so the only place to walk past her home is on the road, which you want to add traffic to. Also the music at 7 am in our neighborhood would not be well as most of us are seniors and home all day. I would like to know how many other neighborhoods that are residential have businesses. I have lived in my home for 70 ish years as this was my grandparents home . Please keep me updated. I feel you have already decided as she has been remodeling home for months. I heard today that a decision has not been made yet.. I hope you take in consideration what this would do to our neighborhood. Thank you for your time to read my long letter and concerns. Pam Ogier 1102 west 7th street Port angeles WA. 360-808-2148

From: [Penny Berneking](#)
To: [Community and Economic Development](#)
Subject: Re: The Studio at The Grange Proposal comment
Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025 2:29:10 PM

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Angel Torres,

Hello,

We own a home across the street from the proposed Studio.

This neighborhood has limited street parking much of the time. We are not seeing that there is adequate parking for classes of 10-12 people who will most likely each drive their own cars. We only see a few parking spots on the property, for the customers and residents. What other provision is there for parking? There are quite a few residents with children in this area, so parking close to their own homes is important.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Rex & Penny Berneking

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