
Disappointed that I was given misinformation

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To Jacob Gates <jgates@cityofpt.us>

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SanJuanDiscoveryPublicHearingNotice10-06-2025.jpg;

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I have had many good experiences with City government, but a recent incident was pretty disappointing.

I was seeking information about a public hearing for LUP22-28 & -029 (the Port Townsend Preservation Alliance).

A few weeks ago I saw a public hearing notice at San Juan & Discovery, see attached photo, with the hearing set for 10/6/25. I wanted to know more, and found nothing on the City website. I emailed you on 9/24, then later left a phone message. After that I called the City general number to ask for help. This is where things went beyond a low staffing issue to just plain wrong.

The first answer was reasonable: I was told that you were out of the office sick. Then after some discussion and a check that verified NO such notice or scheduled public hearing was on the City site & calendar, I was told I would get a return call.

And indeed I did. Unfortunately I was not able to take the call, so the answer went to voice mail. The message was that these LUP22-028 & 029 from 2022 (duh!), therefore processing was complete and no public hearing would be happening. The development would be proceeding.

Well, I thought this sounded odd, but I know regulations change, so maybe a hearing was no longer required... BUT lo and behold! Today I read a new public hearing notice, published in this week's paper.

So someone at the city (sorry I do not have her name) apparently took the trouble to ask someone else who should have known more, then called me back to leave me a

confused and completely incorrect answer. OR is the article in the Leader wrong?
Not good...

Note that the new printed notice at San Juan & Discovery is in place but lying flat on the ground up in the bushes. Also the notice as published in The Leader states that written comments must be submitted by *September 16*, perhaps a leftover from the previously drafted notice?

I realize that the City is chronically understaffed, BUT!

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Thu Oct 16 2025 11:54:00 GMT-0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)	Sandra Stowell	sjstowell1000@gmail.com	Live in Port Townsend City Limits	Agenda item specific	27th Public Hearing re: LUP22-028 & LUP22-029	I generally support this development. I like the mix of residential, commercial & retail opportunities. And I appreciate the inclusion of some low & middle income housing.	Yes	Public Hearing re: LUP22-028 & LUP22-029 PT Preservation Alliance