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Re: Immediate Need for Documentation and Clarification Re: Trout Lane

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From Sarah Lurie <sarah@5bgazette.com>

Date Mon 6/1/2026 9:05 AM

To Brian Parker <bparker@bellevueidaho.us>

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Brian,

Your statement that “no Sunday meeting occurred” is a denial issued weeks after the fact, under public scrutiny.

On Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 7:20 p.m., Lars Knudsen sent the following email to you and Carter Bullock:

*“I Look forward to seeing you both tomorrow morning. I’ll bring over a couple coffees. Let me know what you would like. **Also can you please text or call to confirm the best time for you.**”*

This is not conjecture or hearsay. It is a clear, contemporaneous document in which the applicant expressly states his understanding that an in-person meeting with both you and Mr. Bullock was scheduled for Sunday morning, May 17, and that he intended to bring coffee.

A later self-serving denial cannot override contemporaneous documentary evidence without clear corroboration. For the public record, please answer the following without delay:

1. Did you or Carter Bullock reply (by email, text, or phone) to Mr. Knudsen’s May 16 email to confirm, reschedule, or cancel the Sunday morning meeting?
2. Was there any communication — email, text message, phone call, or in-person contact — between you (or Carter Bullock) and Lars Knudsen on May 16, 17, or 18, 2026?
3. If any phone call or text message occurred between you (or Carter Bullock) and Lars Knudsen on May 16, 17, or 18, produce the complete records of those communications without further delay, including full text message threads or phone call logs showing dates, times, and content.
4. If no meeting was scheduled or held, please explain why the applicant believed one was confirmed and offered to bring coffee.

A Sunday meeting with an applicant actively performing unpermitted work in the protected floodplain would constitute strong evidence of preferential treatment and abuse of your official position. It is therefore understandable why this detail drew your response.

You bear the burden of proof to produce records that reconcile your denial with the applicant’s unambiguous statement that a Sunday morning meeting had been scheduled. I will publish your responses to my questions (if you answer) and any records with Mr. Knudsen’s May 16 email so the public can evaluate the objective evidence for itself.

On Mon, Jun 1, 2026 at 8:04 AM Brian Parker <[bparker@bellevueidaho.us](mailto:bparker@bellevueidaho.us)> wrote:

Sarah,

Thank you for aptly illustrating the importance of taking your time and ensuring that facts are correct prior to publishing conjecture. I do not know why Lars said “tomorrow” on his Saturday email, but no Sunday meeting occurred.

On Sunday, May 17th, I attended the [Backwoods Sports Pivot Mountain Bike Demo Day](#), ran a few errands in Hailey, and enjoyed my day at home.

Please post a correction to your claims regarding this meeting. To be clear, editing blog posts and deleting your social media comments is not the same as a correction. Please specifically state that you posted incorrect information without adequately vetting out the facts.

Thank you,



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Brian-

I just tried to book an appointment with you through the city's online scheduling tool for a Sunday morning, exactly like the one you gave Lars Knudsen.

Every single weekend slot is blocked. The tool only allows Monday–Thursday appointments.

Yet on Saturday, May 16 at 7:20 p.m., Lars emailed you and Carter Bullock: "I look forward to seeing you both **tomorrow morning**. I'll bring over a couple coffees." You met him the next day, Sunday, May 17, according to the public record, while his unpermitted grading and tree clearing in the protected floodplain was actively underway.

While you were personally arranging Sunday access and Fire Department chainsaw "training" for a buyer who didn't even own the property yet, ordinary residents cannot get a single weekend slot with the Community Development Director.

Could you answer the following questions?

1. What was the purpose of your Sunday, May 17 meeting with Lars Knudsen and Carter Bullock, and

explain why you provided weekend, after-hours service to this particular applicant while blocking the same access for everyone else.

2. Why did you personally facilitate the use of Bellevue firefighters and city equipment for private tree clearing on unpermitted floodplain work, and has the City been fully reimbursed for that time and equipment?
3. Given that your own May 28 memo admits the work occurred “prior to the issuance of a permit,” why were you meeting with Lars on a Sunday to discuss the project instead of immediately halting all activity until proper permits were in place?

This is not normal government process. It appears to be special treatment for one well-connected applicant.

On Thu, May 28, 2026 at 6:07 PM Brian Parker <[bparker@bellevueidaho.us](mailto:bparker@bellevueidaho.us)> wrote:

All,

The analysis of activities occurring within Bramon Subdivision is available at the following links (the file size exceeded the maximum single upload into the website hosting platform:

<https://bellevueidaho.gov/document/2026-05-28-trout-lane-memo-part-i/>

<https://bellevueidaho.gov/document/2026-05-28-trout-lane-memo-part-ii/>

<https://bellevueidaho.gov/document/2026-05-28-trout-lane-memo-part-iii/>

As always I am happy to meet with anyone interested and discuss further. If you would like to set up a time, you may do so here: [Book time with Brian Parker](#).

If you are interested in engaging further with land use and zoning topics, we are seeking to fill a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Please reach out if you are interested.

Thank you,



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While that private contractual arrangement may address access between buyer and seller, it does not resolve the city's regulatory responsibilities or the questions residents and the public have raised about compliance with city ordinances.

An Early Occupancy Agreement does not override recorded subdivision plat notes, floodplain regulations, or permitting requirements. Additionally, the city should have required written proof from the actual owners authorizing the buyer to perform the work. Is the city planning to answer any questions?

On Thu, May 28, 2026 at 1:45 PM Florence Blanchard <[fkblanchard@gmail.com](mailto:fkblanchard@gmail.com)> wrote:

According to his real estate agent, Lars has an Early Occupancy Agreement with the owner which is private and legal and will not end up in the assessor's office with any other paperwork. In other words, no one else will ever see it.

Sent from my iPad

On May 28, 2026, at 1:26 PM, Sarah Lurie <[sarah@5bgazette.com](mailto:sarah@5bgazette.com)> wrote:

Dear Brian,

**When you or any other City staff provided verbal, email, or other confirmation to Lars Knudsen that the tree removal and driveway widening were "okay to do," were you aware that he had not yet closed on the property and was therefore not the legal title holder?**

If the answer is yes, did the City obtain any written authorization or early-occupancy agreement from the **actual record owners/sellers** before allowing a non-owner to perform significant alterations (tree removal, grading, driveway widening) on their property in a regulated floodplain?

If the answer is no, how did the City justify proceeding with any form of approval or non-enforcement for work performed by a buyer who lacked legal title?

This single point appears to place the City in a legally precarious position regarding trespass, waste of the sellers' asset, inconsistent enforcement of Plat Note 4, and potential liability under the City's own floodplain and riparian ordinances. A timely, direct answer would be extremely helpful for accurate reporting.

Thank you.

On Thu, May 28, 2026 at 12:39 PM Suzanne Wrede <[swrede@bellevueidaho.us](mailto:swrede@bellevueidaho.us)> wrote:

Dear Mayor -

Your morning deadline has passed and I do not accept the dismissive response from the Community Development Director who has clearly disregarded your promise for the delivery of documentation this morning.

There is no way that any public servant should reject your timetable nor disregard the significance of this situation with "Thank you for your concern" and a listing of other things he and his assistant are prioritizing. Absolutely unacceptable in any professional environment and doubly so for a public servant. This Director works for the residents of Bellevue and the position exists to deliver services to the residents. As we approach a week of this mess, the last response that is acceptable is: "I'll give it to you when I'm ready."

**This issue started last Friday and it will be a week tomorrow.** During the City Council meeting, Mr. Knudsen indicated several times that he was given permission to do the work and that Mr. Parker was onsite multiple times affirming those permissions. Mr. Parker did not dispute any of this during the meeting. We have also heard that it was Mr. Parker who recommended the fire department be contacted for free tree removal. *At the very least, these two issues should be answerable in less than 1 hour but we have been at this for days now.*

**Yes or No** - appropriate process was followed, applications were approved and permits were issued in keeping with the permission that Mr. Knudsen stated he received and the Director did not refute in the meeting. If yes, generate the supporting reports from the Civic Review software.

**Yes or No** - the Director referred Mr. Knudsen to the fire department for free tree clearing services.

Mayor Giordani - you have told us we would receive documentation and answers this morning - the morning has passed and Mr. Parker has told us that he will do it on his own timetable, not yours. As a City Councilmember, I certainly don't accept that nor do I accept this as a resident.

In my elected capacity and as a resident, I demand that Mr. Parker answer the questions about his involvement in the use of fire department staff and city resources for private services and that the City generate the Property-Based Permit History and Application Activity reports for the parcels in question and deliver them to the residents immediately. With those responses, he can also provide a tight timeline of the additional information he is compiling and what that information will show.

City staff serve the residents as does the City Council. This response is unacceptable and I hope you will respond to this flagrant disregard for your authority and the authority of the residents appropriately.

Thank you,

Suzanne Wrede  
Bellevue City Council

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**From:** Cece Albertson <[cece@woodriverlandtrust.org](mailto:cece@woodriverlandtrust.org)>

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Thanks, Brian. The clarity will be good to advise next steps forward.

I'm happy to hear that the actor/prospective landowner is amenable to revegetating the area, and glad to see the City responding to the matter seriously. I'm hopeful that the City will adopt a clearer pathway in its Code to oversee activity in the protected riparian setbacks and designated floodplain, in and outside the bounds of easements like that of the Flood Control District; plus, to enforce compliance.

Thanks again,

Cece (Osborn) Albertson  
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On Thu, May 28, 2026 at 11:06 AM Brian Parker <[bparker@bellevueidaho.us](mailto:bparker@bellevueidaho.us)> wrote:

Thank you for your concern. I am researching and preparing documents, while simultaneously doing the other components of my duties as Community Development Director. I am prioritizing this work in the time I have between meetings, phone calls, customer service, and other commitments, but I am going to provide correct, factual, researched information, and not operate out of haste.

Thank you,

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Mayor,

Yesterday you indicated that all materials related to the recent work for this disputed Trout Lane project would be provided this morning. Because the City does not operate on Fridays, it is essential that the documentation be produced before noon today so that residents and members of Council can understand the basis for the City's actions before the long weekend and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to stay any further work until a complete picture exists.

The County has already responded confirming that it was not aware of the work but affirming that responsibility for proper management of this project lies with Bellevue. If the County can respond promptly, it is reasonable for residents and Councilmembers to question the delay in receiving the same information from the City. Residents should not enter a three-day City weekend without the documentation necessary to understand the situation, certainty that no further destruction will take place over the weekend, and the opportunity to ask follow-up questions.

There is also the matter of how fire department staff became involved in providing services for a private project using public resources. I have received no response to my email from yesterday requesting details about this service that appears never to have been offered to other residents. Unless such a service has been formally established as a City program and made available to all residents, City leadership must examine whether a unique accommodation or favor was granted in violation of Idaho statutes. All details regarding how fire department staff were informed, directed, and dispatched to perform this work must therefore be included in the materials provided this morning.

These concerns are not speculative; they are grounded in statements that have been made to Council by residents and staff, by visual documentation of work done and in the absence of materials to dispute or support the current understanding of the situation.

The residents of Bellevue commit over \$250,000 annually to the Community Development Department including software and services specifically for permitting and planning purposes. The requested materials should be producible immediately. To fulfill my fiduciary duty as an elected official, I must insist that over 36 hours is more than sufficient to have assembled all relevant information and that the following materials be provided **by noon today:**

- All permits, applications, evaluations, P&Z presentations or approvals associated with the project

- Any internal communications directing or authorizing City staff involvement - staff is any individual that appears in City payroll
- Payroll or timekeeping records associated with the staff directed by the city to perform the work
- All correspondence generated or received by the Community Development Department regarding these parcels and project

These materials are necessary to determine whether the City's actions complied with statutory requirements and established municipal procedures and to ensure due process to all residents.

I am requesting a response **by noon today** so that we may resolve these concerns promptly and transparently.

Thank you.

Suzanne Wrede  
Councilmember

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All,

Brian witnessed work taking place when he went to inspect around 2:25pm today and immediately began the process of a stop work order. The stop work order has been issued and signs are being posted now. Per my request Brian also reached out to the flood district to stop work that was planned for tomorrow.

Brian will respond to you regarding documentation tomorrow morning.

Thank you!  
Christina

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All -

I am writing to confirm that the City of Bellevue is aware that clearing of this area is continuing unabated as of video taken at 2:30PM today. The City has yet to produce any documentation that the concerns around this area have been properly evaluated, that any permits have actually been issued or what reports and reviews have been undertaken.

On behalf of all residents, I seek immediate production of all applications, permits and reports that show that this activity meets all required plat notes, ordinances and applicable codes. This is a current project and all of these materials - including the mechanism by which City resources were used for this private project to cut trees and the source of the identification of trees to be destroyed - should be immediately available.

If this project is found to be out of code in anyway, then immediate action is essential for minimizing the damage. ANY questions about plat notes or any other part of this project - especially as raised by residents last evening - should require a stop work order until the City can produce the requested information specifically because these environments are so sensitive. The City cannot undo much of the damage done and what damage can be repaired will come at significant cost.

**On behalf of residents who have listed concerns that the City has not addressed and in the interest of ensuring proper protection for residents assets, I request that the City issue a **stop work order** for this project until the documentation is provided and the facts can be verified.**

Thank you,

Suzanne Wrede  
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Dear Mayor Giordani and Community Development Director Parker,

I am requesting a complete list of all permits issued for the Trout Lane development

discussed by residents at the 5/26/2026 City Council meeting, specifically parcels RPB029400110010 and RPB029400110020, along with all reports, staff reviews, supporting documents, and materials relied upon in issuing those permits. Please include any related inspections, correspondence, and internal assessments associated with the permitting process.

Bellevue has allocated over \$250,000 to the Community Development Department. With that level of investment, residents should reasonably expect access to basic public-facing services, including a portal where permits, reports, and related documentation can be easily reviewed. The absence of such a system is precisely why I must request these materials directly. I would appreciate an update on the status of this basic resident service, including whether development has begun and when residents can expect this fundamental service to be available.

As an elected member of the Bellevue City Council, I have a statutory and fiduciary obligation to review City actions, ensure compliance with adopted procedures, and respond to resident concerns based on accurate information. To fulfill these duties, I require timely access to the underlying records.

To avoid any misunderstanding: this request concerns official records and administrative actions, not public engagement or discussion formats. Therefore, it cannot be deferred to a town hall or other public meeting. My responsibility to review the City's permitting decisions is independent of any public forum, and timely access to these materials is necessary for me to perform the role voters elected me to carry out.

Please provide the requested documents or confirm the expected delivery date.

Thank you,

Suzanne Wrede

Bellevue City Council

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