

CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony #1

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, January 10, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Planning Commission Interviews will be held at 5:15 p.m., followed by the City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- 4.b.** [21-520](#) City Council review of subdivision approval (SUB21-09) located at 4540 Pringle Road SE.

Ward(s): 3

Councilor(s): Phillips

Neighborhood(s): Morningside Neighborhood Association

Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community

Recommendation: Affirm the Planning Administrator's decision approving phased subdivision tentative plan case number SUB21-09.

Attachments: [Vicinity Map](#)
 [SUB21-09 Decision](#)
 [Additional Public Comments](#)
 [Public Comments received by 1:00 p.m. 1-3-2022.pdf](#)
 [Petitions from Community Members received 1-3-2022.pdf](#)
 [Comments received from Peter Meyer - 1-3-2022.pdf](#)
 [Public Comments received from Friends of Marion County - 1-5-2022.pdf](#)
 [Additional Public Comments received by 5:00 p.m., 1-5-2022.pdf](#)
 [Additional Public Comments received by 4:00 p.m., 1-7-2022.pdf](#)

Add - Written Testimony.

- 5.d.** [22-10](#) Motion from Councilor Vanessa Nordyke requesting information regarding a mobile crisis unit pilot project.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Attachments: [Public Comments received by 4:00 p.m., 1-7-2022.pdf](#)

Add- Written Testimony.

Aaron Panko

From: Jennifer Arnold <jarnold@emeriodesign.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 5:15 PM
To: Aaron Panko
Cc: Roy Hankins; Robinson, Michael C.; Stephenson, Garrett H.; Forbes, Erin M.
Subject: RE: Tree Survey Update (SUB21-09 - Meyer Farm)
Attachments: 12-31 Tree Inventory for Meyer Farm_Reassessment_REV01.pdf; Tree Preservation Table_P3.0of32.pdf

Aaron,

After our December 8th meeting with the Neighborhood Association, we sent our Arborist back out to the site to reassess the trees that may have grown large enough to be considered significant today. Our original tree survey was completed in 2019 but the arborist report was completed in 2021. Attached is the reassessment which includes the DBH currently and what it was in 2019. The Arborist addresses the condition of the trees in the 'comments' section and I give the reason for preservation or removal in the 'notes' section.

Tree 4916 was incorrectly labeled as an Oak tree in the initial review and has since been corrected.

I have also attached the updated Tree Preservation Table from sheet P.3.0/32. The total trees proposed to be removed has not changed, however our total significant tree removal number has increased (just a classification change). Initially, we noted 4 significant trees to be removed on sheet P3.0 of 32, and with the reassessment we are adding 7 additional significant trees. Of those 7 additional trees, which were not considered significant in the 2019 survey, 4 are in poor condition.

Let me know if you have any questions or need me to upload these documents to the applicant portal.

Thanks,
Jennifer



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Tree No.	Common Name	Scientific Name	DBH ¹	C-Rad ²	Condition ³	Structure	Comments	Treatment	Notes	2019 Survey DBH
2577	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	23	20	good	good		Remove	Included in the Street Tree Permit Request	20
2578	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	25	20	good	good		Remove	Included in the Street Tree Permit Request	20
2825	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	24	30	good	poor		Remove	Within lot 41 grading	20
2828	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	25	30	good	good		Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	20
2834	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	28	35	fair	fair	many broken limbs, thin scaffolding branches	Remove	Within lot 43 grading	20
2840	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	24	35	fair	fair	dead lower limbs; unbalanced to the east	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	20
3088	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	28	35	good	fair	unbalanced canopy to the east, few broken limbs	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	22
3093	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	27	30	fair	fair	deadwood, crowded leaders at 15', heavy ivy load	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	22
3094	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	26	20	fair	fair	deadwood, codominant leaders at 20'	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	20
3100	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	23	25	good	fair	unbalanced to the north	Preserve	With Open Space Tract	20
3134	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	35	35	fair	fair	high crown, codominant leaders at 3' - 25", 24", ivy	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	22
3135	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	29	30	fair	fair	large deadwood, high crown, narrow	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	22
3137	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	27	30	fair	fair	tag unreadable, T3137, high crown, lower limbs dead	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	22
3138	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	37	50	fair	fair	codominant split at 2' above ground level, 25" leader in poor condition, dead and broken branches, 27" leader in	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	20
3141	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	27	25	poor	poor	dead lateral branches, high crown, narrow, heavy ivy	Remove	Within pedestrian path boundary	22
3142	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	12	0	dead	dead		Remove	Remove due to condition	20
3143	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	26	25	good	fair	codominant leaders at 20', heavy ivy, high crown	Remove	Within pedestrian path boundary	20
3163	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	23	18	fair	fair	codominant leaders at 20', large dead, ivy	Remove	Within lot 59 grading	22
3213	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	42	25	fair	fair	diameter at 1' above ground level, three leaders at 5'	Remove	Within lot 60 grading	28
3277	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	27	40	fair	poor	12" lateral at 1' above ground level, codominant leaders at 8', broken scaffolding branches, storm damage, unbalanced to the east	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	22
3361	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	35	40	fair	fair	connected at 2' above ground level to 3362, 27" and 22", dead and crowded branches, unbalanced to the east	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	22
4469	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	28	30	fair	fair	trunk injury on west side at 2', limb failure	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	22
4569	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	25	40	good	fair	lean to n, unbalanced to north	Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	20
4571	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	25	30	good	good		Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	20
4572	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	23	25	good	good		Preserve	Within the 'Area to Remain'	19
4726	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	27	12	fair	fair	codominant split at 6', inclusion, high crown	Preserve	Within Open Space Tract	22
4747	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	28	15	poor	poor	two leaders, 18,21, deadwood, suppressed	Preserve	Within Open Space Tract	20

Tree No.	Common Name	Scientific Name	DBH ¹	C-Rad ²	Condition ³	Structure	Comments	Treatment	Notes	2019 Survey DBH
4749	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	25	20	good	good	original tag 4748, retagged T4749; heavy ivy load	Preserve	Within Open Space Tract	22
4750	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	22	25	fair	fair	lean to north, self corrected, unbalanced canopy to the north, heavy ivy load, original tag not readable, retagged	Preserve	Within Open Space Tract	20
4890	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	~26	0	dead	dead	failed, uprooted and failed southwest, heavy ivy load		No action due to condition	20
4916	Douglas fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	27	10	poor	poor	thin, high crown, heavy ivy load up entire tree	Remove	Remove for ROW grading	22
4951	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	24	15	poor	poor	thin, few scaffolding branches for size of diameter, dead and broken branches, heavy ivy load	Remove	Remove for ROW grading	22
4952	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	23	15	fair	poor	unbalanced to northwest, heavy ivy load, multiple leaders at approx. 15'	Remove	Remove for ROW grading	18
5517	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	~24	0	dead	dead	failed, uprooted and failed south, heavy ivy load		No action due to condition	22
5520	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	20	15	fair	fair	lower scaffolding branches dead or broken; upper canopy healthy and balanced	Preserve	Within Open Space Tract	19
5546	Oregon white oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	24	18	good	fair	unbalanced to the south; climbing vines	Remove	Remove for ROW grading	22
¹ DBH is the trunk diameter in inches measured per City of Salem standards.										
² C-Rad is the approximate crown radius in feet.										
³ Condition and Structure ratings range from very poor, poor, fair, to good.										

Notes:

Reassessment conducted by Teragan Associates, Inc. after the applicant presented to the Morningside Neighborhood Association on December 8, 2021. The reassessment is in response to the Neighborhood concerns regarding tree sizes at the time of the survey versus when the application was initially reviewed.

Tree Preservation	
Proposed Plan	Number of Trees
Total Onsite Trees	808
Onsite Trees REMOVED	442
Onsite Significant Trees REMOVED	11
Total Trees REMOVED	453
Onsite Trees PRESERVED	355
Percentage of Trees PRESERVED	43.94%

From: [Kim Davis](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Comment to proposed subdivision at 4540 Pringle Road SE
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:43:45 PM

I am writing to add my objections to the proposed subdivision at the referenced address. If there is any validity to the claim by beneficiary Peter Meyer, et al, that the sale of this property occurred two weeks prior to the removal of co-Trustees Molly and Ian Meyer due to their violations of OR trust law, then it would be scandalous, amoral and reprehensible to destroy more natural space within city limits!

The science is excruciatingly clear, we must act now to reduce carbon, preserve trees and prevent further diversity loss. If there are any legal issues that could result in this sale being nullified, then the City must serve as steward until said issues are resolved. Should this sale made by the co-Trustees be deemed invalid, it is my sincere hope that the City of Salem will purchase this property and preserve it as public park land for the common good.

Kim Davis
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From: [Lynn Albright](#)
To: [Aaron Panko](#)
Cc: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: The Meyer Form subdivision proposal 1-10-2022
Date: Thursday, January 6, 2022 4:37:41 PM
Attachments: [Letter to City Council 01-2022.pdf](#)

Dear Honorable Mayor & City Councilmembers:

Please deny this application for the good of all residents, our heritage, and our peace of mind!

Thank you for your consideration!

Lynn Albright
shazam57@gmail.com

Lynn & Donald Albright

5989 Nelson Pl SE
Salem, OR 97306

January 6, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Bennett
City of Salem Councilmembers

RE: The Meyer Farm subdivision application

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers:

The proposed subdivision (sub 21-09) application of this beautiful, historic 30-acre property is troubling in so many ways. What legacy are we leaving our children, and theirs? Do we really want to look like a southern California suburb, completely unidentifiable from contiguous towns? Close your eyes – we're almost there!

Pavement is forever. Increasingly, the very heart and soul of our City is being destroyed by rampant development. In the 10 years we've lived in South Salem, we've seen similar properties lost forever, making way for unattractive high-density apartments or housing that's not affordable for many of our residents. Trees are taken down to make room for construction, and then replanted. This process will take decades to create beautiful tree-lined streets. How about the Costco fiasco? The ancient oak grove that was moved at huge cost, only to perish so we could have more gas stations. Bigger is NOT better! This is your chance to redeem yourselves after the entire process that put Costco in the middle of a neighborhood, and not east of Cordon Road on the former mushroom property, where the current 400+ home development is now being built.

What's even more disturbing is the loss of habitat for so many different species. It's heartbreaking to see deer on a paved street (Mildred, Wiltsey, Battlecreek, Liberty) trying to find a safe home and food to survive, and that's only one such endangered species. What will a world without birds, animals and mature trees look like? Pavement is forever . . .

Have you considered the traffic impact on Hilfiker? Cars trying to enter or exit from Walgreen's, Trader Joe's, Petco, etc end up in frequent bottlenecks in the middle of the day, to say nothing of busy evenings or weekends. How can you possibly mitigate that intersection, or even the one bordering on Commercial?

Please do the right thing; care about our environment, our climate, our wild spaces, our heritage, and DENY this application! Surely, the quality of the city we build today should be of more value than collecting tax revenue from greedy developers.

Sincerely,

Lynn & Don Albright

Lynn & Donald Albright

From: [Roberta A](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [citycouncil](#); [Virginia Stapleton](#); [Vanessa Nordyke](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 5.b Mobile Crisis Unit Pilot Project: Needed
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 9:41:14 AM

Councilors:

I support Councilor Nordyke's motion for a mobile crisis unit pilot project because Salem is failing to meet the needs of mentally ill; addicted; and those in crisis with adequate, appropriate treatment.

Sending the police when a social worker, medical staff, and/or other professional is the necessary response, only escalates whatever trauma is being experienced by the person in crisis. The use of police with guns should be reserved for criminal activity - that is, activity that is intentionally criminal, not an activity that is the result of someone in a personal crisis where other interventions are the better solution.

It's been shown that cities which treat people in crisis with appropriate resources have significantly better outcomes all around.

Roberta Cade

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From: [Rob Owen](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Fwd: Agenda Item 5.b Motion from Councilor Vanessa Nordyke requesting information regarding a mobile crisis unit pilot project
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:46:02 PM

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From: **Rob Owen** <robowentv@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 7, 2022 at 1:32 PM
Subject: re: Agenda Item 5.b Motion from Councilor Vanessa Nordyke requesting information regarding a mobile crisis unit pilot project
To: <ityrecorder@cityofsalem.net>, <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>

To whom it may concern:

I support the motion for a staff report on a mobile crisis unit pilot project because I have a family member with mental health issues and I do not want to see him gunned down by police if he has an uncontrolled escalation in public someday. People with mental health issues in crisis should be met by trained mental health professionals whenever possible, not by police with guns drawn.

As an assessment of the Salem Police Dept. showed (<https://www.salemreporter.com/posts/5794/review-found-details-lacking-in-salem-police-reports-for-suicide-calls-crisis-response-program-most-effective>) the current county mobile crisis unit is not always available, either due to limited staffing or because it is needed in two places simultaneously. If Marion County will not do its duty to protect its most vulnerable citizens, then the city needs to step up.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Owen
1725 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

From: [Tom O'Connor](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Mobile Crisis Units
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 3:21:09 PM

Dear City of Salem,

I write to support the motion for a staff report on a mobile crisis unit pilot project because prevention is the most effective and cost-efficient way of solving some of our pressing and recurring social problems. I have worked in the criminal justice field for over 30 years. I believe we have an important place among the institutions of society. However, the ability of the justice system to resolve social problems is limited. Far better to spend the money on responses that work.

Thank you,

Tom

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From: [W B](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Re Agenda Item 5.b, Motion from Councilor Vanessa Nordyke regarding a mobile crisis unit
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:34:56 PM

I would like to comment to the Council that I want Salem to have a CAHOOTS-style program. Many times people call 911 because there's no other realistic option to get a rapid response to a crisis... but they don't necessarily want an aggressive man with a gun to come in and start yelling and threatening people with arrest. They can't necessarily afford an ambulance ride or feel like being locked in a psych ward will be beneficial. Given the option, they might have a strong preference between police, fire, ambulance and mental crisis response: they're the ones observing the situation, the dispatcher only has the caller's words to go on.

We have police because the Executive Branch needs a way to physically enforce laws -- usually felonies that are actually arrest-worthy, since traffic, parking, health, labor and other civil penalties are rarely worth a gun on your hip -- by detaining and referring people to prosecution. The idea that police are also dogcatchers and domestic abuse prevention and a force for serving and protecting is mostly PR, and distracts from the very real work of finding and detaining murderers and thieves, or responding to active shootings.

Just as we have firefighters for fire emergencies, ambulances for medical emergencies, and National Guard or FEMA for widespread environmental emergencies, we need mental/social crisis responders who can respond to psychological or small-scale environmental emergencies.

I once watched a crying young child forcibly chased down and ripped from his mother's arms by multiple armed men because Family Court decided that his absentee father was a better provider, despite allegations of abuse. Were guns and physical violence really the best way to accomplish that? It scarred me just seeing it happen, let alone if I were that child being ripped from my only loving parent by the armed government. It seems to me a better system is possible and necessary. The presence of a gun is in itself an escalation of a situation, even if police are supposedly trained in de-escalation.

Some emergencies need response in the form of water, others in the form of morphine, or Humvees, or sometimes even guns. The giant missing gap in our system is emergencies that need response in the form of a sympathetic ear and a safe place to stay. It used to be that the town pastor would fill such roles, but with large populations a more formal, coordinated system is needed. Police can try to fill this gap, but it's not actually their core mission, and many police chiefs nationwide have said that their departments are overworked, filling in too many roles outside their training. We wouldn't dream of using the National Guard as long-term hospital staff, so why are we as a society so eager to use police as social workers? A separate, independent, care-oriented department should be on 911 speed dial so that the right response is possible, separate from the Police Chief's responsibility to enforcing laws and prosecuting criminals.

- Will Bradley, District 1