



CITY OF SALEM

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Written Testimony #1

City Council

Monday, July 8, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

4.a. [19-304](#)

City Council review of the Planning Commission May 8, 2019 decision approving a consolidated application to change the Comprehensive Plan Map designation and Zoning of an approximately 15.8-acre property located at 5187 Liberty Road S from "Developing Residential" with RA (Residential Agriculture) zoning to "Multifamily Residential" with RM-2 (Multiple Family Residential) zoning.

Ward(s): Ward 4
Councilor(s): Leung
Neighborhood(s): Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association
Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council AFFIRM the May 8, 2019 Planning Commission's Decision.

Attachments: [Vicinity-Map](#)
[CPC-ZC19-03 Decision](#)
[Street System Map](#)
[Public Comments received by 3:30 p.m. 7-8-19](#)

Add- Written Testimony.

6.b. [19-317](#)

Collection Development Report and Salem Public Library Advisory Board Update

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Service Area(s): Welcome and Livable Neighborhood

Recommendation: Information only.

Attachments: [May Detail Collection Tracking Report and Aggregated Data](#)
[Public comment received 7-1-19](#)
[Public comment received 7-3-19](#)
[Public Comments received by 3:30 p.m. 7-8-19](#)

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Amy Johnson

From: BRUCE & LINDA MILLER <b-lmiller@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2019 8:00 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Rezoning of property 5871 Liberty Rd S

I urge you to reject the rezoning of this property from residential/agricultural to RM 2 which would allow the developer to put 443 units on this 15.8 acre site which is located south of Davis Road. I do not understand why the planning commission would approve this high density housing project on the edge of the city which is not near stores, entertainment, medical facilities and places people might work. The closest Cherriots top is on Davis and Stockton and is at least a 6 minute walk. I am not sure of the frequency of the route and if it would meet the needs of the potential residents.

As a city council, you indicated your commitment to a climate action plan by adding \$50,000 to the city budget. The approval of this high density housing project that will require residents to use gas powered vehicles to get to work, stores, entertainment, school events and other activities does not mesh with this commitment to a climate action plan.

Leaving this property zoned residential agriculture or rezoning to RM1 would fit better with the location of this property

Linda Miller

4520 Matthews Loop S

Salem 97302

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of cathi6780@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, July 06, 2019 7:38 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: City Council meeting July 8th 2029
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Cathi Murray
Your Email	cathi6780@gmail.com
Message	PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW the zoning change from RM1 to RM2. Spend some time on Davis road and you will understand. You keep allowing all of these additions with not a thought about the schools or the roads! I have spent the last 45 years living between Jory Hill and Meadowbrook And it is unspeakable what you have allowed to happen there. No new schools, no sidewalks on Skyline. It's simply not acceptable. Same with the bridge situation. I am keeping a list and will no longer support council members that do not listen to the people that elected them!

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Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of llytle57@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, July 06, 2019 2:57 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Lori Lytle
Your Email	llytle57@gmail.com
Your Phone	541-561-7153
Street	102 Muirfield CT SE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97306
Message	I would like to address my concerns on the zoning changes for the address of 5800 Liberty. I understand there will be a vote on changes and allowing the 443 new places. We on the side of town can not support more traffic and congestion is getting awful. I am against this .

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Amy Johnson

From: Xinner11 <xinner11@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2019 10:07 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Sally Cook; Jackie Leung
Subject: Concerning 5871 liberty rd s

To whom it may concern

I am writing in regards to the property on 5871 liberty rd s, salem or 97306 and the rezoning to a RM2 multi family.

I live on the property next door at 5931 liberty rd s, Salem or 97306 we remodeled and moved in a little over 1 year ago with my family and two toddlers knowing that a single family development was going in to the south of our property south of our property on Mildred rd and that eventually the 15 acres at 5871 liberty rd would most likely be developed and more single family homes would be built but not to thrilled to find out that a zoning change to RM 2 was out in motion and the new owners of the property are planning to development more apartments instead. That will bring in 400 or more units and the already over crowded schools with the boundary changes and Heavy traffic already on liberty rd is bad enough, this will definitely make make things a lot worse.

I wanted to voice my concerns I know there are concerns on shortage of housing but to add some many units along Davis rd and liberty rd in one small area solves one issue but creates multiple issues. You must live in this area to know the day to day issues over here like many of us deal with Please re consider from changing it to rm2 zoning and consider all the negative it will bring to the area and keep it a single family development which will still be able to add plenty of housing.

Thanks
Paul Xin

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Amy Johnson

From: Dana & Doug Barricklow <dbarricklow@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2019 7:16 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: The Big Weed
Attachments: Agenda.pdf

The big weed of the library collection must stop. I agree with Jim Scheppke totally. We need to have the biggest and best collection in the state because we are the seat of government with the highest number of library patrons in the state. Getting rid of “classics” is an abomination as is weeding poetry and the arts. My family has used the library for fifty years. Make it better not a shadow of how it used to be.

Douglas Barricklow
3065 Winslow Wy NW
Salem

<https://salem.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=652616&GUID=D4749CA8-F1B5-4820-B1E1-C0E0B8CBD947>

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Johnson

From: CLIFFORD SMITH <cliffordsmith@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2019 5:24 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: July 8 Council Meeting Agenda Item 6 b

Salem City Council

July 8 Session

Agenda Item 6 b

As a retired professional librarian for almost 50 years and former division manager for Salem Public Library for 30 years—and a part of the collection development team-- I am totally dismayed at the unnecessary aggressive weeding of the library collection over the last several years and want to lend my voice in strongly urging you to put an end to what is referred to as “The Big Weed” before further, irreversible damage is done to the collection. The current weeding policy is clearly wrong, outside the bounds of common sense, established professional criteria, and cause for great alarm. It is just one of many indicators of the downward direction of our once-great library. I hope you will take the necessary steps to reverse this trend.

Cliff Smith, SPL Extension Services/Circulation Divisions Manager, Retired

7/5/19

Amy Johnson

From: Jim & Jo <jimjohock@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2019 9:40 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Salem Library Book Collection Policy

Dear City council Members:

I have been concerned that the current library policy for book removal has been too aggressive. I know what new books cost. It seems that there needs to be more consideration of replacement costs before books are eliminated. Also, there is a value to older books that goes beyond monetary value. Many older books simply cannot be replaced as they are not currently being published. There is value in the singular edition with special illustrations or fine binding or an important preface.

I have met with library staff who were also concerned about the quality of current book bindings and admitted that these do not hold up for long. Why discard books with well made bindings due to imperfections because of their use by library patrons?

Please ask the library staff to use caution in their book removal decisions.

Thank you,
Jo Hockenhill
1705 Church St. SE
Salem, OR 97302

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of bootharris@q.com
Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2019 12:00 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Sandra L Harris
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Your Phone	5036237894
Street	1434 SE Academy St.
City	Dallas
State	OR
Zip	97338
Message	<p>Good morning, My husband and I often use the Salem Library. We were dismayed to see that they are getting rid of so many books. We can't find any of the sci-fi classics and many other genres. Most of the fiction now, is murder mysteries, thrillers and chic lit. What happened to the diversity of literature? The library should be encouraging people to read many different types of books. Please stop the throwing away of so many books. Sincerely, Sandra Harris Robert Booth</p>

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Amy Johnson

From: Jeff Schumacher <jeff.schumacher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2019 11:01 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Item for July 8th City Council meeting
Attachments: SCAN Resolution on Book Removal - March 13, 2019.pdf

Hello City Recorder:

Attached is a resolution from the South Central Association of Neighbors concerning the library's recent book removal activities. We submitted this resolution previously when this issue came before Council, but I would like to submit it again so that it can be included in tonight's meeting as testimony for the written record to be considered by our Councilors and Mayor.

Thank you,
Jeff Schumacher
SCAN chair, 2018-19

SCAN RESOLUTION OPPOSING MASS LIBRARY BOOK REMOVAL

Adopted by the SCAN Board on March 13, 2019

WHEREAS, in October, 2018, the management staff at the Salem Public Library ordered librarians to begin a project they called the "Big Weed" to remove many thousands of books from the library collection in advance of the upcoming library renovation project; and,

WHEREAS, before the project was suspended in December, 2018, because of concerns expressed by members of the Salem City Council, over 2,000 books were removed, mostly from the adult nonfiction collection, including many important books of lasting value; and,

WHEREAS, before the book removal project began the collection at the library was already seriously depleted because of aggressive book removal over the past five years that resulted in over 200,000 books removed, an average of about 10% of the collection per year which is twice what professional standards recommend; and,

WHEREAS, our library has a book collection of only 1.6 books per capita as compared to the average for libraries in Eugene, Corvallis, Hillsboro and Beaverton of 2.1 books per capita; and,

WHEREAS, since 1973 our library has been responsible for serving as the major resource library for fifteen smaller community libraries in the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library system which serves a combined population of 465,000 people in Marion, Polk, Yamhill, and Linn counties.

WHEREAS, our library's budget for purchasing new and replacement books is deficient — less than half the budget at the Eugene Public Library that serves a population of similar size; and,

WHEREAS, at their meeting on February 13, 2019, the Library Advisory Board voted to recommend to the Salem City Council that the mass book removal project be resumed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Central Neighborhood Association requests that our Councilors support a permanent end to the mass book removal project, and instead support a policy of rebuilding the library book collection to meet the norm for Oregon libraries.