

Amy Johnson

From: lorrie walker <dakotalor@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 1:52 PM
To: citycouncil; CityRecorder
Cc: Lindsay Dent; Ashley Hamilton
Subject: 2640 Portland RD NE

RE; Urban Renewal & Development Action Item 3.3A / Council meeting 11-9-2020

All,

I am in total support of this site for use by the Arches Project. Salem is in need of many more sites. Keeping people warm, alive, sheltered is one of the most important things we can do in life. The only concern I have is in regard to traffic. That is a very busy intersection with most people it seems traveling far over the speed limit. I would respectfully ask for some type of traffic calming, pedestrian safety lights or whatever it takes to increase pedestrian safety.

Respectfully,

Lorrie Walker,

Advocate, Legal Guardian, Volunteer

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From: Wendy Talbert <lemonblossom1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 8:39 PM
To: CityRecorder
Cc: Bradley Allen
Subject: Lease of 2640 Portland Road for Homeless Shelter

Dear City of Salem,

I am deeply concerned about the temporary homeless shelter being considered for 2640 Portland Road NE. I am sympathetic to the plight of the homeless community and the threats of cold weather, and I recognize my moral responsibility to "love my neighbor".

However, it is disturbing that you are considering a site with such **close proximity to a residential neighborhood. My front door will be less than 100 yards from this camp. As a single woman, who lives alone, I am scared.** In last Thursday's meeting, we were told:

- About 4% of the homeless population is on the sex-offender registry. (Statistically, that equates to 3 of the 75 individuals expected to stay at the shelter.)
- About 30% have a history of criminal activity. (Statistically, that equates to about 23 individuals at the shelter.)

Three attendees at the meeting spoke of personal experiences dealing with garbage, excrement, drug-dealing, and/or theft by homeless individuals. A friend of mine, who is the pharmacy director at Central City Concerns in Portland, shares my concern. He said my two primary worries should be my safety and the garbage. **Our townhome community has 24 homes, on the edge an entirely residential neighborhood. A number of these homes are occupied by single women and by children.**

Another, less emergent concern, in the impact on property values. I decided that, after 11+ years in my home, if the shelter proceeds, I will put my home on the market as soon as the shelter breaks for the summer. I would move outside the city limits. This is just one small impact, **of many**, that your decision will have on my neighborhood. I could go on and on.

I appreciate your consideration of our concerns. I want to be confident you are out of options before you decide to proceed with this site. **Are you out of options?**

Cordially,
Wendy Talbert
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