

Date: Sun, 10 Dec 2006 12:23:51 -0800 (PST)
From: JWN Co-chairs <co-chairs@jwneugene.org>
Subject: JWN Executive Board opposes Kelly motion
To: MayorAndCC@ci.eugene.or.us

Dear Mayor and City Council,

On November 21, 2006, the **Jefferson Westside Neighbors Executive Board** discussed Councilor Kelly's prior suggestion that Council direct the Planning Commission to re-examine the S-C/R-2 standards.

The Executive Board unanimously (8-0) approved the following motion opposing such action:

The Jefferson Westside Neighbors (JWN) co-chairs shall take appropriate action to oppose any attempt to reconsider or revise the Chambers Special Area Zone or any of its development standards unless the revision is approved by the JWN Board or the general membership.

The JWN Co-chairs have included a letter in your most recent packet that explains why there is no need to waste scarce planning resources on this unnecessary effort. (A copy of the letter is attached.)

The Judith Bush Measure 37 claim does not at all indicate the standards need revision. A sensible analysis of the situation in this claim suggests an "alternative path" approval process could be helpful to handle exceptional situations. But this will always be the case with *any* set of clear-and-objective residential or commercial standards.

Any set of clear-and-objective standards will necessarily exclude some forms of "positive" development. What's remarkable in the Bush M37 case is how constructively residents approached the situation. We could have chosen to oppose the claim and may well have prevailed. But rather than create a battle just to avoid such mis-application of the situation as Councilor Kelly is attempting, we took a positive approach to successfully create a "win-win-win" outcome.

Councilor Kelly is grasping at straws in a final attempt to undo the exceptional work that Chambers area residents accomplished in their 16-month long, broad and thorough public process to develop standards that have proven both flexible and beneficial in preventing the continuing degradation of this area of the JWN from inappropriate infill.

On behalf of the neighborhood association board and the Chambers area residents, we respectfully request the Council reject Councilor Kelly's motion.

Thank you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: David Kelly, Eugene City Councilor [<mailto:david.s.kelly@ci.eugene.or.us>]
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2006 10:11 AM
To: Mayor and City Councilors
Cc: Dennis Taylor; Susan Muir; Lynda Rose
Subject: intent to make motion

Colleagues -

As I suggested at the public hearing on the Bush Measure 37 claim, I intend to make the following motion Monday night. Note that this is a standalone motion; I intend to support the resolution under agenda item 3E (since it will already be on the table after I pull the item from the consent calendar) and then make this motion separately under the same agenda item.

"I move to direct the Planning Commission to review the standards in the S-C/R-2 subarea of the Chambers Special Area Zone (CSAZ) and to return to the City Council with recommendations for possible changes or a conclusion that no changes are appropriate. The review will consider that it was necessary to waive the standards using Measure 37 in order to add a single infill dwelling that the neighborhood association felt would improve the neighborhood, and will consider potential changes that would allow infill that meets the CSAZ size and mass standards."

Thank you for your consideration -
David