

City Recorder

Tracy Davis RE: Herber Property

Keizer City Hall

I feel it would be a travesty for the city council to not look into the future regarding not only the need for housing, but for park areas that help to serve the mental and physical health of a community. Once that area is used for any other purpose, it is gone for good.

However, if it is not purchased for a park, there is no reason that 14 driveways could not exist reasonably as that is working just fine north of Chemawa Road on Verda Lane. It would not be 240+ people trying to get out onto Verda! It should NOT BE ZONED FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT IT IS NOW ZONED FOR!

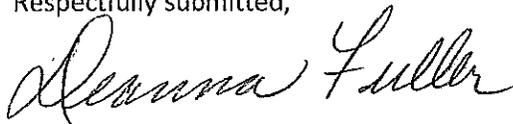
As far as a lack of activity concerning our desire to turn the area into a park, how can you start raising funds if it is not officially designated for such a purpose! The city needs to declare that is their intent and Dennis Koho said he would be willing to head up that campaign. So how can we put the cart BEFORE the horse???

Concerning the assessment of the structure, it seems to me to be a conflict of interests to have the developer be the one to decide the professional assessment. Of course he would deem it unsalvageable. He has bigger plans for monetary profit and that is his job. You need to have ones that truly care about preserving history and know the things that have been accomplished in the past by volunteers, campaigns for raising funds, applying for grants, and a strong vision for the future. It is not wise to sacrifice the future on the altar of the present, nor the important on the altar of the urgent!!

I hope you will be very wise in what you are deciding!

Your decision will either enhance the quality of living in Keizer or make it a place to want to move away from! We DO want to attract new businesses to River Road, so we need to do everything we can do to make it a desirable place to live; NOT just how many people can we legally squeeze into every square inch of space. A park would definitely enhance our town, 122 apartments in that location definitely would NOT!!

Respectfully submitted,



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