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Good afternoon Rich
Good afternoon Kevin

Brief reintroduction, I am married to Sandy Baker, and she is part of the Oregon Court of Appeals Barkers 5 LLC. Sandy is cc'd above.

Sandy and I have attended several of the general CAC meetings, and I attended perhaps three sub-committee meetings, Transportation.

I bring that up as a contrast to the most recent community meeting held at Skyline School.

Let me try and explain what I mean by contrast between the two different settings and meetings.

At the Transportation sub-committee member meetings there were very few public people, non-committee members present. That is probably an understatement. Thus what I saw and heard was somewhat one-sided by CAC members; more preventing something rather than planning for something.

I was frustrated in what I heard on a very consistent basis, not planning for the increase in traffic in the west hills that we know is coming, but rather ways to discourage and make it more difficult for people who use the local roads. This did not make sense to me.

And beyond Transportation, much of the general planning meetings seemed to have a similar mindset.

At the most recent community meeting at Skyline School I saw and heard a much different mindset. Sandy and I each attended three different sessions.

What we heard at each was a very engaged public, a public that had many, many questions. In simple, one consistent I heard was overlays, and how many there are and how they can make the situation very complicated.

I bring this to the attention of you to perhaps demonstrate that yes, the general public could have attended the CAC/sub-Committee Meetings (and did not), but when the general public attended an event like the Skyline meeting, there was a completely different tone, a completely different form of engagement.

I am pretty sure you are aware of this.

Again, I am writing to you today attempting to illustrate the stark differences Sandy and I saw and heard while attending CAC meetings and the more general Community meetings.

If I may let me conclude with a couple of things. When I attended the sub-committee meetings you and your staff treated me well; I did not ask for much, but you at least included me. Also, Kevin to you specific, Sandy and I appreciate it very much that when we (let's be fair, it is mostly Sandy) ask something of you, you respond back quickly and offer information. And for that...thanks.

Also, as we get closer to the meeting where the Multnomah Board of Commissioners will begin hearing your department's presentation, we will likely reach out to Commissioner Bailey about this. He was kind enough this winter to give us some of his time regarding the Barker property.

If any of this leads to questions for us, please let us know.
We do plan to attend the May 2nd meeting.

Steve

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...I purposely wrote direct to the two of you. If you think it useful for us to submit into pubic comments, let us know.