

Case file T3-20220-16220

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My name is John Edmondson. I am the chairperson of the Pleasant Home Community Association. I will speak to the character of the area and how it will affect my household. Attorney Kleinman is representing our association and I will let him speak about our concerns regarding land use.

My wife and I have lived on Carpenter Lane for the past nine years. As a child my family would travel from Rhode Island to visit family in Oregon. Usually the day after we arrived, my dad would take the family (siblings and cousins) to Mt. Hood in our station wagon so we could slide down the glacier, have snowball fights, and drink water coming from the spring on of the side of mountain. We had a grand time and I remember it well.

In my late 60's I met my wife who at the time lived in Boring, OR and we were married at Timberline Lodge in 2012. We searched for a home with a view of Mt. Hood, and we found it here on Carpenter Lane. Carpenter Lane is a place where the neighbors feel safe to walk. Neighbors walk with their children and grandchildren, and pets, plus because there is a stable on this lane, there are people who ride their horses on it. Our home has a direct view of Mt. Hood and will likely have a view of the filtration plant if approved.

I turned 80 this past Monday and likely will spend the last days of my life experiencing double dump trucks moving earth to and from the site, we will experience vibration from pile driving, construction trucks going up and down our narrow road that is ravaged with potholes.

This is not what I envisioned my retirement and my last days to be. I fear my natural years will end during the construction of this project. A project I never envisioned being dumped in the middle of this quiet community. Instead, I envisioned working in my small garden, tending my fruit trees, walking my black lab puppy, sipping coffee, and looking at my mountain with my wife and my dog while sitting on our bench in our backyard. Instead, this mega project will obstruct my view of Mt. Hood.

My quiet life will be overrun with traffic on our narrow roads. We will have to fence our property to protect our puppy from the construction and workforce traffic. The noise, dust and pollution will curtail my backyard birdwatching and bird feeding (9 feeders and 10 birdhouses).

I would try to accept this if it were PWB's only site. There are better sites and in fact this was not their first selection. There is a better solution to the problem of cryptosporidium. There are better site selections and there are cheaper ways to meet Portland's needs.

Instead, they chose to destroy our small community with a Super Ego project all the time lying to us in the community that it is a "done deal", trying to coerce us into signing off onto this project as a "good neighbor" and giving access to our property. This project is just plain wrong!