

Dear planners,
We have been informed of an application for a zone change at 6141 SW 61DR. We did not receive anything from Metro or the county regarding this change and hope that everyone else in this area did receive notice.

This zone change application is not a surprise because the owner of the property had cut many large trees on the property (unfortunate, because of the wooded nature of our street and the freeway noise blocking properties that the trees afforded).

We are located at 1651 SW 61st Dr., just two lots up the hill from this property and have been here since 1970.

There are two main objections that we believe should be considered:

- The proposed multi-occupancy building would be accessed by a driveway onto 61st Drive. This is a winding street, with no shoulders, that I walk the length of daily with my dog. It is subject already to much cut-through traffic heading to the existing large apartment complex in neighboring Washington County and parents dropping off and picking up kids from East Sylvan middle school which is two blocks away. I have had numerous near misses when cars speed around the blind curves on their way up and down the hill. This road was not built for the traffic that currently uses it, much less a big influx of drivers.

- My second objection is the impact on property values. We have spent years of labor and money improving our home and had an extensive remodel done when we retired, 14 years ago. We hope to spend many more years here. This is an extremely stable neighborhood, where we rarely see a home sold unless someone dies! All the homes have large lots; with an acre we are one of the smaller properties. There is an extensive riparian zone that allows most of our property to be devoted to trees, deer, coyotes, bobcats and vegetation. There are many high-value properties on our street that would be negatively impacted by a multi-occupancy property at the foot of the hill.

Please consider our objections and those of our neighbors when you weigh this decision.

Thank you,
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