

OVERLOOK NEIGHBORS FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

Current no-onsite parking policy does nothing to address the limitations and fragility of our narrow neighborhood streets and puts the safety and livability of our neighborhood at risk.



Please, slow down and stop fast-tracking these projects.

For projects already underway, consider permitting and law enforcement strategies that place parking restrictions on apartment residents who introduce new cars into our neighborhood.

For future projects, introduce new provisions into zoning code to mitigate the safety and livability issues that these no-onsite parking projects introduce.

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City Council Presentation – v2.4

1. So here's what we've got:
2. The Overlook Triangle, a cul-de-sac with about 400 homes
3. Bluffs on two sides that dry each summer to create a fire hazard
4. Traffic flowing in and out of our cul-de-sac onto Interstate Ave
5. On Interstate Ave: businesses,
6. motels,
7. the Polish church,
8. a new 165 unit apartment,
9. and the Interstate Kaiser Permanente campus.
10. Two parks: a small one up top, a big one at the bottom
11. Our concerns are down here on Interstate and N Overlook:
12. On Interstate we see: The main entrance to the Kaiser campus
13. The Palms motel, the largest on Interstate
14. The Overlook Park Max Station
15. Single lane traffic flowing north and south
16. with heavily used bikes lanes on the right
17. On N Overlook: Visibility up Interstate is obstructed by the Palms
18. Driveways from Kaiser and the Palms turn onto N Overlook for Interstate access
19. Commuters parking by the Max station reduce 2-way traffic to a single lane
20. ~~Bicycle~~ Greenway cyclists merge to and from the Interstate bike lanes
21. NOW, at the site of these two homes marked in red: Conduct an experiment.
22. Plop in a dense, 65 unit apartment building with no onsite parking.

23. Find out how many apartment residents and visitors park their cars on our streets
24. Find out how many of our narrow streets fill up to support only one-way traffic
25. Find out if sanitation, delivery and utility trucks can still accomplish their tasks. Find out how quickly emergency vehicles can negotiate our streets to fight a fire or get someone to the hospital
26. Find out how greenway cyclists coexist with cars and car doors on our congested streets
27. Find out if our children can be safe playing in the neighborhood, crossing our streets or riding their bikes
28. Find out how far park users will lug their coolers for a picnic
29. or sports equipment for a kickball game
30. Find out whether there is enough parking available to support the Polish Festival and Organic Brewers Festival
31. Now, fast forward a year or two to a second experiment when the Palm Motel gets redeveloped. Its EXD zoning and proximity to the same Max station also allows development with no onsite parking.
32. Potentially, the sheer size of the development could introduce hundreds of cars into our neighborhood. Now, much of our cul-de-sac is gridlocked with unsafe 1-way streets...

The current no onsite parking policy does nothing to address the limitations and fragility of our narrow neighborhood streets and puts the safety and livability of our neighborhood at risk.

Please, slow down and stop fast-tracking these projects

For projects nearing completion, implement permitting programs that place parking restrictions on apartment residents who introduce new cars into our neighborhood.

For future projects, redraft zoning code with new provisions to mitigate the safety and livability issues that these no onsite parking projects introduce.

We're asking for your help.

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From: Gary Davenport [onrg@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 8:21 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Overlook request for 3 minute slot starting at 9:30 on Sept 12

Hi Karla,

I got sign off from the folks I wanted to hear back from. I'd prefer not to be the last of the five slots, but will take whatever is left. I hope I'm not too late!

Following is the topic and a brief description of what I will be speaking about:

The Overlook Apartment Logjam

Each neighborhood in Portland is unique. Introducing a large apartment building with no parking in the NE corner of Overlook Park will create a logjam negatively impacting Overlook residents, park users, commuters, bike riders, and festivals in the area. Problems unique to the Overlook neighborhood will be discussed.

Thanks,
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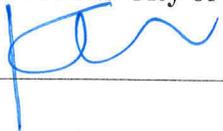
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Request of Gary Davenport to address Council regarding apartment building with no parking and problems unique to the Overlook neighborhood (Communication)

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