

RE: Zoning change request for 6141 SW Canyon Court (R326696)

Planning and Sustainability Commission:

I am writing in support of the Sylvan-Highlands Neighborhood Association's (SHNA) communication to urge the commission to deny the proposed zoning change from R20 to Multi-Family 2,000.

In addition to the well-reasoned summary provided by the association, I'd like to provide a personal prospective as a long time resident in the affected area.

I live on Yamhill Drive – a dead end street with SW 61<sup>st</sup> as the only access/egress. SW 61<sup>st</sup> has not been upgraded (except for speed bumps paid for by residents) in all the time I've lived here, ~ 20 years.

As NW folk generally do – we walk (including pets), run and bike on this road (with no shoulder or sidewalk) - residents are cognizant of safety issues. However, when Barnes Road is clogged – we already get a lot of traffic cutting through to Sylvan on SW 61<sup>st</sup> – generally not paying attention to speed or watching for or expecting to see anyone on the road. In winter, if there is snow or ice, there is no plowing so cars can be abandoned and the road is generally impassible. And unfortunately, there is no easily accessible public transportation.

It's clear that a multi-unit development on Canyon Court will add to the traffic on SW 61<sup>st</sup> in particular and will be a detriment to the neighborhood, and more specifically create a safety hazard.

Again, I urge you to deny the requested zoning change.

Thank you for your consideration,

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