

Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission Public Hearing

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I am the Land Use Chair for the St. Johns Neighborhood Association, and have closely followed the discussion around the proposed Street Vacation of Round Ivy Island in St. Johns. I believe that the redesign of the intersection will put it in line with the design outlined in the St. Johns/Lombard plan, and make the intersection safer for pedestrians, increasing neighborhood walkability. SJNA has discussed the project with the developer, Jones Architecture, and believe they will create an appropriate gateway to the neighborhood. We would prefer that the developer would make a stronger commitment to including some affordable housing options in the project, and if there were a mechanism in place to require affordable housing as a condition of approval, we would support that. In the absence of such tools, the public property being vacated in exchange for the traffic improvements is still a net positive for the community, and I support it.