

To whom it may concern

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I have lived in Sellwood in the same house for 27 years.

My house was built in 1928 and has all the charm, character and soul of that era. What appealed to me then, was the small town feeling, the alive community, the beautiful neighborhood, charming homes, magnificent trees and being able to walk safely in beautiful streets.

It is what appealed to me, and it is what I still want for Sellwood.

It is an historic area and was founded in 1883 with 13th street and Milwaukie avenue at its center.

It needs a design overlay like other neighborhood have such as St Johns, Kenton and Mississippi.

Let's not ruin the heritage it gives us by having too modern, cookie cutter development in our beloved neighborhood (like the black box next to Gastro pub on Milwaukie avenue).

It surely does deserve a design overlay before developers ruin the character of it and it loses its charm and history forever.

Thank you

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