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I am submitting this testimony for the Westmoreland/Sellwood neighborhood recommending design overlay protection for our community. In particular, I would recommend SE Milwaukie and SE 13th Avenues for the overlay protection, as well as SE 17th Avenue and SE Bybee Blvd. These streets represent the core of our connected neighborhoods.

This protection is needed to retain the livability and historic character of the area. SE Milwaukie Avenue still retains its old streetcar rails under the pavement – alluding to the historical nature of the neighborhood.

Sadly, we are seeing ugly and huge multi-story apartment buildings – many without parking - sprouting up throughout our neighborhood that tower over the existing bungalows. These buildings are abominations. The developers appear to be out of control with no concern for the future of our community.

As a longtime resident of the Westmoreland neighborhood, I whole heartedly recommend a design overlay for our community. Other neighborhoods such as St. Johns, Kenton, Mississippi have a design overlay; I believe SE 13th and SE Milwaukie Avenues have earned the same respect.

I hope you take my testimony into consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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