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**To:** [Ballew, Cassie](#)  
**Subject:** proposed storage facility on SE 62nd and Powell  
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Re: Appeal from STNA on Proposed storage facility on SE 62nd Ave. and Powell Blvd.

Date: February 9, 2018

From: Trisha Parks, 3212 SE 62nd. Ave.

To: Cassandra Ballew and Design Commission

After attending the hearing where STNA (South Tabor Neighborhood Association) made our appeal for design adjustments, I realized that many details and contradictions were not being heard or represented. Thankfully the commissioners asked some perceptive questions.

I was appalled at PDOT's lack of full disclosure (current driveways) or correct information (not a aware of real traffic issues on 62nd and Powell). One does not need to be an engineer to understand the challenges of this intersection. One only needs to be a daily traveler, season after season, to know the efficient and safe way to route traffic at this intersection.

The proposed storage unit in no way meets the criterion for compatibility with the neighborhood (33.130.030 G). The proposed placement of the large, loud, rolling, metal, "loading doors," are positioned right next one neighbor's home and yard and the second is across from a residential driveway. The impact of these loading doors with truck thruways would be monumental and forever negatively impact the homeowners' quality of life.

The current plan for the driveway on 62nd does not keep truck traffic out of residential areas. (Outer Southeast Community Plan, part of Portland's Comprehensive Plan) Nor does the plan protect our homes from noise, idling trucks, harmful emissions, and smells. (33.262.050). The proposed entrance on 62nd will be dangerous to car, bike, and pedestrian traffic. The "hammer head," park and turn around area is on the north side of the facility next to homes instead of the south side which would prevent many of the noise and smell concerns.

The height of the building is out of character in our neighborhood and surrounding development on Powell. (33.284.050 A) The proximity to homes will result in a blocking of sunlight and permanent decline of homeowner's gardens and yards.

The previous business, 7 Dees, at Powell and 62nd Ave, maintained busy commerce for years without a negative impact to the neighborhood. Why is the current and oversized storage plan so far off base in terms of "good neighbor" criterion?

Important points to consider:

- Traffic flow into 7 Dees was high (March-October) with very little impact in the neighborhood due to the existing entrance and exit on Powell.
- Traffic from the 7 Dees Nursery did not negatively impact the narrow 62nd Ave. due to a south side parking lot.
- Truck/tractor noise and emissions were a nonissue with the entrance/exit and parking on Powell Blvd.
- A small-format Target Store is being built on Powell at SE 30th. The entrance/exit and parking will be on Powell Blvd, just like business before it.
- Powell Blvd. has some unique turn around areas. There are two close to the 62nd and Powell location (60th/61st and 64th/66t with a traffic light). When large trucks need to adjust direction (East to West or West to East on Powell) they may do so safely without traversing the residential streets.
- Entrance/Exit, and parking on Powell works for all businesses on Powell.
- There are no three-story businesses or residents on Powell

Please listen to the voices of those who live and work here. Please grant our appeal to overturn the current design decisions.