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Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Design Overlay Zone Amendments, Recommended Draft**

I'm requesting that the design overlay along N Rosa Parks Way be extended through the N Denver and N Rosa Parks intersection as that intersection is the main pedestrian scale commercial core of the Arbor Lodge neighborhood. At a minimum, I'd like to request that commercial development be required for ground-level use throughout this intersection. Development at this intersection will significantly impact the pedestrian experience of the neighborhood. Ignoring pedestrian-focused requirements at the ground level and not requiring ground level commercial below residential use on those corners would drastically hinder this vital commercial node's function within the neighborhood. Right now, this intersection is the main destination for walking and biking families in the area as it doesn't have the heavy car traffic, larger width streets, and proximity to highway on-ramps that are present on the N Interstate and N Rosa Parks intersection. When I want to walk with my children somewhere for dinner or to buy a cup of coffee, this corner at N Denver is where I go.

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