

Dear Commissioner Chris Smith,

Thank you for your remarks concerning Multnomah Village at yesterday's (27-Jan-2015) workshop. As a resident of Multnomah neighborhood it is my strong desire that Multnomah Village be designated a Neighborhood Corridor and not as a Neighborhood Center. Our neighborhood association has submitted letters and testimony in support of this wish, and so has the SWNI coalition. To me it is outrageous that the express desires of the people that live here have been ignored by the PSC.

The city planners have told us repeatedly that the distinction between "center" and "corridor" will make no difference, and that they have no current plans to alter the existing zoning anyway. This is clearly shown to be untrue by the steadfast stance BPS has taken against the express will of the people that live here!

Planners also frequently refer to the desire to "complete" Multnomah neighborhood, and I agree that it would be great to have a real grocery store and real hardware store in Multnomah Village, which IS within walking distance of the entire neighborhood. Yet I see nothing in the plan that can encourage such establishments to locate here.

Instead we continue with the blunt instrument of existing zoning rules that cannot distinguish between a 14-pump gas station and a grocery store, as witnessed by the recent construction of such a facility right next to an apartment building on Barber Blvd.

Please do what you can to designate the Multnomah neighborhood as a corridor and not as a center.

Also, please add this letter to the record.

Sincerely,
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