

TO: Sherwood Planning Commission
Hearing for the Sherwood Cannery PUD
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Sherwood Planning Department

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MESSAGE: Julia, please add these comments to the record for the Sherwood Planning Commission and the City Council to read. This is regarding the Sherwood Cannery Square land use application, PUD, subdivision, etc. (PUD 09-01, PA 09-05, SUB 09-02).

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Most of the concerns were about the apartment building proposed for the area to the east of Pine Street and the parking planned for the entire development. Whether the city acknowledges it or not, we have a parking problem now, (business owners have trouble finding a place to park, especially in the winter time), and adding an additional 350 to 500 cars to the daily mix will create a traffic nightmare, not just for Old Town, where it will impact customer access, but for Willamette Street, too. The plan as presented now calls for an apartment complex of a 101 units with parking spaces for 109 cars with half of those for compact cars.

This is not only poor planning, but unrealistic! Very few apartments, anywhere, have only one person living in them. Most will have two people, and two cars. Where will they park the second car, and what about their friends and visitors? One suggestion was that the apartment dwellers would be at work during the day freeing up their spaces! Don't most condos and apartments have only assigned, or permitted parking for their units? Most of the people will be parking all over the neighborhood streets. We know what its like during a big event, or festival, it will be like that every day.

What ever happened to the plan to make the Arts and Community Center the focus for the Old Town re-development? And the money set aside to pay for it? The old machine shop has been discussed as an art center, and while not perfect, would be a start. However, on the current plans its use is listed as "undetermined". Also, didn't we approve the plan to build upscale buildings along the railroad tracks with living quarters above and shops below? Whose idea was it to build an apartment building there, with no amenities and inadequate parking? The community center, alone, should have enough parking for all of the events, classes, and live performances our citizens have shown that they need, and will support. We need the financial boost, and the excitement, expanding arts programs will bring to Sherwood.

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Women's group to host Christmas event

The Newberg Women's Connection is hosting a special Christmas evening on Dec. 14 at Sleighbells of Sherwood, 23855 S.W. 195th

Three Tonquin Trail open houses set in December

Three Tonquin Trail Master Plan open houses will be held in December to help shape the future of the trail that will connect Tualatin, Sherwood and

Chambers Building 18880 SW Martinazzi Ave. Co-hosted with Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee

Wednesday, Dec. 9 6 to 8 p.m. Wilsonville City Hall, 20700

Commission

Thursday, Dec. 10 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sherwood Community Room,

Sherwood City Hall 22560 SW Pine St., Sherwood Co-hosted with the city of

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For more information about the Tonquin Trail Master Plan, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/tonquintrail or contact Michelle Miller, Sherwood associate city

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