

**From:** [Bill Galaway](#)  
**To:** [Erika Palmer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Sherwood West Interested Parties List -- Community Advisory Committee Meeting  
**Date:** Friday, August 6, 2021 9:53:25 AM  
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Hi Erika;

Thanks for providing the information regarding CAC meeting #3. I have a few public comments:

1. Vision Statement - I am bothered by the phrase "high-paying" jobs. What is the definition of high paying jobs? Does this preclude restaurants being built in Sherwood West? Those jobs are not considered high paying. If a hotel is built in this area, the janitorial staff will not be high paying jobs. Perhaps a change to good paying or well paying jobs is less restrictive.
2. Goals - A proposed wording change. "The area is designed **to be** integrated into Sherwood's heritage and existing pattern of growth in order to preserve the small-town feel."

I agree with the statement. However, we must recognize the barrier imposed by Highway 99W. That barrier is only going to get worse over time. Amenities in Sherwood West should be developed to insure that residents do not have to cross the highway in order to utilize the amenities. This includes shopping, restaurants, parks, schools, etc.

3. Employment areas - I believe the areas designated for employment are correct, with the possible exception of the small area next to the high school. However, I disagree with the desire not to include light manufacturing in these areas. We should not have to cross 99W to get to work. Light manufacturing does not have to be warehousing.

4. Public Comments - I have two concerns:

A. The lack of discussion concerning the input provided by Marc Farrar was troubling. While I recognize the Metropolitan Land Group has a vested interest in seeing this process completed, not discussing the points he was making felt dismissive.

B. The fact that only Marc Farrar provided public input is also troubling. It is possible the output of the first two meetings did not provide enough information for the general public to comment. Meeting #3 certainly did in my opinion. We should do everything possible to get the public to be involved. How many residents are on your "interested parties" list?

5. One final question - has the city or the committee determined the criteria for "in person" meetings? I believe these would be beneficial for both the committees and the public in seeing and listening to what is going on in our city.

Thanks again, Erika.

Bill Galaway  
Sherwood Resident

On 8/5/2021 1:42 PM, Erika Palmer wrote:

Sherwood West Interested Parties List,

You can watch the Community Advisory Committee #3 online on the City's YouTube Channel by clicking on the following link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KO3obA5F24>

The project page will be updated with the final packet of materials and presentation tomorrow (8/6). The project page can be found here:  
<https://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/planning/page/sherwood-west-preliminary-concept-plan-re-look>

The agenda and packet for the CAC meeting #3 was posted online on 7/27/2021 and also sent to the interested parties list on 7/28/2021 but can be found here:  
<https://www.sherwoodoregon.gov/pc/page/sherwood-west-cac-meeting-1>

As always, if you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

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**From:** [Colleen Resch](#)  
**To:** [Erika Palmer](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment – CAC Meeting #4, Sept. 8, 2021  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 10:46:27 AM

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**From:** Brian Belet <>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 3:05 PM  
**To:** Colleen Resch <ReschC@SherwoodOregon.gov>  
**Cc:** Brian Belet <>  
**Subject:** Public Comment – CAC Meeting #4, Sept. 8, 2021

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Preface: I request that this email comment be viewed as a citizen comment, that it be shared with members attending this meeting as well as the mayor and city council, and that it be included in the record for this meeting (Community Advisory Committee Meeting #4, September 8, 2021).

My wife and I live in the Oregon Trail division just north of Edy Road, and only a few yards away from the boundary of the proposed Sherwood West development area. We moved to Sherwood last summer from another state following my retirement from academia. We chose Sherwood, and specifically this area on the very edge of town, for its quiet, its closeness to the wild lands and agricultural fields, and for the absence of industrial development. The entire premise of the Sherwood West development plan runs contrary to why we moved here. As a result, we are already discussing selling and moving away, which would be a shame since we otherwise truly like Sherwood and the expanded rural areas west and south.

With this preamble it will come as no surprise that I oppose the Sherwood West development plan in its entirety. Why not just embrace the agricultural, rural, and other wild areas that currently occupy this map area? The open lands surrounding the new high school are just fine as they are, and they provide a quiet and nurturing context for students' learning and personal development. There are numerous vacant spaces in existing industrial buildings and strip malls (note the unending succession of "For Lease" signs all over town), and also empty lots in other areas of Sherwood already in business zones, that can easily accommodate business development for many years to come. These sites are already serviced by utilities and roads, so there is very little to do in order to attract new suitable businesses to these areas. Sherwood West is simply not needed for industrial business purposes. Residential housing deserves study, but there is no need for the full area of the current mapped plan to be utilized.

One aspect of this activity is usually overlooked. Most city councils view growth and adding to the tax base as inevitable, even 'natural' processes. I note that the CAC Meeting Packet on Page 7 ("Goals and Evaluation Criteria") includes the inserted phrase "...natural extension of Sherwood...." There is nothing natural about this stance at all; it is a human invention that is prone to error just as is any other endeavor. The change of annual seasons, each of us growing another year older, wishing for health and safety for our family and community – these are natural things. I request that we not embark on any city discussion with the assumption that urban growth, removing wild lands, and adding industrial development to an otherwise beautiful area is natural in any way. It is a choice, and choices always have consequences, both intentional and unintentional.

Putting the overall Sherwood West development plan aside for a moment, there are two items included in the CAC Meeting Agenda as related street issues that I wish to address: Topic #3 – Draft Plan Concepts: Livable and Connected Streets, and Elwert Road Design Concept. Edy Road really needs to be resurfaced. The current asphalt surface is rough and therefore extremely noisy. Traffic on this road creates a constant roar, one that far exceeds the tire noise from other, smoother surfaces. I have not encountered another road this rough and noisy anywhere in Sherwood or our adjoining communities. A new surface would be a wonderful improvement to the daily quality of life in this area of town.

The other item is the intersection of Edy Road and Elwert Road. This intersection is extremely dangerous and needs immediate attention. While the old four-way stop sign arrangement was annoying, it did slow everyone down. The new traffic lights invite drivers on Elwert, in both directions, to speed through the intersection at 60mph or more! When trying to make a right turn on red from Edy onto northbound Elwert, a driver has to slowly edge quite a ways out onto Elwert in order to gain a clear line of sight. All too often an oncoming car with the right of way blasts by just inches in front of the car on Edy. I have encountered this scenario weekly, and I fear that someone is going to get killed in a collision there. While I am usually the last person to advocate for removing majestic old trees, in this case I think that several trees on the south side of the intersection need to be removed in the interest of driver safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** Maddie Gavel-Briggs <> **Sent:** Sunday, September 5, 2021 6:59 PM  
**To:** Colleen Resch <ReschC@SherwoodOregon.gov>  
**Cc:** Patrick R Briggs <> **Subject:** Sherwood west - a sad, terrible development

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Hello,

My husband and I live in Sherwood off of Sunset near Snyder Park. We're upset about this huge development planned for near the new high school. Uprooted trees, displaced animals, sprawl, traffic, ugly cookie cutter hovels crammed up against each other, and the loss of more open land. For what? For a dribble of property taxes? To make developers happy? The illusion of endless growth and resources for more people is unraveling before our eyes. Sherwood would best be served by taking care of its seniors and marginalized before rolling out the suburban stepford red carpet with no plans for how to sustain it.

Regards,

Maddie Gavel-Briggs  
Patrick Briggs  
Sherwood

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.