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November 9, 2019

RE: 13th Street sidewalk repair and tree well installation. File No. GLUA-19-00040/Pl-19-00001

The McLoughlin Neighborhood Association met and discussed the City of Oregon City's land use application. MNA submits the following comments on the above listed application.

We generally endorse the city's plan to renovate the 13th Street sidewalk and plant seven street-level trees, plus three on the grass terrace above. The needed sidewalk repairs will improve pedestrian safety. Also, the tree planting will enhance the appearance of the property at street-level, and from the eight residences that have direct views of the park. The oak trees on the upper grass level will also shade the play area that is heavily used by children and park visitors.

The proposal would not conflict with our interests if the changes noted below are included as part of a revised proposal.

- Page 61 of the application is the only place in the document that describes the tree species, size, and total number to be replanted. This page describes five street-level trees, plus three on the upper grass terrace. In other places the application describes seven tree wells at curb level, with no mention of the planting above. We request that page 61 be edited to reflect the larger number—seven trees at curb level with three above (on the grass terrace).
- Eight homes have direct view of this city park. The sudden removal of the large mature trees with all the benefits they provided is still sharply felt by all these city residents. While we do appreciate this proposal's specification of larger-than-minimum tree sizes, we ask that the city consider going one step larger. The three red oaks could be specified at 4-1/2" caliper.

Thank you for your consideration of these changes.

Sincerely,

Curt Reesor, MNA Steering Committee
on behalf of the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association

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