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From: Chris Goodell <chrisg@aks-eng.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:46 AM
To: Soppe, Tom
Subject: FW: Willamette Neighborhood Association Meeting

Tom:

Please enter the below forwarded email from Elizabeth Smolens (Willamette Neighborhood Association neighborhood meeting attendee) into the record for tonight's planning commission hearing for Renaissance at West Linn Subdivision.

I can bring hardcopies if you would like me to. Please let me know.

Thank you.

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From: Elizabeth Smolens <smolense@gmail.com>
Date: April 1, 2014 at 6:34:12 PM CDT
To: Amy Schnell <aschnell@renaissance-homes.com>
Subject: Re: Willamette Neighborhood Association Meeting

Hi Amy,

I won't be able to attend the meeting tomorrow. I am happy to give you my take on the drive ways to present at the meeting.

1. The homes are on a slope. I think it will look odd and be awkward for homes to share a driveway on a slope (the driveway will be lower or higher for one or other home). When I see these types of driveways, they always detract from the curb appeal of a home. I believe it will make the properties feel more crowded and "all about the driveway and the cars in them". I think you will be dissapointed with the outcome.

2. I would hesitate to pay the cost of a home and taxes one has to pay in West Linn for a single family home that shares a driveway with the home next door. I would want my own driveway.
3. I can't believe that 4 driveways would create a problem with traffic on that part of Ostman anymore than 2 driveways; with 8 or more cars to handle.
4. If there are more than 2 cars at the home or visitors, it will be possible to park them in 4 driveways instead of two and avoid the unneighborly responses to the driveways being blocked by visiting cars. This is a much better option than having lots of cars parked on that slop on Ostman.
5. I think widening Ostman in front of the homes (recessed curb for cars), single driveways, and good sidewalks are a better plan.

Cheers, Beth