

Testimony to West Linn Planning Commission for Community Comments on
July 17th, 2019

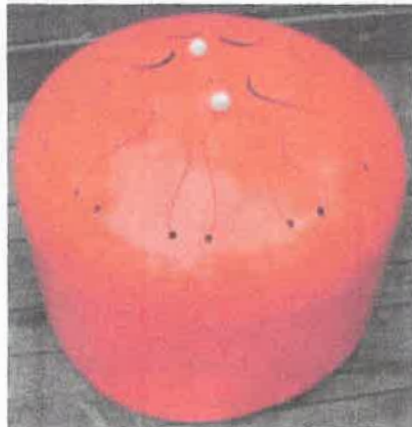
We have been checking the agendas and the tentative schedules for upcoming Planning Commission Meetings and have not seen the Bernert Creek Daylighting topic. Please let us know when it will be on the agenda for an actual Planning Commission Meeting.

The City Council requested both a Hydrology Report and a Feasibility Study/ Cost Estimate and those have been provided by the people.

There also needs to be a review of everything listed for the Natural Play Area in the Savanna because the proposed items were not adequately shown to the Savanna Oaks NA and because a major mistake was made by the City when the Chapters 32.020(A) and 32.060(H) of the CDC code were omitted and not included when the application was filed by the City and heard in August of 2017 by the Planning Commission. An outdoor shower, a mud pit, permanent restrooms, a fort, stone ruins, a landmark tower, sand, drums, xylophones, water play are not compatible with a Significant Wildlife Habitat/Significant Natural Resource. This is what the White Oak Savanna has been listed as in the City funded West Linn Goal 5 Wetland, Riparian, and Wildlife Habitat Inventory which was completed in 2003 and approved by the Oregon Department of State Lands in 2005.

Correcting mistakes is something the citizens expect of our Planning Commission and our elected officials. When Marylhurst Park was being considered the neighbors were consulted late in the process. But because it was brought to the attention of the Council that there had not been adequate transparency, the citizens were finally allowed to have real input before the park was completed. This lack of transparency is happening in the SONA neighborhood this time. Please see the materials that we have sent to you on this issue. Please schedule a PC Meeting and then please let the City Council know that the citizens need to have real input into what happens with the \$600,000 allocated for improvements in the Savanna. Half should go to daylighting Bernert Creek and half for play equipment that is compatible with this Significant Wildlife Habitat called the White Oak Savanna. Please don't let the mistakes of the past continue without correcting them. Please place this testimony in the Public Record. Thank you for your consideration of this request. - Ed and Roberta Schwarz

Savanna Adventure Area - Slides and Zipline



Musical Instruments

Mud Play Zone



Mud Slide - Example

Savanna Adventure Area - Oak Landmark Tower

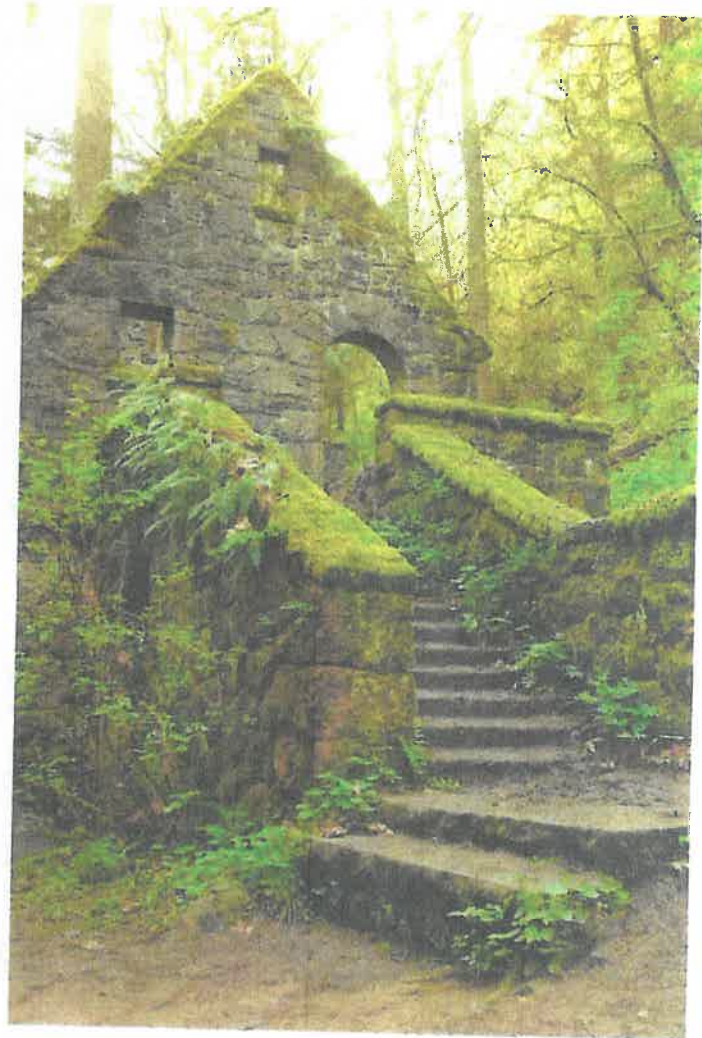


Landmark Tower - Example

Savanna Adventure Area - Stone Ruins



Stone Ruins - Example



Water Play Area



Water Pump and Raised Channel - Example