

RESOLUTION

of the

WILLAMETTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

To the City Council of West Linn:

The Willamette Neighborhood Association respectfully represents as follows:

Whereas vibrant commercial spaces are an essential component of thriving and efficiently-planned communities; and,

Whereas the Willamette Neighborhood had been identified by Metro as a potential Town Center area; and,

Whereas the makeup and characteristics of Metro Town Centers vary widely and are, according to Metro, meant to provide a reference point for local jurisdictions to guide their own aspirations for a center that meets each community's specific needs; and,

Whereas the Willamette Neighborhood Association finds no reason to assume that the associated intergovernmental agreement with Metro binds the City to any predetermined planning or density outcomes; and,

Whereas Town Center guidelines are a worthwhile but not infallible guide to municipal planning; and,

Whereas it is imperative that when using Town Center guidelines to carry out planning activities, the City of West Linn ensures that all associated infrastructure is sufficient to support any new development; and,

Whereas the Willamette Neighborhood Association understands that approving the Arch Bridge - Bolton Draft Plan policy document makes no binding changes to zoning, the Community Development Codes, or the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the Willamette Neighborhood Association reserves the ability to express concern and opposition to these changes in the future; and,

Whereas approval of the policy document represents only a first step in a multi-year process of future planning that demands continued prudence, vigilance, public involvement, and ongoing careful consideration of infrastructure needs; now, therefore,

Be it resolved:

1. It is the position of the Willamette Neighborhood Association that given measured consideration of future development, town center planning can be a smart and efficient way of creating a vibrant and well-balanced community; and,
2. This position is predicated on the City ensuring that sufficient infrastructure is provided for prior to approving any resulting new development; and,
3. In furthering to goals of the Arch Bridge - Bolton Draft Plan, the Willamette Neighborhood Association asks that the City take appropriate measures that would enhance and honor the cultural and historic value of the area; and,
4. A copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the West Linn City Council and recorded in the minutes of the Willamette Neighborhood Association.

Resolved on December 10, 2014.



Michael Selvaggio, Chair