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Re: LU32023-00260 Beaverton High School

Steve Regner

I am writing this letter in response to the proposed demolition of the Merle Davies historic landmark.

I adamantly disapprove of the proposal to demolish this historic landmark.

Reason one. This was a building chosen to be put on the historic landmark to *“preserve, enhance, and perpetuate landmarks and districts which represent or reflect elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, and architectural history and to promote the use of historic districts and landmarks for the education, pleasure, housing and public welfare of the City's current and future citizens.”* Development Code 40.35.05

Reason two.

There are so few historic landmarks left with in Old Town and Central Beaverton. The City needs to keep it's historic landmarks especially this one. So much history shared by thousands.

Reason three.

I believe this structure is a good candidate to be repurposed with lots of possibilities.

1. Community center with a Gymnasium. Has THRPD been contacted?
2. With all of the new restaurants in Old Town This would be a perfect McMenamins type restaurant/hotel. Any RFP's for this?
3. If no developers come forward, then The City should buy it, possible Urban Renewal Funds?

I am asking the Planning Commission to deny the demolition of the Historic Merle Davies grade school.

Thank you

Sincerely

Cal Hamreus Architect.