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To whom it may concern,

My Name is Tambra Slack and my family and I own and reside in 3 of the 5 properties that are on Pointer Road. Two of our properties are on the north end of the easement and face Pointer Road (7380 also shares a property line with the park property.) Our other property (a duplex, 7400 and 7402) also shares a property line with the park property.

We have been involved with the planning and development of the park property since the land was sold to THPRD. We were always assured by THPRD that the property would be developed into a "pocket park" with walk-in access only as there is no public parking available in the area, and that it would be developed as a "green space" style of park. Indeed, there is no parking in the area for a park, or for anyone else, as Pointer Road is a designated bike path that connects Beaverton to downtown Portland. The 5 property owners who have a Pointer Road address, numerous bicycle commuters, pleasure riders, and huge, daily delivery trucks traverse the narrow road, which includes a blind hill, daily.

While this street and area is relatively safe, We have noticed a significant increase in individuals who appear unwell travelling along the bike path to and from downtown Portland. We have seen evidence of small areas where someone has slept and left trash behind. We now have graffiti taggers that pass through and deface fences and signs. We have had to increase the security on our properties with cameras and lights and stronger locks. I now lock the gates to my back yard.

THPRD is now insisting on a more fully devolped park than what they originally promised. They now are insisting on picnic tables, a playground, and water feature.

We are AGAINST THIS! These features will just welcome those who are on the bike path from out of the neighborhood to stay in the space with bad intent. The picnic tables and play structure will likely be tagged with graffiti, people will use the water feature to clean up and get drinking water, and the park will become an attractive nuisance. There are other play structures less than a mile away and they are much more out in the open than where this proposed play structure will be. The areas of the park not visible to Pointer Road will make it more enticing for the wrong kind of use.

We have voiced all of these concerns over the years and THPRD just seems to have an agenda that doesn't appear to us to account for how much the city and neighborhoods have changed since the drug and homeless crisis has developed.

We believe the extensive development of the Pointer Road Park property is going to encourage more problems and vandalism to our properties and to the shared bike path.

We demand the park development be scaled back to a developed greenspace as it was originally proposed to us. THPRD says they want the park to be a meeting place for the neighborhood. But a fully developed park with structures and water, along a bike path that runs from Beaverton to Portland and is already traversed by vandals and those who are unwell, will be a magnet for more problems.

Sincerely,

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