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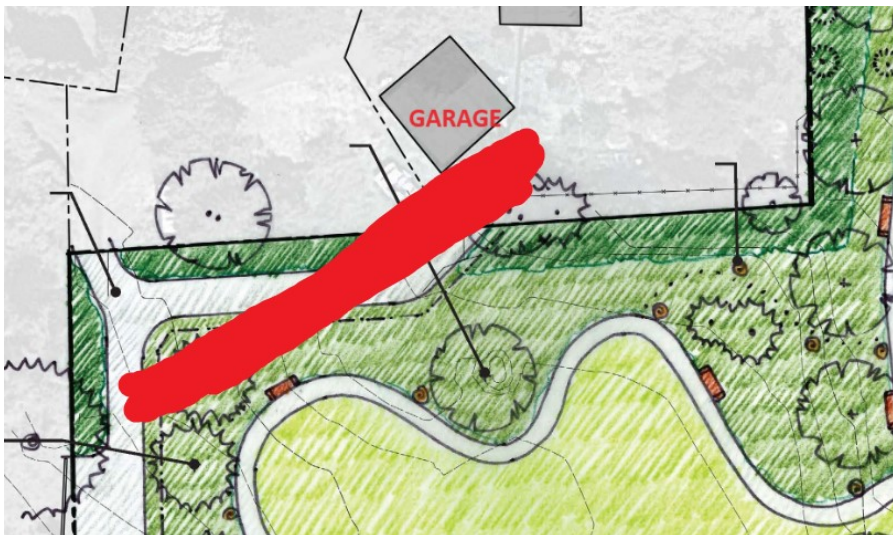
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Kelly Lusk. My address is 7420 SW Pointer Rd, which immediately borders the proposed park. Please allow me to preface this message by saying that I absolutely want a park to be located on SW Pointer Rd. However, there are concerns among the neighbors as to the form of that park.

I possess numerous easements criss-crossing the park area. I intend to resolve the easements issues but have been waiting to see if our concerns have been addressed. Unfortunately, they have not. Please note that, after considering the proposed design, I intend to maintain at least one easement not reflected in the current proposal as submitted to the commission. This easement allows access to the back of my garage. Please note below the easement's approximate location (as shown in red):



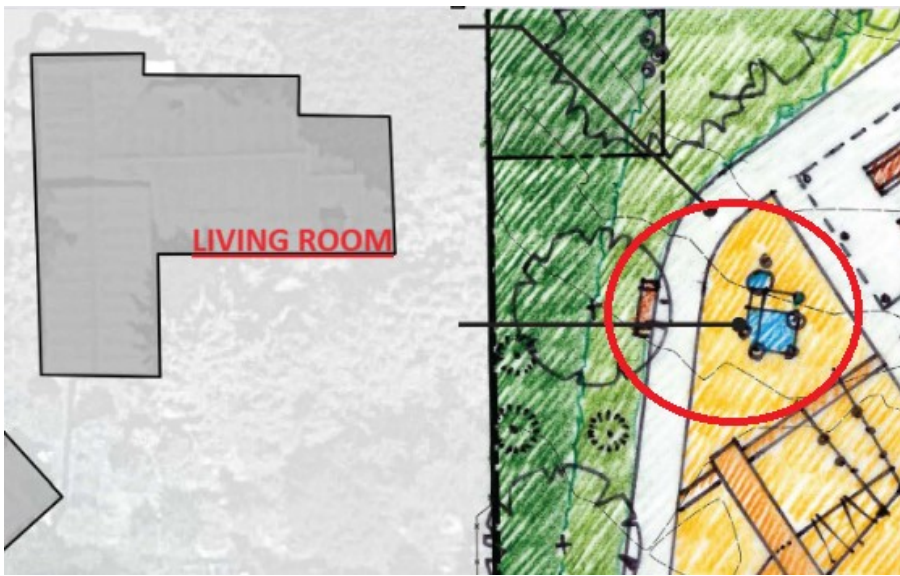
I am hopeful that our messages will be heard by the commission and our concerns can be resolved in a mutually-agreeable manner.

From the beginning, the neighbors immediately next to the park have advocated for a minimally invasive park focused on nature and perhaps a community garden. My understanding was that the community

garden was not an option due to limited parking. While disappointing, it was understandable. I was hoping for minimal design features that would allow nature-based play but no structures that would be invasive to the property surrounding the land. Unfortunately, the park as proposed seems problematic.

One of the main issues is parking. I'm happy to see that there are no parking spots at the actual park as that will eliminate overnight parking problems. But that presents a new issue. There are zero street parking spots for this park, either on the SW Pointer side or the SW Canyon Lane side. I'm not sure how THPRD believes that the ODOT right away along SW Pointer Rd for bikers and pedestrians will not be disrupted. This should not be a destination park but a walk-in park. The amount of features in the proposed design makes it very likely that people will travel to this park, not just locals living next to it. So, parking is an issue that will likely cause headaches for the neighborhood, THPRD and ODOT.

With that said, my main personal concern is the water feature (along with a bench) located **directly next** to my living room as shown below:



I've communicated with THPRD about my concerns. Those concerns were at first lessened after seeing the proposed trough design (which is not actually memorialized anywhere in the application so therefore can be changed). However, after reflection, I still cannot see how this structure would not be disruptive to my family to say the very least. I am strongly advocating that this feature be relocated or completely removed. According to the THPRD representatives, there is nowhere else this feature can be located. If that is the case, I strongly advocate that my family's daily peace not be stolen. I also have strong concerns that this feature will become a cleaning station for the houseless.

Houselessness is at an all time high in our city. This **must** be a consideration for the families in your district. We can't simply hope that readily accessible water will not be used in such a manner. Even if the feature is disabled at night and in the winter, I believe that there is a strong likelihood that this feature will not be for the children but used for sanitation purposes. While I sympathize with those without ready access to water, I would advocate that the money to build this feature instead be used in an area meant for helping the houseless to have water access, such as showers and laundry facilities at homeless shelters.

In addition, lights are an issue for the neighbors. The lights must be thoughtfully placed so as to not disrupt the neighbors. The proposed drawing has zero light locations. If and when lights are required, the neighbor stakeholders must be consulted.

Finally, I am hopeful that the final approved park will not have restrooms. It seems that this is the case at the moment but I would like to note for the record that restrooms would be strongly opposed if added at some point.

In summary, the commission must consider the following: (1) Easements; (2) Water Feature; (3) Lights; and (4) Parking.

I will be appearing to voice my concerns at the public hearing.

Thank you,

Kelly

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