

8635 Cashmur Lane
Portland, OR 97225

Case File: DI2020-0002. Holman's Directors Funeral Home

Lauren,

I am greatly concerned about the Holman Funeral Home and Crematorium's agenda to set up shop on the other side of my fence. There is no question of their intent to provide full service Funeral and Crematorium service and you allowing them a "foot in the door" will only add wind to their sail's to accomplish their destructive agenda.

My property is directly behind the property Holman's purchased and there is no barrier to the amount of intrusion and negative impact it will have on our lives and the lives of the many families living within viewing distance of this business. My neighbor was told they are looking at not only bringing bodies for prep for funerals but would be creating a drop off door in the back area closes to their residential border but will be using noisy forklifts for loading and unloading bodies all hours of the day and night. This is a family neighborhood and no child should have to be exposed to viewing dead bodies when they want to play in their backyard. Further, I understand that they are planning on putting living dwelling apartments for the employees over the business. This would not be necessary if they were not planning on operating in the evening time.

There are tons of Morgue and Funeral home friendly areas that they can setup shop that are in or near industrial parks. Why destroy the integrity of a wonderful West Slope family-oriented neighborhood by parking a morgue and funeral business on a small lot in an area that already has driving and parking congestion problems from the post office and Lexus? I can only image what it will look like when they start holding viewings. That property does not have enough parking there to handle 10 cars and any allowance to have patrons of this business onsite even with attendance limitation provisions in place will just create massive problems for all the neighbors trying to get to and from home, the many school buses that transport kids to Raleigh Park kids and others in that district, and the many commuters that use 87th as a way to get from the Canyon to Beaverton- Hillsdale.

You should be working with planning departments to reduce the congestion, not add to the problems.

I've been to many viewing and huge parking lot are easily overwhelmed by viewing traffic of people paying their last respects when even the most unpopular of people pass. You can't pinpoint how many people will be allowed to pay their last respects and expect that rules will be enforced. You will create a problem of epic proportion by allowing this to move forward. We already get tons of overflow on the surrounding streets in that area like Cashmur from both the Lexus Dealership, the apartment complex and the Post Office surrounding this property. Cashmur and the many other nearby streets are not equipped to handle cars on both sides of the street and still allow traffic to effectively move through.

Just because a business wants to buy into a neighborhood doesn't mean they should be allowed to. That is your job to determine what is good or not good for our neighbors and defend the integrity of the neighborhood. This is a family neighborhood and myself and most of my neighbors have kids that shouldn't have this forced exposure of death daily. I know some people that are considering selling out

if this passes because of the hit to real estate values in the area and loss of family friendliness because of this proposed business.

Please consider what I said and pull the plug on this very bad idea.

Regards,

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