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Fairgrounds Master Plan

1 message

edcameron@hotmail.com <edcameron4@gmail.com>
To: clmiller@co.lincoln.or.us

Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 3:43 PM

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed Fairgrounds Master Plan. I believe any money raised for the proposal would be better spent in investing in low-cost housing for the Newport citizenry than for convention and tourism projects.

Edward Cameron
113 NW Coast St. #1
Newport, Oregon



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Statement re Lincoln County Fairgrounds

1 message

Janet Johnson <peacecoast@gmail.com>
To: clmiller@co.lincoln.or.us

Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 4:00 PM

I regret that I am unable to attend the July 30 meeting regarding plans for Lincoln County Fairgrounds due to health reasons. Please accept the attached and copied statement.

Thank you.
Janet Elizabeth Johnson
Newport

July 30, 2018

Statement about future of Lincoln County Fairgrounds

I am unable to attend the July 30 meeting, so I submit this statement:

I oppose the proposal of an exhibit/convention/multipurpose center on the current Lincoln County Fairgrounds site. The fairgrounds and 4H facilities should be moved to a more rural location because county fairs are designed to promote country activities such as agriculture, animal rearing, crafts, and midway. Locations exist in our county which would welcome the fairgrounds.

As an educator, I have witnessed the need for and support the creation of affordable family housing and community park and garden area for local citizens. The current fairgrounds land is a prime location for family housing near public schools. I envision the area to offer well-insulated homes with solar panels, organic community garden, bike paths and walkways, and community meeting/music/arts and crafts center. Our county needs housing options for its workers and families which would be utilized 24/7 much more than a fairgrounds area used sporadically.

Janet Elizabeth Johnson, M.Ed

556 NE 20th Pl.

Newport, OR 97365

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Fairgrounds redevelopment plan.

1 message

Andrea Scharf <dreams@peak.org>
To: clmiller@co.lincoln.or.us

Sat, Jul 28, 2018 at 9:47 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the development plans for the county fairgrounds. Although it is clearly a project which will benefit Newport, and therefore the use of Newport's transient room tax may be justified (regardless of the merits of the plan itself), it will not benefit the rest of the county. It will certainly not benefit me personally and I doubt that it will benefit the communities of the south part of the county. This is another boondoggle, in my opinion, similar to the recent bond to repair (and oh yes, expand) the Port of Alsea. The benefits are limited but everyone will bear the impact in their property taxes.

I'm tired of it.

I hope the County Commissioners will re-consider their approval and support of this project. It is not in the interests of most county residents. At a time when there are serious housing shortages, families living in cars, limited access to health care, and serious deficiencies in our schools, this is an absurd and obscene commitment of public money and a burden on already over-taxed property owners.

Enough!

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Andrea M. Scharf
[9777 Yachats River Road](#)
[Yachats OR 97498](#)



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Lincoln County Commons

1 message

Bill Posner <bposner@outlook.com>

Sat, Jul 28, 2018 at 3:05 PM

To: "clmiller@co.lincoln.or.us" <clmiller@co.lincoln.or.us>

Dear Mr. Miller

I represent the home owners on NE 4th Street in Newport. Cross streets are NE Avery and NE Benton Streets. This is a well established neighborhood, with a very wide street. Our street leads right to the Newport High School. We are already seeing an increase of traffic as a "short cut" with large trucks, and speeders. It is important to us that this street and the surrounding neighborhoods don't lose the close neighborhood feeling that makes our home, home.

With a larger commons, which is understandable, there should be more control and more stop signs to slow down the traffic. Especially on the corner of NE Avery and NE 4th Street. Drivers use this street as a speedy shortcut, with emphasis on speedy, tearing down the road to 101, or coming up the road at high speeds to avoid traffic. We are concerned the new emphasis on the commons will increase the traffic even more. Please take this into consideration.

Thanks

Bill Posner

245 NE 4th Street, Newport



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Lincoln County Fair Grounds

1 message

Elaine Karnes <karnese@peak.org>
To: clmiller@co.lincoln.or.us

Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 9:29 AM

Lincoln County Commissioners and the Fair Committee:

I believe Lincoln County's plan to develop the fairgrounds with an exhibit hall/ convention center is ill conceived. It is not in the best interest of the citizens of the County to take on this encumbrance in the pursuit of more tourists. There are so many more critical unmet needs in our coastal communities. We do need low-cost housing, improvements to infrastructure and protecting the natural beauty of the area. We do not need more tourists. Thank you for your consideration. It's not too late to make a good decision.

Sincerely,

Elaine Karnes
411 N. W. 16th St.
Newport, Or 97365



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Master Plan redevelopment

1 message

Nolle Rainbow <nollecicoli@gmail.com>
To: clmiller@co.lincoln.or.us

Sun, Jul 29, 2018 at 3:32 PM

County Commissioners

I believe the Master Plan for redevelopment of the fair grounds/commons should be put on hold. I do not want my tax money going for a project to promote tourist like a convention hall which will require enormous maintenance dollars. Let's put it on the ballot and have people vote on it. What about low income housing and moving the fair grounds?

Sincerely,
Nolle Rainbow

Sent from my iPhone



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Fairgrounds

1 message

Leon-Forrest <lfcpro@charter.net>
To: clmiller@co.lincoln.or.us

Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 8:06 AM

To Whom This Might Concern;
I've been a resident of Lincoln County for 42 years, I've always paid my taxes,
And I even used to film the County Commissioners Meetings for local TV!... Gratis!
I am a Musician and I've helped to facilitate various public venues for performances.
Over the decades, I've had an opportunity to play various County Fairs including the
State fair for 5 years running! The point is: I know a little about the spirit of local fairs.

What I know for sure about our County, is that we need a plan to help our poor resident base, including the
homeless...NOT a plan to lead horses and cattle around in circles
In a \$12,000,000 enclosure!!!!

We're NOT an agricultural based culture, the coast never was, and that's the nature and spirit of CountyFairs, so we need
to get over it! Use our resources for something
Sustainable and Useful, NOT STUPID!
I'm tired of paying Property Taxes for stuff I think is DUMB!
Thank you,
Leon-Forrest Caulkins



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Citizen in favor of the "Commons" project

Patricia Shade <pmsshade@gmail.com>
To: clmiller@co.lincoln.or.us

Sun, Aug 19, 2018 at 11:08 AM

Dear Newport City Council,

In favor of the Commons remaining in it's current location for rehabilitation development, and in favor of using Urban Renewal money to enrich the North District in Commons's rehabilitation and development.

- Lincoln County has voted for an improved County Commons, including a funding source (a percent of the hotel room tax.)
- Keeping the Commons at the current location has been debated and studied for years, and Lincoln County voters input has consistently been to keep it at it's current location.
- Plans for public housing, 144 units per this excerpt below (Surf View Village) are apparently planned for other locations, so I do not believe that choosing to redevelop the North District/ The Commons subtracts from more affordable housing coming to the Newport area.

in February 2018, noted that the restricted rent comparable projects in the Dallas, Monmouth, and Independence area had an average vacancy of 0.5%. Only one of these comparable projects had any vacancy and most projects maintain waitlists.

Surf View Village	Newport	Commonwealth Development Corporation of America
110 Units	LIFT \$10,945,000	Serving Rural Communities
Surf View Village is new construction of 110 units in Newport. There will be 24 one-bedroom units, 42 two-bedroom units and 44 three-bedroom units affordable to residents earning at or below 60% of area median income. There is high need for affordable housing in Newport, as it has seen almost no new multifamily housing developed in the last 15 years and rental vacancy rates have fallen to almost 0%.		
Gateway Workforce and Hermiston Family Housing	Portland/Hermiston	Northwest Housing Alternatives
207 Units	\$15,525,000	Serving Communities of Color and Rural Communities

This project is new construction of 150 units in Portland and 48 units in Hermiston in a scattered site development.

-It is not a desirable area for high density housing.

The Commons property is in a predominately business area, with the noise from nearby manufacturing making it a less desirable area for full time living (housing.) In addition to noise, the Commons property may not be suitable for more residential use because it was a dump site in the distant past, and expensive work to stabilize some of the property may be required if used for high density housing.

The testimony at the 7/30/18 Urban Renewal Agency (see minutes below,) were overwhelmingly in **favor** of keeping the Commons at it's current location.

https://thecityofnewport.granicus.com/DocumentViewer.php?file=thecityofnewport_798402b0-efeb-4c5a-8412-31c8516dc3.pdf&view=1

or watch the entire 7/30/18 URA meeting video at: http://thecityofnewport.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=20&clip_id=205

Here is an excerpt from the 7/30/18 Urban Renewal Agency Minutes, summarizing Commissioner Hall's statements at the meeting, "Commissioner Hall spoke in support of the Commons project. She stated that she lives two blocks from the fairgrounds and was a 4-H parent for a couple of years. She added that not having 4-H animals is a one-year only change so as not to conflict with the Wooden Boat Show. She noted that there has not been a carnival for several years, adding that some of the smaller carnivals are dying off. She stated that the last carnival provided approximately six rides. She added that the Extension Office staff have done many things to make the event attractive to children. She stated that there was good and steady attendance throughout the weekend. She spoke about the "blue ribbon" committee work in looking at alternative sites, noting that those sites did not receive public support because they were not centrally located."

A letter to the editor from July 29, 2018 describes well some of the positives of developing the Commons, including Urban Renewal money:

Please read the letter below, submitted earlier to NewsLincolnCounty:

<http://www.newslincolncounty.com/archives/204461>

"Citizen in favor of the Commons project" which describes many possible benefits of an enriched Commons redevelopment. The addition of Urban Renewal Money could reportedly upgrade sewer, sidewalks, parking and other infrastructure improvements needed for that area to thrive, such as in promoting a year round Farmers Market.

Respectfully submitted,
Par Shade

