

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

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REGARDING: Class 3 Site Plan Review / Class 2 Adjustment / Class 2 Driveway Approach Permit / Class 1 Design Review Case No. SPR-ADJ-DAP-DR24-35

PROJECT ADDRESS: 5871 Liberty Rd S, Salem OR 97306

AMANDA Application No.: 24-116100-PLN

COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

SUMMARY: A proposal for a new 135-unit multi-family housing development.

REQUEST: A consolidated application for a Class 3 Site Plan Review, two Class 2 Driveway Approach Permits, and Class 1 Design Review for the development of a new 135-unit apartment complex, with three Class 2 Adjustment requests to:

- 1) Eliminate the requirement for off-street parking areas not to be located between a building and the street for Buildings 5 and 6 (SRC 702.020(d)(2));
- 2) Eliminate the requirement that the 40 percent buildable width be placed at the setback line for Buildings 6 and 7 along Rise Street (SRC 702.020(e)(4)); and
- 3) Eliminate the requirement to orient buildings towards the street with direct pedestrian access to the street for Buildings 6 and 7 (SRC 702.020(e)(5)).

The subject property is a portion of property approximately 6.7 acres in size, zoned RM-II (Multiple Family Residential-II), and located at 5871 Liberty Rd S (Marion County Assessor's Map and Tax lot number: 083W16C / 600).

The Planning Division is interested in hearing from you about the attached proposal. Staff will prepare a Decision that includes consideration of comments received during this comment period. We are interested in receiving pertinent, factual information such as neighborhood association recommendations and comments of affected property owners or residents. The complete case file, including all materials submitted by the applicant and any applicable professional studies such as traffic impact analysis, geologic assessments, and stormwater reports, are available upon request.

Comments received by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2024, will be considered in the decision process. Comments received after this date will be not considered. *Comments submitted are public record. This includes any personal information provided in your comment such as name, email, physical address and phone number. Mailed comments can take up to 7 calendar days to arrive at our office. To ensure that your comments are received by the deadline, we recommend that you e-mail your comments to the Case Manager listed below, or submit comments online at <https://egov.cityofsalem.net/PlanningComments>*

CASE MANAGER: Jamie Donaldson, Planner III, City of Salem, Planning Division; 555 Liberty St SE, Room 305, Salem, OR 97301; Phone: 503-540-2328; E-Mail: jdonaldson@cityofsalem.net.

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PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING THAT APPLY:

- ☐ 1. I have reviewed the proposal and have no objections to it.
- ☒ 2. I have reviewed the proposal and have the following comments: See attached
- _____
- _____
- _____

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IMPORTANT: IF YOU MAIL COMMENTS, PLEASE FOLD AND RETURN THIS POSTAGE-PAID FORM



Andrea Castañeda, Superintendent

December 17, 2024

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RE: Land Use Activity Case No. SPR-ADJ-DAP-DR24-35, 5871 Liberty Rd S

The City of Salem issued a Request for Comments for a Land Use Case as referenced above. Please find below comments on the impact of the proposed land use change on the Salem-Keizer School District.

IDENTIFICATION OF SCHOOLS SERVING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

The School District has established geographical school attendance areas for each school known as school boundaries. Students residing in any residence within that boundary are assigned to the school identified to serve that area. There are three school levels, elementary school serving kindergarten thru fifth grade, middle school serving sixth thru eighth grade, and high school serving ninth thru twelfth grade. . The schools identified to serve the subject property are:

School Name	School Type	Grades Served
Liberty	Elementary	K thru 5
Crossler	Middle	6 thru 8
Sprague	High	9 thru 12

Table 1

SCHOOL CAPACITY & CURRENT ENROLLMENT

The School District has established school capacities which are the number of students that a particular school is designed to serve. Capacities can change based on class size. School capacities are established by taking into account core infrastructure (gymnasium, cafeteria, library, etc.) counting the number of classrooms and multiplying by the number of students that each classroom will serve. A more detailed explanation of school capacity can be found in the School District's adopted Facility Plan.

School Name	School Type	School Enrollment	School Design Capacity	Enroll./Capacity Ratio
Liberty	Elementary	397	529	75%
Crossler	Middle	784	944	83%
Sprague	High	1,685	2,248	75%

Table 2

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL STUDENTS IN BOUNDARY AREA RESULTING FROM APPROVAL OF LAND USE CASE

The School District anticipates the number of students that may reside at the proposed development based on the housing type, single family (SF), duplex/triplex/four-plex (DU), multi-family (MF) and mobile home park (MHP). The School District commissioned a study by the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments in 2021 to determine an estimate of students per residence, for the Salem-Keizer area, in each of the four housing types. Since the results are averages, the actual number of students in any given housing type will vary. The table below represents the resulting estimates for the subject property:

School Type	Qty. of New Residences	Housing Type	Average Qty. of Students per Residence	Total New Students
Elementary	135	MF	0.164	22
Middle			0.085	11
High			0.096	13

Table 3

POTENTIAL EFFECT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT ON SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

To determine the impact of the new residential development on school enrollment, the School District compares the school capacity to the current enrollment plus estimates of potential additional students resulting from land use cases over the previous two calendar years. A ratio of the existing and new students is then compared with the school design capacity and expressed as a percentage to show how much of the school capacity may be used.

School Name	School Type	School Enrollment	New Students During Past 2 yrs	New Student from this Case	Total New Students	School Design Cap.	Enroll./Cap. Ratio
Liberty	Elem.	397	6	22	28	529	80%
Crossler	Mid.	784	12	11	23	944	86%
Sprague	High	1,685	58	13	71	2,248	78%

Table 4

ESTIMATE OF THE EFFECT ON INFRASTRUCTURE – IDENTIFICATION OF WALK ZONES AND SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Civic infrastructure needed to provide connectivity between the new residential development and the schools serving the new development will generally require roads, sidewalks and bicycle lanes. When developing within one mile of school(s), adequate pathways to the school should be provided that would have raised sidewalks. If there are a large number of students walking, the sidewalks should be wider to accommodate the number of students that would be traveling the

path at the same time. Bike lanes should be included, crosswalks with flashing lights and signs where appropriate, traffic signals to allow for safe crossings at busy intersections, and any easements that would allow students to travel through neighborhoods. If the development is farther than one mile away from any school, provide bus pullouts and a covered shelter (like those provided by the transit district). Locate in collaboration with the District at a reasonable distance away from an intersection for buses if the distance is greater than ½ mile from the main road. If the distance is less than a ½ mile then raised sidewalks should be provided with stop signs where students would cross intersections within the development as access to the bus stop on the main road. Following is an identification, for the new development location, that the development is either located in a school walk zone or is eligible for school transportation services.

School Name	School Type	Walk Zone or Eligible for School Transportation
Liberty	Elementary	Eligible for School Transportation (See Note 2)
Crossler	Middle	Walk Zone (See Note 1)
Sprague	High	Eligible for School Transportation (See Note 2)

Table 5

ESTIMATE OF NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION NEEDED TO SERVE DEVELOPMENT

The School District estimates the cost of constructing new school facilities to serve our community. The costs of new school construction is estimated using the Rider Levett Bucknall (RLB) North America Quarterly Construction Cost Report and building area per student from Cornerstone Management Group, Inc. estimates. The costs to construct school facilities to serve the proposed development are in the following table.

School Type	Number of Students	Estimate of Facility Cost Per Student*	Total Cost of Facilities for Proposed Development*
Elementary	Liberty	\$87,035	\$1,914,770
Middle	Crossler	\$106,854	\$1,175,394
High	Sprague	\$126,672	\$1,646,736
TOTAL			\$4,736,900

Table 6

*Estimates based on average of Indicative Construction Costs from “RLB Construction Cost Report North America Q2 2024”

Note 1. To support safe and connected pedestrian paths for students that walk to school we request completion of pedestrian paths between the subject property to Crossler Middle School at Davis Rd. S via Joynak St. S. Specifically, prior to occupancy, to complete all sidewalks (project side of the streets) along Eagle Dance St S to Big Mountain Av S and Rise St S to Big Mountain Ave S and the entire undeveloped length of Big Mountain Av S to Joynak St. S.

Note 2. To support student transportation to Liberty Elementary and Sprague High Schools via school buses, completely connect the roadway loop to accommodate through travel of school buses from Mildred Ln S to Eagle Dance St. S, to Big Mountain Av. S, to Joynak St. S and back to Mildred Ln. S (or Davis Rd. S.).

Sincerely,

David Fridenmaker
Business and Support Services

c: Robert Silva, Chief Operations Officer, David Hughes, Director of Operations & Logistics, T.J. Crockett, Director of Transportation