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We own the property located at 2391-2399 12th St SE Salem, Oregon adjacent to the East side of "Gilmore Field", the applicants request to have pedestrian lighting eliminated for this site improvement is very concerning to us.

Currently there is no parking area lighting for this location and that has facilitated homelessness, drug activity/needles, graffiti, equipment/vehicle damage, trash dumping at the dumpster and significant theft activity that originates in this non-lighted gravel parking lot, then cross over onto our property as well as the property to the N and S of us on 12th st. Our property fences gates and locks have been cut off as well as the fence damaged as result of crime/homeless activity.

In the last year we have install significant lighting on our property buildings to try and reduce this unwanted activity from continuing to adversely affecting our tenants and reducing unwanted night vandalism-crime and homelessness. The dark areas of our property remain a place where unwanted activity continues.

Site Safety: The required lighting under a Class 3 Site Plan provides for the needed lighting to provide safety to the patrons who will use this parking lot, both for parking their vehicles as well as being a pedestrian during and after the use of the location. Requiring lights for this location would provide the required safety for patron use as well as potentially reduce vehicle crime. There is documented, specific correlation between appropriate lighting providing safety and reducing crime. If you need that documentation please advise us or request Salem City Police for that lighting documentation.

Use: This field hosts significant soccer and baseball events during the Spring, Summer and Autumn months, often these events go into dusk or dark evening times and appropriate lighting is needed in this parking lot location where vehicles are parked or where participants and visitors have parked their vehicles on Hoyt st.

The area is used by local students and visiting schools arriving in school buses of various ages, as well as parents, children, babies, and grandparents who come to see the games or have practices on this widely used field. Without the appropriate area lighting it significantly hinders patrons from have a clear safe path in seeing they're surrounding in vehicle parking, egress as well as seeing pedestrians who might be walking in or around the parking lot.

ADA: According to this Site Plan application it includes parking for ADA classification: The lighting needs for ADA drivers and pedestrians have a significant mobility increase in need to clearly see and maneuver when they use this location. It could involve a ADA handicap ramp use from their vehicle or getting a wheel chair/walker out of their vehicle trunk. Without the required lighting under a Class 3 sit plan it predujudices all ADA class citizens who depend on facility lighting for their safe use of this Public and Private facility. Please contact the local ADA representative for their opinion on how a change from a Site Plan Class 3 to a Site Plan Class 2 which eliminated lighting affects the ability of ADA citizens to safely use this facility.

Conclusion:

We have owned our property on 12th Street for over 30 years, the use of "Gilmore Field " 1150 Hoyt Street SE - 97302 has significantly increased over the years, there has also been a significant increase in area crime, vandalism, homelessness and traffic.

A change from a Class 3 Site Plan to a Class 2 adjustment that eliminates needed lighting for this parking lot demonstrates a lack of first hand knowledge of this location and its public safety concerns for civic/private use. This request gives the appearance that someone is trying to save some money by not desiring to provide the required area lighting for this site improvement. The City of Salem planning department has an opportunity to require this needed lighting for their citizens and guests who visit this location into the future as well as the surrounding property tenants and owners.

As a neighboring property owner we oppose any adjustment to a Class 2 Site Plan that eliminates the lighting needs.

Sincerely,

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