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I have some concerns regarding the housing development proposed on the Meyer Farm land.

1. South Salem and areas to the north of Salem are currently undergoing massive housing developments. All of this building will have a significant effect on the climate of the city. The more building that occurs in and around the city the more it will directly cause higher temperatures in the coming years. Large building projects are a primary cause of global warming. The buildings along with the asphalt streets and cement sidewalks contribute to higher temperatures. The maintenance of streets, night lighting, police and fire protection all put a greater burden on the city budget even if the housing brings in more tax dollars thus syphoning off monies that should be used to help older communities. The removal of "hundreds of trees" as described in the Statesman Journal will have a significant impact on rising temperatures.
2. The builder, Kehoe Northwesst Properties, is a Portland real estate developer. I find it frustrating that Portland developers grab land in and around Salem for development. This means that the money gained from this development doesn't stay in Salem, but rather leaves Salem and supports the city of Portland instead. I would appreciate it if Salem builders would be the ones who develop land in our community. At least the money gained from the development would stay in the Salem area and help our economy.
3. The Meyer Farm land has historic significance. According to the Statesman-Journal newspaper, the Meyer Farm dates back to 1854. The farm buildings should be preserved and incorporated into a major multiuse park.
4. The growth of Salem in recent years has spurred the need for more neighborhood parks of substantial size. The Minto Brown Island park is very popular among Salemites for walking and bicycling, but it is very crowded at peak use times. The Meyer Farm land would be a good place to create an additional large park big enough to accommodate hiking, jogging, and bicycling.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

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