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Brian Martin, P.E.
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RE: Oak Grove Subdivision
Alternative Street Standard

Brian,

We were asked by Staff to make some adjustments to the proposed Oak Grove Subdivision to minimize the Impacts to the Oak Grove's located on Lots 9, 11, 12, & 14 located on the north side of Red Oak Ave SE.

The attached drawings show the efforts that we have made to reduce the impacts on the existing oak trees.

We have reconfigured the lots to create alternative buildable areas so that the trees located in the front of the lots can be retained and to minimize the impacts.

As part of those efforts, we have shown the use of "curb-line" walks along the north side of Red Oak Ave.

As such to aid in the tree protection, we are requesting approval to use an "alternative" street design

for the project. This design will have property line walks along the south side of Red Oak Ave and the use of curb-line walks along the north side of the roadway.

This request is made to aid in the protection of the existing oaks as required by staff.

Even with this, some of the Oak trees within proposed roadway will be impacted. We believe that the trees impacted are the minimum necessary to afford the developer the ability to obtain a fair return on the project.

The elimination of the planter strip is offset by the retention of the major trees.

As such, we believe that the requested design is the best options for the site to develop.

We believe that the granting of the use of the alternative street section will not create increased costs to the City of Salem and will not create major impacts the residents in the area or those that will be located within the development when completed.

We have attached the drawings for the project to aid you in this request. We are happy to meet with you and discuss the details of the request being made.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Grenz, P.E., IC., E.N., G.E.

