

RECEIVED

JUN 07 2021

BY: MC

A PETITION

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SKAMANIA COUNTY
CITY OF STEVENSON
EDC

FROM: PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE SUBDIVISION IMAN ROCK CREEK TRACT, TOGETHER WITH PROPERTY OWNERS NORTH OF SAID TRACT BORDERING TO THE NORTH OF SAID TRACT TO THE CENTER LINE OF ROCK CREEK ALL WITHIN THE CITY OF STEVENSON SECTIONS 35 AND 36 TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN.

WHEREAS: WE HAVE ENJOYED THE PRIVILEGE OF RESIDING WITHIN THE TRACTS THAT HAVE NO THOROUGHFARE TO ADJOINING AREAS THAT WOULD SEEM TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF VEHICULAR AND FOOT TRAFFIC IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WHEREAS: WITHIN THE PROPERTIES OF ROCK CREEK ARE THREE WATERFALLS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE 6', 40', AND 60' FALLS, AND HAVE BEEN A SUMMER TIME, I.E. LOW FLOW, ATTRACTION TO THE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF THE AREA FOR VIEWING, SWIMMING AND COOLING OFF BEFORE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILT A COVERED SWIMMING POOL, OTHER AREAS FURTHER UP ROCK CREEK HAVE ALSO BEEN AN ATTRACTION.

WHEREAS: THE PAST USE OF THE AREA HAS BEEN OVER PRIVATE PROPERTY BUT HAS NOT BEEN AN ADVERSE TRESPASSING ISSUE VIA THE SOUTH OR NORTH SIDE OF THE CREEK. ON OR ABOUT 1990 THE SKAMANIA COUNTY PURCHASED THE NORTH SIDE PROPERTY TO FACILITATE RELOCATION OF THE SOLID WASTE TRANSFER SITE. THIS IMPROVEMENT THEN BASICALLY CUT OFF FOOT TRAFFIC TO ROCK CREEK THUS DEEMING THE ACCESS TO THE SOUTHSIDE AS A MORE ACCESSIBLE ROUTE, THROUGH IMAN CEMETERY AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

WHEREAS: RECENT EVENTS HAVE, HOWEVER, BROUGHT MORE ATTENTION TO THE FALLS OTHER THAN LOCAL INTEREST. THE EAGLE CREEK FIRE THAT CLOSED OFF HIKING AND SIGHTSEEING ON THE OREGON SIDE OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE STEPPED UP VISITORS TO THE WASHINGTON SIDE AND STIRRED UP ATTENTION. MORE VIEWS OF INTEREST VIA BOOKS OF TOURISM FEATURED THE AREA AS POTENTIAL AREAS OF INTEREST. EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL DESTINATION RESORTS ALSO INFORMED CUSTOMERS OF THE FALLS LOCATION AS WITHIN A SHORT WALK OR HIKE. THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN VIA THE INTERNET POSTINGS ON GOOGLE MAPS WHICH HAS BEEN TAKEN AS THE FREEDOM TO TRESPASS OVER FENCES, THROUGH GATES

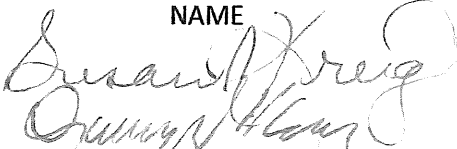
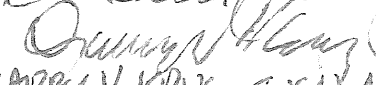
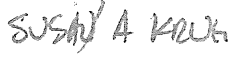
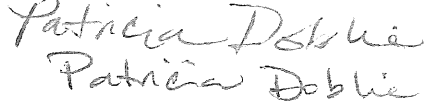





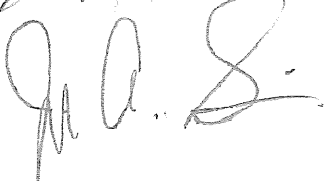
AND PAST POSTED PROPERTY SIGNS. THE RESULTANT VOLUME OF VEHICLE PARKING ON HOLLY STREET AND FIRST FALLS VIEW ROAD HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY 15-20 VEHICLES AT ANY ONE TIME.

WHEREAS: THIS NATURAL BEAUTY IS OF IMPORTANCE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE, WE AGREE THAT A SOLUTION TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE COULD BE TO PRESERVE AND ENCOURAGE USE OF THE AREA BY DEVELOPING ACCESS TO THE NORTH SHORE OF ROCK CREEK PROVIDING AN END DESTINATIONAL USE VIA PARKING, FACILITIES AND DAY USE OF A PARK LIKE SETTING. THIS ATTACTION WOULD BE BENEFICAL FOR LOCAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY AS WELL.

THEREFORE: WE THE UNDERSIGNED, PETITION THE ABOVE MEMBERS OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNCILS AND BOARD MEMBERS TO CONSIDER ACTIONS TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEMS THAT TRESPASSING AND ABUSE HAVE BROUGHT TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. IN ADDITION, THE ENHANCEMENT OF A PATHWAY TO ROCK CREEK WOULD BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY AND VISITORS ALIKE.

THE ABOVE PETITION IS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION BY ALL CONCERNED PARTIES.

DATED - 6 - 7 - 2021

NAME	ADDRESS
 Susan A. Kowalski	425 NW First Falls View Rd
 Cheryl V. Kowalski	
 Susan A. Kowalski	
 Patricia Doble	313 Iman Cemetery Rd
 Penny A. Edlund	1050 NW Stillcove Lane
 Kevin Wallace	890 NW First Falls View Rd
 Tamara L. Mackinnon	845 1st Falls View Road
 J. R. Mackinnon	845 1 st Falls View Road
 Lizbeth Simmons	1110 NW Still Cove
 J. A. S.	1110 NW Still Cove Lane