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Public Comment for June 18 Meeting

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Leana, I'd like to submit a comment for consideration during the meeting tonight. I'm sorry for the late email.

My name is Pat Price, I've been a citizen of Stevenson since 1997. I'm a small business owner and father of three children in the public school system here. I've been a builder for 33 years and have worked in communities all across Washington and Oregon. During this time I've worked with several dozen planning departments in as many counties. I've always been impressed with the various employees who have steadfastly been of assistance in helping to bring to fruition the many varied projects I've been involved with over the years. In several cases our project required a variance and the government agencies were quite keen to help us accomplish our goals. I have only encountered a couple of instances where it seems the department had an agenda which was not consistent with following existing guidelines and operating with the intent of helping the land owner accomplish their goal within those guidelines. In this case I see that a person's right to use their property is potentially being restricted and I have to ask the participants why? What sense is there in passing an ordinance which potentially does harm to a land owner? What is the aim of making the downtown area a strictly commercial zone? What are the benefits to the community? It's my impression that a city council and a city government work for the inhabitants of the community, not against them. Please reconsider this concept of removing the possibility of new residential structures from the downtown zone as it smacks more of totalitarianism than of the ownership of property rights we all enjoy as a Constitutional Republic.

Sincerely,

Pat Price



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