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FOR PUBLIC RECORD- File No. PTA 21-0001

VERBAL TESTIMONEY (PRE- MEETING TEXT)

CITIZEN COMMENTS TO TUALATIN PLANNING COMMISSION (TPC) MEETING 1-21 2021

TPC ALSO DESIGNATED BY THE CITY OF TUALATIN

AS THE COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT (CCI)

WHICH CITY WEBSITE STATES

FULFILLS REQUIREMENTS FOR OREGON STATEWIDE GOAL #1 CITIZEN INVOLVMENT

RE: PROPOSED STORMWATER MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF TUALATIN

AND RELATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS, PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT PTA 21-0001

ONLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO DATE: 12-1-2020 TO 12-15-2020

1st PUBLIC MEETING ON DRAFT OF PROPOSED MASTER PLAN UPDATE -TPC 1-21-2021

TUALATIN COUNCIL HEARING FOR ADOPTION

SCHEDULED FOR 2-8-2021 File No. PTA 21-0001:

"The scope of PTA 21-0001 includes:

- Adoption of an updated Stormwater Master Plan (2019).
- Amendments to the Tualatin Comprehensive Plan Updates specific to stormwater management practices, reflecting updated recommendations, practices, and partnerships;"

Thank you for the opportunity to present Citizen Concerns regarding the proposed Update to the City of Tualatin's Stormwater Master Plan.

We are John and Grace Lucini we live in unincorporated Washington County, within the Basalt Creek Area and within the scope of the proposed Land Use Action.

As we are not residents of the City of Tualatin, we do not have membership within the City of Tualatin Citizen Involvement Organizations (CIO's). We also do not have elective representation within this Land Use Planning process.

My husband and I submitted to the City staff, the City Council, in writing on 12-15-2020 and during the Citizen comment Period – a fairly comprehensive review of multiple concerns we had with the very first Public Posting of the draft for the Master Plan Update. Included within our comments was a written review of the proposed Stormwater Update- by an Engineering Consultant with over 30 years of experience in stormwater, water quality and design solution analysis. He has conducted hydraulic modeling within lands Basalt Creek Area- within the scope of the proposed Master Plan.

Again on 1-10-2021, my husband and I submitted additional written comments and questions to the City staff, the City Council – and requested copies be forwarded to the Planning Commission and the City's Committee for Citizen Involvement which the City has designated to be the TPC.

Over the years we have had many on site visits from Tualatin staff, including Kim, Hayden and Jeff Fuchs- which we appreciated.

However, we have not yet received from the City staff or elected officials' substantial answers to many of the concerns or questions presented since we submitted our Citizen Comments and Concerns on 12-15-2020 or the follow up email on 1-12-2021. And we have not received clear information as to a Stormwater Plan for the Basalt Creek Area.

Have all the members of the TPC read both of the written comments we submitted on 12-15-2020 and then on 1-10-2021?

- Are there time limits for Citizen Comments at this meeting of the TPC-?
- How should Citizens present to the Planning Commissioners, copies of documents during a virtual Public Meeting?
- Is the TPC meeting in the role of the Planning Commission – or in the role as the City's Committee for Citizen Involvement?

I will email a copy of my comments to this Planning Commission meeting to be included in the record.

What email address should I use?

Thank you for the answers to process questions.

A well written current update to the City's Stormwater Master Plan with accurate assessments and planning for all lands within the scope of the City's Land Use Planning jurisdiction is a definite necessity and is welcomed- as the City's previous Master Plan is decades old.

My husband and I are requesting the Planning Commission recommend the 1st Public Draft of the proposed Master Plan Update be revised -----to provide more clear Land Use Planning for stormwater management within the Basalt Creek Area. The revision to the proposed draft should also include a current assessment of Natural Resources which are known to exist within the Basalt Creek Area, and clearly identify the various alternatives the City will utilize to conserve and protect multiple Natural Resources from the impact of stormwater. These are related issues.

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Metro Title 13 Nature in Neighborhoods, and various City of Tualatin documents- including the Tualatin Basin Program, Development Code Chapter 15 Natural Resources, Wetlands and Natural Areas City documents attest to the direct or indirect relationships between stormwater, erosion, and/or potential impacts upon water (and other Natural Resources) and the need for coordinated Land Use Planning.

Our request is supported by documentation within our "Citizen Comments on the City of Tualatin proposed Stormwater Master Plan Update submitted to the City on 12-15-2020".

- **The philosophies for stormwater management changed since 1972**, and the relationship between stormwater runoff/ drainage and potential impacts upon multiple Natural Resources has become more obvious in the passing years.
- **The lands within the scope of Land Use Planning for the City–have also increased since 1972.**
- **The proposed Master Plan contains some outdated and insufficient information-**

In a brief summarization –

On multiple occasions since 2015, my husband and I have attempted to work with the City in identify and understanding the need for the Basalt Creek Area to also have Land Use Planning which is specific to the conditions and needs unique to the area in order to successfully meet the current and future requirements for urbanization of the area.

The Basalt Creek Area differs in many ways from the lands to the north of Basalt Creek.

- The Basalt Creek area has stormwater which flows into Washington County, then the City of Wilsonville and eventually the Willamette River.
 - The Basalt Creek Area has significantly steep slopes exceeding 25% grade-down into wetlands within the Federal Wetland Inventory. The steep slopes and canyon have also been identified by Metro as having the Highest Valued Riparian habitat, and Upland Habitat.
 - The existing stormwater conveyance and stormwater treatment facilities within the Basalt Creek Area are minimal.
 - In 2012-2015 Washington County planned and constructed the which changed most of the existing stormwater system along SW Boones Ferry Road
 - Washington County based their planning and design for the SW Boones Ferry Road Improvement Project Stormwater Management along SW Boones Ferry Road- south of Norwood----
 - on undeveloped land- which creates less stormwater drainage than developed lands with buildings, streets and parking lots.
 - the conveyance and treatment facilities were near capacity when built.
 - the system had a failure in May 2015- which flooded our downstream property.
 - With development- the existing stormwater catchment area will be removed- adding additional stormwater management needs.
 - The System is under the jurisdiction of Washington County.
 - The System is located within roads under the jurisdiction of Washington County.
 - Washington County is proposing their own Land Use Action- the Basalt Creek Parkway Extension
 - including a 5+ lane bridge across the Basalt Creek Canyon
 - adding a major signaled intersection across from Greenhill Lane
 - requiring reconfiguration and creation of two new intersections along the west side of SW Boones Ferry Road – one will be required north of the new Parkway Extension Bridge Intersection – for access to the Boones Ferry Frontage Road.
- All of these actions will cause additional stormwater management needs along SW Boones Ferry Road

Multiple City documents have identified a need for Stormwater Management Planning within the Basalt Creek Area- due to lack of existing conveyance and/or treatment facilities, limited capacity of existing systems, or potential need to upgrade existing systems-

- **The City's Development Code #4 Storm Drainage "defines and describes areas of inadequate drainage throughout the year" ... "The City's core area and the area along Boones Ferry Road, south of the core, are the most critical from the standpoint of drainage" ...**

While the proposed Update to the City's Stormwater Master Plan has assessed needs and identified solutions and projects to address the City's core area-- the City of Tualatin has not sought to provide similar assessment and/or resolution of stormwater management needs within the Basalt Creek Area into the proposed Land Use Master Plan.

The 2018 Basalt Creek Concept Plan Stormwater stated,

The City of Tualatin has jurisdiction over the stormwater conveyance system to the north of the Planning Area. Culverts may need to be upsized to provide adequate capacity for runoff from new impervious areas, unless onsite retention or infiltration is required when the location of public drainage or the topography of the site make connection to the system not economically feasible.

The 2019 Basalt Creek Comprehensive Plan stated,

" Because no storm water system currently exists in the area aside from existing conveyance adjacent to the street system, a new conveyance system will need to be installed along the new roadways.

In addition, site development runoff will need to be treated and detained, if necessary, before being discharged to the public drainage systems consistent with Clean Water Services standards."

The proposed Master Plan does not provide for the Basalt Creek Area an

- An assessment or accurate map of current existing conveyance system and treatment facilities, or current stormwater needs or existing downstream conditions, limitations or impacts.
- An assessment of accurate map of current wetlands or other Natural Resources for the Basalt Creek Area within the City's adopted maps
- An assessment of accurate map of future conveyance system and treatment facilities, or current stormwater needs or existing downstream conditions, limitations or impacts.
- Clear alternative Land Use Plans should on site stormwater management cannot be provided on site.
- Proposed costs – both developers or City for implementation of future system- or anticipated funding to cover costs.
- Coordination of Public Services with overlapping or downstream local governments of Washington County or City of Wilsonville for current or future needs as urbanization of the Basalt Creek Area progressed

Since 2015, my husband and I have talked with multiple City staff members, had on site meetings to see firsthand the extreme topography and multiple natural resources within the City's Land Use Planning area of the Basalt Creek Area.

We have submitted verbal and written testimonies to the Tualatin Planning Commission and to the City Council during the Basalt Creek Concept Planning process, and during the City of Tualatin Basalt Creek Comprehensive Planning process. We have supported our concerns with documentation of requirements of Metro and of Oregon's Statewide Land Use Planning Goals- only to be told a Stormwater Management Plan for the Basalt Creek Area will be created with the next..... Land Use Plan Action.

On April 7, 2016, Jeff Fuchs (then City Engineer) about how the City was working on an Update to the City's Stormwater Management Master Plan and obtaining a contract for consulting work for the project.

"We believe this is the appropriate time to included the Basalt Creek Planning Area in the Storm Water Master Plan (SWMP). We included the Planning Area in the SWMP so we can evaluate existing and future drainage conditions for an area that will likely be annexed into Tualatin in the future.

Evaluating storm water hydrology and hydraulics in the Basalt Creek Planning area will allow us to better plan for future infrastructure needs by understanding how much runoff to expect and anticipating where the runoff will flow based on existing topography and possible future land uses.

Including this work in this contract will allow us to save money versus creating a future separate document just for the Planning Area."

While we eagerly read the first public draft of the proposed Stormwater Update posted on December 1, 2020, it appears the City has not adequately included the Basalt Creek Area within the proposed draft.

As the City has already scheduled a hearing on this proposed major Land Use Plan, for Feb 8, 2021 – just 2 1/2 weeks -It appears the City is assuming the Planning Commission will just accept the staff recommendation to forward this major Land Use Plan to the City Council for adoption. We request the Planning Commission resubmit the proposed draft back to the City for additional revisions.

Should the City need copies of multiple communications we have had with the staff, Planning Commission, and/or with the City Council as to the need for a well written Stormwater Master Plan for the Basalt Creek Area we will be able to provide copies.

Thank you for your time.