
Re: Normal Neighborhood Plan Working Group meeting

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Subject : Re: Normal Neighborhood Plan Working Group meeting**To :** brandon goldman <brandon.goldman@ashland.or.us>

Hi Brandon,

I just wanted to have on record, for the Normal Neighborhood Subcommittee's consideration, the reference of the intention of the Grace Point Church for their development plans. They own the largest wetlands/conservation area on the NNP map just east of AMS. Their board members submitted a letter on October 8, 2013 to the Planning Commission (which is in their archived minutes). In the last of their list of concerns, #7, they describe their intentions for building an adult care community and other high density uses.

The only way they can achieve this goal for such a dense and commercial housing design is if the City Council allows the underlying zoning for this land to start at NN-02 and be bumped to a NN-03 zoning with the 1.5 density bonus used in exchange for relinquishing their 5.3 acres into a conservation area. This dramatic change to the existing rural neighborhood would be devastating, not to mention the effect on the adjacent habitat/environment of the wetland. Such a development would bring excessive asphalt parking lots (more than for single family housing), heavy delivery and emergency vehicles compacting neighboring soils affecting aquifer recharge ability, and adding air and noise pollution with idling engines, 24 flood lights affecting habitat, etc.

I strongly urge the Subcommittee to suggest that any and all areas underlying or adjacent to their outlined conservation areas ONLY be initially zoned as NN-01. The NN-02 density bonus, if used adjacent to the conservation areas, will be impactful enough!

Please forward this letter to the subcommittee and include it in the public record. Thank the members of the committee for listening and being involved in this very important process of how our town becomes a community.

Sincerely,

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From: [Brandon Goldman](#)**Sent:** Monday, June 9, 2014 10:05 AM**To:** [Brandon Goldman](#)

Normal Neighborhood residents,

During the City Council's Normal Neighborhood Plan Special Meeting held on May 29th the Council established a working group to address specific issues raised during the public hearings and provide their recommendations to the full Council for consideration.

The Normal Neighborhood Plan Working Group, comprised of three City Councilors and two members of the Planning Commission, will hold its first meeting on Thursday **June 19, 2014** at **3:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers, located at 1175 East Main Street. Regular meeting dates and times for this group will be determined at this upcoming meeting. The working group meetings are open to the public.

Please visit the City's website at www.ashland.or.us/normalplan for the most up to date information regarding the Normal Neighborhood Plan and meeting schedule.

If you have any questions I can be reached at [541-552-2076](tel:541-552-2076), or by e-mail at: Brandon.Goldman@ashland.or.us

Thank you, Brandon

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