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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Denise,

I am a homeowner on Williamson Way and have been studying the proposed Habitat for Humanity application on the corner of Williamson Way and Rogue Place.

The plans are well thought out and I look forward to the residential use of this vacant property!

I appreciate the time and valuable information Aaron Anderson, CFM, Senior Planner, City of Ashland, Community Development, provided to me.

I also just finished speaking with Amy Gunter of Rogue Valley Planning and Development, LLC. Amy was very helpful and shared proposed construction plans. I can see why she is such a great Board member! In addition, I provided her with some of the neighbors' questions.

After meeting with many homeowners on Williamson Way, we have some suggestions to increase the livability and value of the townhomes being purchased after construction by Habitat for Humanity.

1. Construct front porch railings on north, east, and west sides, identical to porch slats on adjacent properties. After my conversation with Amy, I am hoping these slated porch railings will be included in the construction plans. See photos in future email.

As future neighbors, we have found the enclosed slated porches create a feeling of a private and cozy space and offer a feeling of safety while also being open to the front sidewalk. The railings provide a space for lawn furniture and the storage of children toys. One of the many comments I have heard from my neighbors is the hope that we will have more children in the neighborhood.

The special slated porches are one of the reasons Williamson Way and surrounding development are so popular and a reason the home values and future townhome owners will stay high. Every home within the map in the city application has a slated porch railing.

2. Return to the porch pillar design as illustrated on the recent postcard sent to adjacent neighbors. This pillared look contributes to the townhome value and creates a special property for the Habitat for Humanity townhome buyers. We know cost is a concern. Perhaps a modified pillar or fewer pillars? How many more dollars does it take to construct the pillars? Every home within the map of the city application has street facing pillars. We are aware of the clear and objective standard required under much needed housing Oregon law. However, we would be requesting this modification if a million dollar home was being built. Is there any way the pillar design could be reconsidered? See photos in future email.

3. Specify two individual paint colors will be used, one paint color on one building and another paint color on the second building. Brandon advised me that townhome owners would select their own color which could result in 4 different colors. Amy has indicated that each building (two townhomes with shared wall) will be painted a different color. We would prefer the two buildings be painted in just two individual colors. In my opinion, I would prefer that the two buildings not be painted the same color as the buildings may look like an apartment complex when indeed the townhomes are personal residences. I think separate building colors will improve the value of the townhomes.

4. Provide additional information as to the architecture of the shed roof on one of the buildings. Every home within the map of the city application has a gabled roof. Amy has indicated that the shed roof was the preferred choice as the buildings appeared less large with the two different roof lines. Could we please have additional information?

We know Habitat For Humanity's staff and Board members including Amy Gunter, KSW Architects, Peter L. Cipes Design, and Alan DeBoer have spent countless hours crafting these townhomes. We recognize everyone's contribution to providing much needed housing and we supposed this project.

Please consider our well intentioned recommendations.

Sincerely,

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