

City of Ashland Planning Exhibit

Exhibit # 0-003
PA# T2-2019-00008
Date 7/9/2019
Staff 108

From: Susan Mandel <susanmandel@gmail.com>
Re: SNOWBERRY ISSUES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I and my husband, Lenn Snyder are tenants here in the McCall Development. We are very concerned about the issues that are arising regarding the Snowberry Development and the possibility of increased pedestrian foot traffic through our development.

We have lived in this development for over six years and have witnessed the increase in pedestrian foot traffic. This development has become a thoroughfare from the entry on McCall Drive over to the YMCA fields and to the developments on Clay Street and beyond - and back again. Currently, some of the issues that we have personally experienced as residents include:

- 1) We frequently have people below our windows (we live on the second floor) during the summer months that are in 'party' mode with the resulting beer bottles and drug paraphernalia left behind for us to pick up in the morning. Of course, when that is happening we don't feel very comfortable coming and going from our home.
- 2) We no longer have planter boxes on the steps up to and around our front door as these had been vandalized numerous times.
- 3) I am very watchful when I get out in or out of my car at night as I have had to walk past or confront someone who does not live in the neighborhood but is obviously moving through. I personally do not feel safe now because of a number of these encounters and how they unfolded.
- 4) At absolutely no time do we ever leave our front door unlocked - even if we are only going down to our garage (it is not connected to our home).
- 5) We do not feel comfortable having our car parked outside the garage or our guest's as our own car was scratched twice.

We are very familiar with our neighbors and the few children that live here. We share similar concerns around the increased foot traffic and the safety concerns that arises from it.

READ INTO THE RECORD DURING THE MEETING JULY 9, 2019
By Lisandra Miranda for Susan Mandel

We have been told that the Snowberry Developers have listened to our concerns and have agreed to put in a fence to separate the properties. They have also eliminated the basketball court that was planned to be placed under the balcony of the second story units. We are very grateful for their sensitivity to these matters.

We are respectfully requesting that you amend your staff report to include a fence with a locked gate that is not pedestrian friendly at the end of the McCall Drive intersection. Our concern is centered around the fact that this development was obviously not designed to have heavy foot traffic traveling through it, along of course, with our own experiences. With any proposed increase of foot traffic we feel it can be safely assumed that there will be a definite increase in the kinds of negative incidents that we have encountered living here in the McCall Development.

We appreciate that our concerns have been listened to and entered into the record.

Sincerely,

Susan Mandel
Lenn Snyder
Residents
McCall Development
Ashland, OR

(address will be submitted upon request)

In Gratitude