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From: Jon Holan
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Daniel Riordan
Subject: FW: Planning in FG

Dan,

I think her email pertains to the Westside Planning hearing.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Van Vliet [<mailto:maryvv@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2017 12:25 PM
To: Jon Holan; James Reitz
Subject: Planning in FG

Dear Planning Department,

I will be unable to attend the May meeting but have a thought or two. A little background info on me. I am a 60 yr. old woman, living alone on a fixed income and live by the FG High School in Quail Run Estates MHP. They are currently constructing some huge, new homes nearby along with another roundabout on Hwy 47 and an extension of David Hill Rd. to Hwy 47. With all this building going on we are missing businesses and shops/stores for this side of town. I would LOVE to see some stores built (eventually) on the property that sits on the corner of Hwy 47 and Sunset Dr.. I don't know who currently owns it but it's a field of something. If it ever gets developed it should not be ONLY more homes. It should be shops/stores. On this side of town we need a grocery store like New Seasons, Trader Joe's or something similar and a lot of my friends and neighbors feel the same way. Maybe we could have something similar to Ventana Row in San Jose, CA (google it) or Orenco Station in Hillsboro. They have shops on the bottom of buildings and apartments on top. Right now I would need to drive to Safeway or Bimart to get anything but I would love to be able to walk or ride my bike to a nearby store. The couple of little mom and pop stores, that are a little closer than downtown, just don't carry enough selection. Please consider this when doing your future planning for Forest Grove. Affordable housing is MUCH more important to me than huge, cookie cutter, tract homes.

On another subject, I have absolutely no problem, at all, with cannabis dispensaries being in our town. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mary Van Vliet