

Jennifer McGinnis

From: Allan Krim <ajkrim51@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Jennifer McGinnis
Subject: Re: testify at planning commission hearing on 4/13/20

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Hi Jennifer,

This news is disappointing.

I put my written materials in a narrative form. I just typed this up so there may be some errors. My apologies. I sent your email onto Matt. He was going to send a graphic. Did you receive it?

Below is my statement.....

My name is Allan Krim, President of the Historic Southeast Neighborhood Association. I am here with Matt Callison, president of the Hogan Cedars Neighborhood Association. I will testify first.

Please refer to our graphic submitted. My neighborhood is bordered to the east by Hogan Rd from Powell south to SE Roberts/SE Palmquist intersection. This area of Hogan Rd. has few sidewalks, with only a bike lane on the westside of Hogan which is directly adjacent to the roadway and traffic. Very dangerous considering the 35 MPH speed limit. There ARE segments of interrupted sidewalks along the eastside of Hogan.

On this section, at SE 5th Street, just west of Hogan is Dexter McCarty Middle school and next door is the new East Gresham Elementary School. The children who were killed recently by motor vehicles on SE Hogan went to Dexter-McCarty Middle School.

So I would like to present testimony to suggest that the Capital Improvement Program be modified to provide funding for the development of sidewalks along this section of Hogan Rd.

After the deaths of the children, at the City's Neighborhood Coalition Meeting, a member recognized the lack of sidewalks along this stretch of Hogan Road and wanted to know if sidewalks could be installed. Chris Strong, who was present, stated yes, but that the right of way would need to be acquired first. You see, one child veered from the bike lane, into the traffic. Later, at our Historic Southeast Neighborhood Meeting, a representative of the Gresham/Barlow School Board, a Mr. Cook, responded to a neighbor's question about the need for sidewalks on Hogan, said, "Yes. We need sidewalks and they are important" but added "this takes time."

So why aren't there any sidewalks? Dexter Mccarty Middle School is two blocks from Hogan. Just next door, the Gresham Elementary School was recently built and yet there is not a network of continuous sidewalks. Why, in this Capital Improvement Plan which covers the next 5 years, are there no monies set aside for this project?

And yet, there is an unfunded and future project (SW 5008) to widen this section of Hogan Road, acquiring land with subsequent infrastructure improvements. Therefore, according to the Transportation Dept, the

School Board, and apparently the Planning Commission, the need for this infrastructure is accepted and well known. We understand that this is a 50 million dollar project. Yes it's expensive but \$7 million is budgeted for land acquisition. Isn't it possible to acquire some of the land and put in sidewalks?

Surprisingly, there IS money set aside in this Capital Improvement Plan for the improvement of Hogan Road but as part of the Springwater Development Plan under CIPSPSW001, 002, 003. Plus there are monies allocated to reimburse developers for up-front expenses associated with this area. Please tell me why it is of higher priority to develop that section of Hogan Rd which is an undeveloped section of the city? Is it to facilitate the commercial development of 3 very large residential districts? Why wouldn't you first develop the segment of Hogan Rd, that will promote safety, care and well being of our children, especially in a location that is recognized as needing improvement? Could it be that we as a city are more concerned about developers and bankers than the safety of our children?

And what about all the cars that will come from this new Springwater development? 43 acres of townhouses, 99 acres of 6000 sq ft lots and 97 acres of estate homes? What roads will these people be traveling to get to downtown Gresham and onto Portland? Cut through our historic Southeast Neighborhood along Roberts Ave or crowd onto SE Hogan road?

Therefore, I submit that this deficiency needs to be corrected, so that Hogan Road infrastructure improvements can be provided over this next Capital Improvement Program period. The death of these children has drawn attention to a problem that needs to be rectified immediately.

Thank you.

There you have it, Jennifer. Will they read this out loud to the community?

Thank you.

Allan

On Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 11:20 AM Jennifer McGinnis <jennifer.mcginnis@greshamoregon.gov> wrote:

Hi Allan,

I am waiting on confirmation for this, but it may be the case that we actually cannot allow people to speak during the hearing and the Commissioners will instead read and respond to written comments. You mentioned that you were going to submit written comments. Please send these to me as soon as possible so that I can get them to the Commissioners. If you can forward this to Matthew as well, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you and my apologies for any inconvenience.

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Hi,

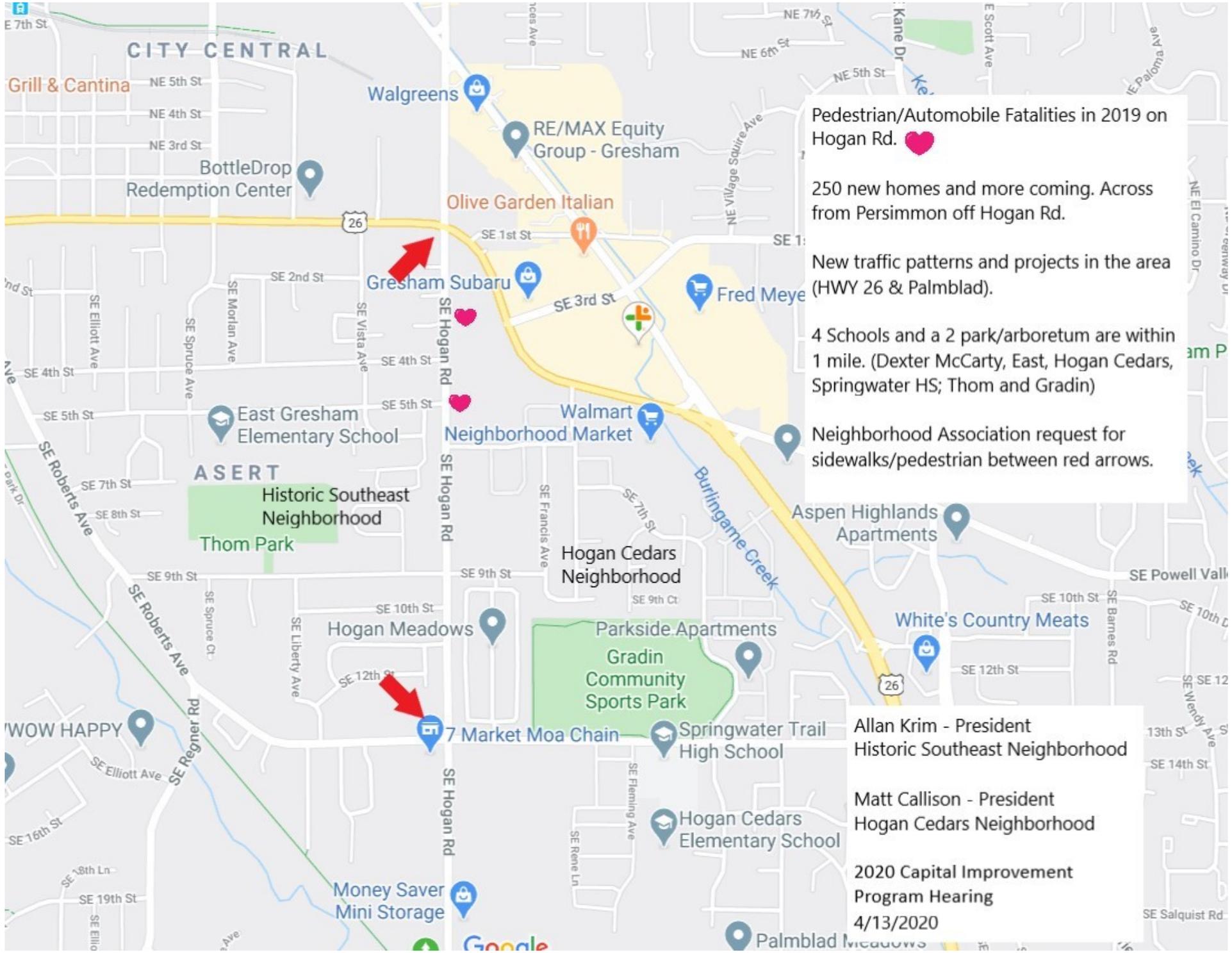
My name is Allan Krim, President of the Historic Southeast Neighborhood Association. I will be testifying with Matthew Callison, President of the Hogan Cedar Neighborhood Association

I would like to testify concerning capital improvements plan and the planned development of Hogan Rd.

Written comments will follow in a separate email.

Thanks you,

Allan Krim



Pedestrian/Automobile Fatalities in 2019 on Hogan Rd. ❤️

250 new homes and more coming. Across from Persimmon off Hogan Rd.

New traffic patterns and projects in the area (HWY 26 & Palmbld).

4 Schools and a 2 park/arboretum are within 1 mile. (Dexter McCarty, East, Hogan Cedars, Springwater HS; Thom and Gradin)

Neighborhood Association request for sidewalks/pedestrian between red arrows.

Allan Krim - President
Historic Southeast Neighborhood

Matt Callison - President
Hogan Cedars Neighborhood

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