

Neighborhood Input - Lyons Library 12/10/22 and 12/13/22

Participation

34 invited. 17 attended from 13 families.

Verbatim Written Comments

Overall:

- Good improvement from what it has been.
- Keep as many live trees as possible.
- I so appreciate what you are bringing to our community - thank you for creating affordable housing that is safe and helps beautify the neighborhood. Thistle Housing looks like a great organization and I stand behind your vision.

Affordability:

- I like you are keeping residents in Lyons.
- Keeping affordable housing in Lyons is very important to me. I value that the existing families will have an opportunity to stay.
- I like that Leigh is wanting to accommodate people already there in a genuine way. I think this could really help the town, and I really hope it goes through.
- I appreciate the intention and plan of this project much more after hearing Leigh's presentation and meeting him. I have had trouble finding affordable housing in Lyons, as have some friends that want to live and work in town. It's going to be hard to support Lyons if we don't support people who want to live and work in town, or nearby. I appreciate homeowners' concerns as well, and hope that everyone can be happy. The other thing to consider is the voices of those who can't be here; those who would benefit from having affordable housing in Lyons.

Density:

- 6 family to 9 family. Concerned about density.
- Do not want duplex houses on Evans St. Please consider the current homeowners' needs for peace and quiet.

Parking:

- May still need a couple parking spaces in front.
- Still concerned about vehicle spaces on-site!??
Back yard parking too tight!
- No overnight parking. Problem during festivals.
- Parking.
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- Parking, parking parking. The hotel will take lots of parking.
- Add spaces in the Buyout?

318 3rd Avenue DRBOP:

- Please leave it. It's a great place to chill. No improvements needed.
- Try to leave flood zone lot as it is.
- No picnic tables on the town lot.
- Community garden in lot behind.

Additional Parcels:

- No [further] expansion.
- [No] Expansion in the future.

Discussion Notes

Overall:

- It's "better than what's there".
- It's an "improvement".
- So much better than today.
- Current residents are "quiet", great neighbors.
- Especially a problem since other changes are also happening.
- Looks like Habitat. Want it to look like a house.
- Water taps and shares must be expensive.

Affordability:

- Treatment of current residents "more than fair".
- Tenants are worried and have been looking for other rentals.
- "So relieved, was feeling anxious."
- Really doing a good thing.
- Will promises be "in writing"?

Density:

- It's the same number of people and cars.
- Could you do fewer units?
- "I'm okay except the duplex."

Parking:

- "Good that you put in your own parking, not like the hotel."
- Wouldn't take down trees in the front for more parking.
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- Plenty of space on 3rd, but "nobody parks there".
- Parallel parking on Evans is dangerous to pedestrians.
- What is the process for getting parking spaces on the buyout parcel?

318 3rd Avenue DRBOP:

- Want "simple pocket park".
- Preserve the natural access to the creek.
- Don't clear out the willows.
- People "mostly walk their dogs".
- Don't encourage people to come to our neighborhood for the creek.
- "Bucket of beer cans" is the only problem.