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To: Egner, Dennis
Subject: Planning Commission Meeting tonight

Dear Mr. Egner: I would appreciate you passing this message to the Planning Commission for tonight's meeting. I'm Area 1 Representative on the Palisades Neighborhood Association and also a past nine year member of the Lake Oswego Corporation Board. The LOC Board two years ago voted unanimously to ask the City to revise rear yard setbacks to accommodate "low" lying structures like a spa, deck, bar-b-que etc in the "normal" five foot "no development zone" that usually occurs between a home owner and his "rear" neighbor. The rear neighbor in this case is typically water or remnant land owned by the LOC. The reason for this change is the LOC allows zero setback for development between a homeowner's property and the LOC property. The City five foot restrictions causes problems because a bar-b-que and spa for example can't be located in this setback area and impacts how the backyard is designed. The bar-b-que or spa could be on the Lake Corp side of the line however at zero setback.

This has no impact on home size. This has no impact on side setback.

This has no impact on front yard setbacks. This policy change also has no impact on "neighbor's visual access" as all structures including fences have to be below six feet.

The reason this is important is the Lake is going to be drawn down in the next few months (maybe as early as this summer) and homeowners need time to develop plans for deck, dock etc improvements. The LOC now has a policy to not lower the Lake because of water quality concerns so this is the only scheduled Lake draw down that will allow homeowners to make improvements at a reasonable cost to the waterfront property. It is very expensive or impossible to make improvements with the water table up at normal levels.

As a point of information the flood of 1996 educated many shareholders, including me, that just because the water is in the Lake it is also under your "land" property. The water table moves up and down and thru your property depending on how high or low the water in the Lake is. We sandbagged our property will help from the community but it didn't matter because the water just seeps through the aggregate and bypasses the sand bags. That is why lowering the Lake allows the only reasonable chance for homeowners to make changes to their docks.

I urge the Planning Commission to approve these "housekeeping" changes and allow a homeowner like me to plan for this Lake draw down. I would be happy to answer any questions you or the commission have.

Thanks, Bob Barman
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