

October 5, 2012

**To: City Council
Cc: David Donaldson, City Manager
From: Carole Ockert, Chair, First Addition/Forest Hills Neighborhood Association**

The Coordinating Committee of the First Addition/Forest Hills Neighborhood Association at its meeting on October 3 unanimously voted to object to the current fast track schedule of implementing the Revised Foothills Urban Renewal District. We believe the Comprehensive Plan CAC, the Planning Commission, the Foothills Focus Group and City Council deserve to have a more reasonable amount of time to study and digest the critical issues contained in the Foothills Project.

This following schedule doesn't seem to be reasonable given the size and complexity of the Revised Foothills Project.

- October 2 LORA Board Consideration of Low Income Subsidized Housing in Foothills Urban Renewal Project (FURP)**
- October 8 Planning Commission Public Hearing on Code Amendments, East End Redevelopment Plan (EERP) Amendment for FURP**
- October 18 Foothills Focus Group Review of Draft Plan and Report**
- October 24 Public Informational Meeting Foothills Revised Plan**
- October 30 City Council Study Session-Foothills Code Amendments, EERP amendment, adopt Amendment to EERP, Motion to forward FURP to Planning Commission and City Council**
- October 31 Lake Oswego Redevelopment Agency Board -Affordable Housing**
- November 13 Council Hearing on Foothills Code Amendments**
- November 14 Planning Commission Public Hearing**
- November 20 City Council Public Hearing-FURP.**

FAN/Forest Hills N.A. believes this project will have major consequences for our adjacent neighborhood, one of those most affected by Foothills. Should we be rolling out Code Amendments to the current Comp Plan and Ordinances prior to full and thorough examination of the FURP by all Committees? Should we be adopting the Revised Foothills Urban Renewal District prior to seeing if changes in the new Comp Plan meet or conflict with the FURP?

We do not believe developers are lined up to build housing in Foothills in the near future nor is there a directive from the State or Metro that the City expand it's housing supply.

We strongly object to the fast track timetable, which we are sensing is an

attempt to involve citizens and our neighborhood superficially. The public information meetings and hearings seem to be “Show and Tell” sessions giving only the positives of a particular project and none of the negatives or risks. This does not represent transparency of government.

**Regards,
Carole Ockert
Chair, FANFH**