

Before the City of Lake Oswego Planning Commission  
Regarding: LU 12-0032 Foothills District

Historic Resources

The proposed Foothills District Plan/Map includes the following properties for which additional analysis is required prior to taking action on this Application. Regrettably, the Applicant has failed to note the following two properties in their plan, and therefore, failed to determine their local and national architectural and historical significance:

220 Foothills Road, the mid-century James Van Evera Bailey designed office building, originally, location of the Foothills Construction Company . This building was constructed circa 1954/1955.

141 North State Street, the mid-century James Van Evera Bailey designed commercial building, originally the home of Citizen's Bank of Oswego. This building was constructed in 1958-59.

Further, included in the proposed District, the Applicant misidentifies the designer of the original Lakeside Lumber Company building complex on State Street. The designer was community/business leader Arlo Huddleston; not architect Richard Sundleaf as they state (Foothills District Framework Plan, p.25).

Preliminary corrections to the Intensive Level Surveys have been provided the Planning Department. Additionally, the extent of modification occurring during the historic period (through 1961) has yet to be determined; therefore, conclusions reached by the Applicant regarding the historical/architectural significance of this property are not supportable.

Additionally, based on the historic resources in the Old Town neighborhood, we also ask you to consider if it is necessary and appropriate for Old Town to be included in the new Multi Modal designation; and, if it should continue to be included in the Town Center designation.

The Old Town neighborhood is the city's oldest dating back to the founding of Oswego in 1850; and, it is the only neighborhood to fall completely within the boundaries of these designations. Although, it is a Designated Design District, this provides no protection for its historic resources from future impacts or decisions based on Town Center of Multi Modal designations.

In conclusion, we request the Planning Commission recommend to Council prior to approval of this Application, appropriate inventory and analysis addressing these properties and issues occur.

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