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TO: City Council / OPEN LETTER

RE: Waluga Neighborhood under DRC Rulings

With all due respect and cutting to the bottom line, in my humble opinion:

All residents want Safety and Basic Services in equal measure. All residents want property values to be maintained and increased equally well. All Neighborhoods should be treated equally and with respectful parity, except some are more equal than others.

This and other actions of prior City Councils have spawned a level of mistrust, measured and documented in the Executive Summary of the last Residents' Opinion Survey of/on the City. This wave of mistrust has not yet been rolled back, is for repeated abuses and other good reasons, and has installed this **new, duly elected, City Council amidst great hopes and authentic faith and palpable expectations.**

Let me just say with clarity of voice, in the Waluga Neighborhood with particularity, again in my humble opinion as a resident therein, an informed and empowered Public Citizenry must always be able to communicate freely, frankly, fully, and, indeed, passionately about developments in/on the borders of the Waluga Neighborhood specifically with any governmental entity/division/department/etc. of the City.

This is particularly true for the DRC whose decisions actively change/or maintain the character of the Neighborhoods by its overarching Rulings. The DRC as a governmental agency/entity, (not as persons nor as individuals) and notwithstanding this, rules over the Neighborhood and its Citizens who must live with their decisions, right or wrong, and must endure, bear up under the weight of, and, indeed, pick up the pieces of/after the DRC's mistakes.

We as informed and educated Public Citizenry, with no personal negative animus toward any individual, now and always, have an innate, inherent, and immutable right to present or request Redress of Grievances. We do NOT cede that under this or any other DRC. We assert that we **do** hold all governmental entities which rule over us accountable for their actions, their decisions, and the consequences thereof.

Th DRC's errors/mistakes have been committed and foisted more than once upon the Waluga Neighborhood, whose assiduous, preventative efforts have been abundantly documented in verbal testimony and written into the Record.

**Just listen meaningfully and cognitively (not merely cursorily and auditory) to the testimony and people of the Waluga Neighborhood Association.** The DRC, again in my humble opinion, has historically proceeded in the Waluga Neighborhood with either dismissive, willful ignorance or inadvertent incompetence, neither of which abuses is long tolerable. Indeed, it is totally unacceptable.

Look; whether anyone likes it or not, including me, "push has come to shove". Like it or not, some old-fashioned straight talk and horse sense is in order. Please do not be offended where no offense is intended. But let's get real. I for one do not plan to suffer unaccountable foolishness in governance.

On Monday 6 May 2013 all DRC members were given in advance their individual courtesy copies of what was to follow (also written into the Record) of the ensuing passionate discussion that was focused by this humble resident about/on the DRC's collective conduct, behavior, and legacy of performance in the Waluga Neighborhood.

To wit,

*Honorable Councilors & Most Honorable Mayor and the DRC:*

1. *Thank you & Congratulations on your bravery and hard work in being willing to dedicate your efforts to the City.*
  
1. *That notwithstanding, I am too old, too grumpy, & too scary-ugly to put up with "politically correct" nonsense, so with all due respect and with no personal negative animus, please allow me to be clear, full, meaningful, and get to the point without any fancy-dancy sashaying around.*
  
1. *Whereas Lake Oswego has been and is trying to remain a primarily traditional and grassroots lot-based residential community, despite powerful forces, and*
  
1. *Whereas the collective Waluga Neighborhood, despite the vocal opposition of many residents and, with particularity, through the Waluga Neighborhood Association have seen multiple projects shoved down out throats by Staff, DRC, & the City Council.*
  
1. *It is objectionable once again to impact intrusively into/on the border of the Waluga neighborhood with still another non-residential project THAT COULD BE BUILT ELSEWHERE.*
  
1. *In point of fact, you[the DRC entity] have not nor would you ever consider such crap destructive to neighborhood character and charm for Addition A or near the proposed new library site or in the august and venerable neighborhoods of our most prominent citizens.*
  
1. *Furthermore, while the residents of Waluga Neighborhood try hard to preserve all mature trees, this current project with GRAMOR will cut down NET a substantial number of mature trees.*
  
1. *Moreover, there will be more square footage for parking lots and more traffic, despite slicing & dicing the data until they conclude the pre-ordained result that will be baked into the cake.*

*Will you please stop trying to create special benefits for some other 3rd party at the expense of the quality of purely residential life in Walug[a] and for Waluga residents and listen to those residents through the Waluga Neighborhood Association.*

*Thank you very much.*

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I do not mean to appear to you as "civilly disobedient", however, sometimes in life one must grow a spine and call a spade a spade. Whether someone chooses to be emotionally offended is their choice. Nonetheless, this does not change **the ISSUE and FOCUS which remain the list of objective findings enumerated and presented by the Waluga Neighborhood Association.** The only important end result is what happens decision by decision to the character and quality of life in Waluga. I have been clear and discussed this matter fully and meaningfully.

The DRC has indeed wrangled to rule in, pardon my French, "crap" (an affectionate and practical term meaning that which does not seek to better or advance, specifically and with particularity, the improving charm and character of the Neighborhood). With each encroachment that is destructive of this individual improving character and charm of the Neighborhood, disruptive traffic/parking patterns have occurred under which the residents must endure and persevere against their wills and also their distinct clarion call of clear, specific, and repeated forewarning to the DRC of exactly what would happen. Then, yes, it did happen. This has for the Waluga Neighborhood created a messy hodge-podge to deal with and an ever more easy gemish/"situation" into which to stick even more disruptive "crap", like it or not. Let's talk turkey.

If the DRC as a governmental entity (not any individual personage, past or present) does not like being thus chided, taken to task seriously, or even upbraided for/after their train of repeat errors, mistaken calls, and abuses in the Waluga Neighborhood, then it, the DRC collectively, can buckle down and make better decisions. Let them buck up, toughen their skin, **accept accountability, and change their response** to the Waluga Neighborhood, **most especially their designated representatives the Waluga Neighborhood Association. Let's focus, People.**

I for one have had my fill of the DRC and their diminutive, dismissive attitude toward the Waluga Neighborhood.

My nose is full of it.

I am done with them.

I am not an enabler for bad decision makers and will not be silent.

I shall not stand down, period.

Now, in my humble opinion and with all due respect, in regard to the Quarry Road Traffic problem (at present having been made into a major Freeway, Slingshot, & quicker Thru-put for vast numbers of non-Neighborhood/non-internal residential trips), the only solution to quell this is for the City Council to **close the Right Turn from the Carman Roundabout onto Quarry Road (to ALL but and excepting, of course, buses, Police, EMS, etc.).** To make a lane or a turn for buses only, etc. is done in Portland and other major cities all the time. While it does create some initial inconveniences of residential in-flow (not outflow) and route trans-locations for actual, real residents, nevertheless,

**the vast, greater good of Neighborhood peace and quiet and character is served.** Basically internal patterns are totally preserved, including Galewood's, and traffic at this exit point onto the Carman Roundabout flows freely out, but sanely cannot flow in. Historically, signage at that right turn already has been duly posted for a long, long time stating that traffic is for the neighborhood only, but this has never been and **will never be observed by outside commuters.**

*Thank you very much for your consideration and pertinent action for the Neighborhood and community.*

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