

Good Evening,

I'm Barbara Renken, Barlow Crest – Park Place Neighborhood

Thank you for the time you all commit to this Commission, and mostly for really listening to citizens and their concerns.

I'm speaking primarily on issues involving Oregon City Schools as a result of the probable approval of Annexation of AN 17-0004 and ZC 17-0005.

Park Place neighbors are not opposed to development. All of the active neighbors in our association live in newer developments. Opposition is not the issue. The issue is safety, services and doing development accountably and responsibly.

Earlier this year I attended an Oregon City School District Board work session. Present were 20 members of the Board, several teachers, as well as citizens. Work sheets were available, one of which I have shared with you. The session was constructive and informative.

Jeremy Wright, representing a Portland Analytical Company presented a report based on a March 2017 survey the district engaged in. 400 citizens responded to the survey regarding the School Board's consideration of a proposed School Bond in November 2017 for \$188 Million. Feedback revealed 48% of the 400 participants were positive about a school bond in November 2018. The participants expressed concerns including earthquake readiness, safety, overcrowding, and inability to do a school lockdown if needed.

Oregon City currently has 12 schools dating from 1938 to 2003. The only school considered to be safe is OCHS, built in 2003. Obviously, our schools all need upgrading and improvement, if not new schools in some cases.

The proposed bond measure for \$188 Million Dollars would focus on elementary and middle schools, bringing them up to safety standards as well as meeting the standards for today's curriculums.

In light of recent applications for annexation and housing developments, a plan is to build a new Ogden Middle School on property adjacent to Holcomb Elementary School in Park Place neighborhood. A new elementary school would be constructed at the Ogden location. If the Bond doesn't pass in November, OCSD Schools will experience overcrowding and unsafe conditions as well as funding for additional buses and drivers to transport students, until \$188 Million or more can be raised.

If this current annexation is approved, Park Place neighborhood will be adding a potential 400 homes to the current projects, totaling almost 800 in our neighborhood all using Holcomb Blvd. Phase II of the Park Place Concept Plan will add 600 more units. Additionally, Clackamas County is selling View Manor and Clackamas Heights for private, high density development. Common sense will tell you there will be a need for additional and larger schools not to mention more

vehicle access on Holcomb Blvd. While Mr. Rogers of OCSD assured us that the district has adequate space at this time, adding even Phase I will change that assessment.

The State, the County and the City are unable to contribute to Redland Rd. #213 modifications. When the State approaches its limit, services will be cut. A budget report at the meeting revealed funds are already very limited and curriculum adjustments are being considered.

Oregon City cannot even afford sidewalks for students and residents to safely cross Holcomb Blvd. There is not one pedestrian crosswalk on Holcomb; not even at Holcomb School Road.

Please seriously consider these issues before approving annexation of this property at this time. We all know once it is annexed, development will be approved, with no concern for the existing citizens of this and outlying neighborhoods.

The owner or proposed contractor of this project might consider providing a roadway for trucks and construction materials through Redland and Livesay, alleviating some of the stress on Holcomb and minimizing some of the safety and traffic issues until/if the Holly Lane Extension, estimated at \$18 Million can be funded.

I respectfully request this annexation be delayed until the owner/developer can provide Oregon City citizens additional access. Building more homes, more traffic and more congestion will not lead to a safer atmosphere for our citizens, their families and pets unless access to our neighborhood can be improved.

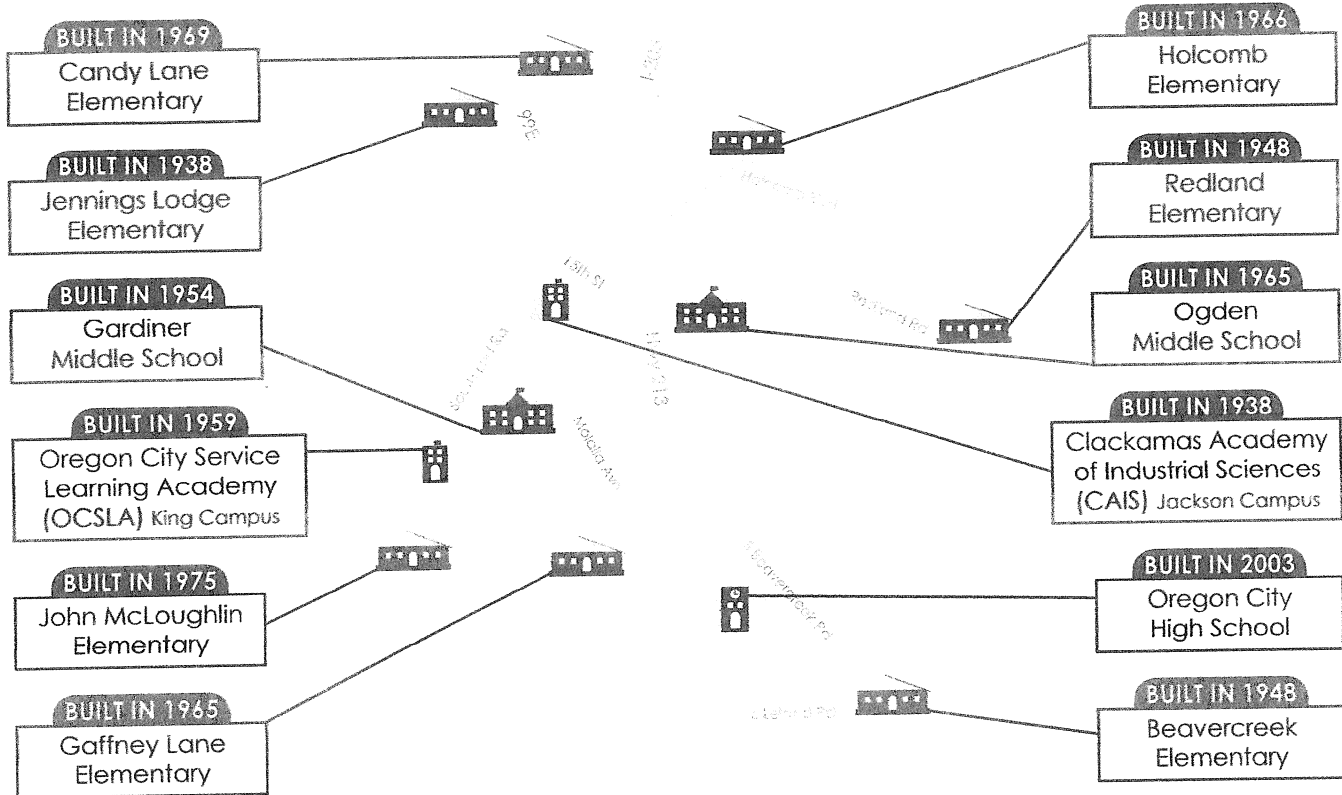
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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OREGON CITY SCHOOLS

By the Numbers

When Were Our Schools Built?



Recent School Bonds History

2000 - Phase 1

Voters approved funds to build new Oregon City High School. The Bond helped to transform the high school experience and brought a sense of pride to the entire community.

Oregon City High School Success by the Numbers since 2000



94% Graduation Rate
(State average 74%)



200 Classes Offered

26 Classes that earn College Credit

16 Advanced Placement Courses



40 Clubs



27 Athletic Sports Programs

2018 - Phase 2

Oregon City School District is considering placing a bond on the November 2018 ballot to modernize the educational experience and improve the health and safety at our middle and elementary schools.

We want to hear from you! Tell us what you think!

OCSchoolBond.org

OCSD62.ORG/bond - middle/elementary schools

Planning Commission
Re: April 9 meeting

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