

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 10, 2019

**TO:** Dan Holladay, Mayor  
Rocky Smith, Jr., Commissioner, Position #1  
Nancy Ide, Commissioner, Position #2  
Frank O' Donnell, Commissioner, Position #3  
Rachel Lyles-Smith, Commissioner, Position #4  
Tony Konkol, City Manager  
John Lewis, Public Works Director  
Phil Lewis, Community Services Director  
Jim Band, Chief of Police

**CC:** Cameron McCredie, McLoughlin Neighborhood Association Chair

**FROM:** Concerned Citizens of Rivercrest Neighborhood  
Ed Lindquist, Rivercrest Neighborhood Association Chair

**RE:** Ongoing Illegal Activities at Creed Street Viewpoint (The Bluff)

**ATTACHMENTS:** Memorandum from Chris Wadsworth with call data  
Photo Plates of Creed Street Viewpoint activity

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We are submitting the attached information to the City in support of our request that the Commissioner's direct the City Manager to put together a work group consisting of the Public Works Director, Community Services Director, Chief of Police, including representatives living in the Rivercrest Neighborhood, to come up with a solution to address the continued criminal and illegal activity and traffic issues related to the Creed Street Viewpoint, which is affecting the livability of our neighborhood. The attachments consist of police call data from 2014 to present, compiled by Chris Wadsworth, OCPD, and several photos taken by neighborhood residents at the Viewpoint over the last couple of years.

The Creed Street Viewpoint is an amazing place. Everyone knows this. Though the view remains breathtaking, the access to it by the community is intimidating and in trouble. It has been taken over by drug dealers, drug users, young adults who drive loud cars and play their stereos too loud, and recently a serious assault. How do we know about the drugs? Many of us have witnessed that activity just by walking through the Viewpoint, with the same cars driving by our homes three or more times a day going to the Viewpoint for very short stops. Some of the cars have been seen racing side by side down Brighton Avenue, blowing through stop signs, riding on top of car hoods, and simply going too fast for the safety of the residents in the neighborhood. From discussions with a traffic police officer working in our neighborhood, most of the traffic citations in our neighborhood are related to the Viewpoint and most the drivers are not Oregon City residents. This activity starts around 9:00 in the morning and can go well into the early morning hours. As result, our neighborhood has become unlivable.

As shown on the police call data, there has been a spike in calls during 2018 for disturbances, noise complaints, traffic, and related activity within our neighborhood. Discussions have been held for the past two years with representatives from the City at our Rivercrest Neighborhood Association meetings in regard to these Viewpoint issues, with no results. Our neighbors are discouraged, with attendance at our neighborhood meetings at an all time low. That being said, we thank Jim Band and the Police Department for their efforts and to John Lewis, Public Works Director, for listening constructively to our concerns.

We propose that the City provide the means to close Creed Street Viewpoint parking, which could include the use of appropriate signage installed and adding removable bollards to prevent parking at the wall. The closure could be temporary, intermittent, or permanent, to be determined by the work group. We believe that closing the Viewpoint to parking, regardless at what level, the illegal activity at the Viewpoint and the out of control traffic in the neighborhood should be reduced.

This is no longer just a Rivercrest Neighborhood problem. It is an Oregon City problem. Please work with us to find a solution.