

Testimony in Favor
LU16-0013

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I urge the Commission to approve the application to use the historic Workers Cottage as a small museum and meeting room.

This use is in keeping with the historic significance of the house, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The cottage is one of seven stops on the Oswego Iron Heritage Trail and one of thirty sites depicted on the official map of the Willamette Falls Heritage Trail.

The City is to be congratulated for having the foresight to preserve this humble dwelling, the last of several built by the iron company for its workers. You could hardly find a more appropriate occupant and caretaker than the Lake Oswego Preservation Society, whose mission is the preservation of Lake Oswego's heritage through advocacy and education.

Earlier this year I participated in a Tourism Task Force created by City Councilors Jackie Manz and Joe Buck. One of the things we discussed was the popularity of heritage tourism. People are eager to experience an authentic sense of place. A Workers Cottage that is open to the public will greatly enrich the experience of visitors who are curious about Lake Oswego's distinctive history as an iron-making village.

A visit to the cottage helps us imagine what life was like in the 1880s when the town's population was around 100 and families managed to live in no more than 700 square feet.

I urge you to approve this application. The City could find no better tenant than the Lake Oswego Preservation Society. The Society will take loving care of the cottage and honor its place in our history.

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EXHIBIT G-101

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Testimony in Support of:

LU16-0013 A Request for a Conditional Use Permit for an Institutional Office
Use in an Historic Landmark

I enthusiastically support the proposed Conditional Use permit request, including, the Minor Variance, minor alteration, and, proposed removal of one tree. With the Conditions proposed many would consider this use and these changes to provide both enhancement to the historic Worker's Cottage property and the Old Town neighborhood. Therefore, I strongly encourage the Development Review Commission to adopt the recommendation to approve this application!

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EXHIBIT G-102

To the Development Review Commission:

I request that you deny approval of LU 16-0013.

It is a misuse of taxpayer funds for the city to fund a quasi-commercial enterprise in the DD neighborhood. This cottage belongs in the city park where it will be appreciated by many more people. It would have more visibility and there is adequate parking. If one of the city's goals is to show off its heritage, then the city park is the place.

The structure should be moved to the park and the lot sold for a single family home. The city can realize \$300,000 from the sale of the land and pay for moving costs and a lot more. No taxpayer funds needed. Everybody is happy and the city looks good saving money.

The proposal to remove the 12" Clerodendron tree for visibility purposes is disturbing. If visibility is a priority then the park is the place for the cottage. It is an unusual tree for the area and so it is of historical value.

The Clerodendron is beautiful and fragrant. It provides excellent screening to the home to the West. This home needs screening from the cottage and its potential traffic.

I believe the trip estimate to be exceeding low and I would like to point out the limitations of the alley, it is only 16 feet wide.

Sincerely,

Tom Rodrigues