

Attention: City of Cannon Beach Planning Commission
Subject: Oct 22, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting,
Personal Comment re: AA 20-02,03, 04 Roberts
Date: October 21, 2020

For the consideration of the Cannon Beach Planning Commission:

Our family owns a waterfront home in Cannon Beach and recently received a flyer from a law firm (Miller Nash Graham & Dunn), encouraging neighbors to testify against the approval of the Roberts development at this coming Thursday night's Planning Commission Meeting. I have attached the flyer for your review. We are submitting our personal comment in favor of the land owner to allow them to develop their property and new home in compliance with existing zoning regulations. Based upon the size and location of the proposed new home, it appears that the lawyers are making extreme, unsubstantiated claims that unjustly restrict the property owner's use of their land.

We consider ourselves fortunate to own property in Cannon Beach and purchased our property here in order to have the right to continue to do so. To limit property owners' rights, based upon the influence of special interests who want to restrict other property owner's rights to benefit themselves, is wrong. As property owners and tax payers, we all deserve the right to enjoy our properties in accordance with the law.

We find the letter solicited by Miller Nash Graham & Dunn Law Firm ridiculous and offensive. It makes a lot of unjustified assertions in order to rally neighbors to oppose the project. It implies that the property owners intend to disregard local building and zoning codes to build a new driveway and home. The letter states that by building the home the development will "diminish the historically significant Oswald-West cabin and the natural setting of Haystack Rock". We and other property owners in the area have faith that the planning commission would only approve permits that are in compliance with local building codes and would closely review the project before granting permission to proceed. To imply that a property owner who admired the area so much that they have decided to build a home there would then proceed to destroy the environment to which they were so drawn, seems contradictory and foolish. People choose to build homes here and reside in this community because of their intention to enjoy and preserve the beauty that surrounds them, not destroy it. Limiting others' property rights in fear that it will somehow diminish our own enjoyment is selfish and inequitable.

As property owners who care for and wish to preserve the beauty of the coastline and Haystack Rock, we support the Roberts' right to enjoy their land and develop it in compliance with city/county building codes.

Respectively Submitted,

Marie McCauley

To Our Neighbors and Local Community:

PLEASE TELL THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO NOT:

- Remove city trees too enable this project,
- Create a dangerous intersection in the Hemlock S-Curves,
- Permit a nonconforming street/driveway/bridge in unimproved Nenana Avenue,
- Ignore its ocean shore setback rules,
- Diminish the historically significant Oswald-West cabin, and
- Diminish the natural setting of Haystack Rock

The City should say no to this dangerous proposal. The City has substantial discretion in how its streets are used and should not bend and break its rules to enable the destruction of this cherished place.

Please testify in writing and in person.

