

MEMORANDUM

TO: Newberg Planning Commission

FROM: Clay Downing, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Supplemental Packet Material: Additional Public Comments for File No. VAR23-0001

DATE: July 7, 2023

We have received five additional public comments for File No. VAR23-0001 following publication of the staff report for the Planning Commission meeting scheduled to occur on July 13, 2023. Please review these additional materials and add to your packet.

Attachments:

1. Public Comment from Michelle Colvin
2. Public Comment from Polly Peterson
3. Public Comment from Christopher Laarman
4. Public Comment from Tim and Aria Assad
5. Public Comment from Leigh Jensen (Taste Newberg)

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7/6/23

Subject: Endorsement of Parking Variance Request for Chehalem Cultural Center Renovations

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my wholehearted endorsement of the Chehalem Cultural Center's (CCC) request for a parking variance to facilitate their upcoming renovations and the construction of a performing arts wing. As a devoted advocate for the CCC and an active member of our vibrant community, I firmly believe that granting this variance will bring immense benefits to our city and its residents.

The CCC has consistently proven to be a responsible and considerate neighbor, diligently managing their event bookings to avoid any parking issues in the surrounding neighborhood. Their commitment to the community's well-being and their track record of responsible event management establish them as a reliable partner and deserving of our unwavering support.

The proposed renovations, including the addition of a theatre, dance studio, and renovated lobby space, hold tremendous promise for enriching our community's cultural landscape. By expanding their facilities, the CCC will be better equipped to fulfill their mission of providing diverse and captivating arts and cultural experiences for residents of all ages and backgrounds. The introduction of a performing arts wing will not only attract exceptional performers but also nurture local talent, fostering artistic expression and creativity within our community.

As a nonprofit organization, the CCC has consistently made valuable contributions to the public good, serving as an invaluable resource for countless individuals. Their programs and events have offered educational opportunities, promoted cultural understanding, and provided a platform for local artists to showcase their talents. By supporting their parking variance request, we are ensuring the continued growth and success of this vital community asset.

Granting the requested parking variance will not only facilitate the CCC's necessary renovations but also amplify their positive impact on our community. I implore you to carefully consider the CCC's invaluable contributions to our city and its residents when deliberating on this matter.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. I trust that you will recognize the immense benefits that the CCC's proposed renovations will bring to our community and wholeheartedly support their parking variance request. Should you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Colvin

Clay Downing

From: PLANNING
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 3:32 PM
To: Clay Downing
Subject: FW: Endorsement of Parking Variance Request for Chehalem Cultural Center Renovations

From: Polly Peterson <popeters@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 9:45 AM
To: PLANNING <planning@newbergoregon.gov>
Subject: Endorsement of Parking Variance Request for Chehalem Cultural Center Renovations

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Polly Peterson
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July 7, 2023

Greetings,

I am writing to put my support behind the Chehalem Cultural Center's (CCC) parking variance request connected to the upcoming renovations and the construction of a performing arts wing. This variance will benefit our community and its residents.

The CCC is a considerate neighbor, diligently managing their event bookings to avoid any parking issues in the surrounding neighborhood and thereby establishing themselves as a caring community partner. Planned renovations with its addition of a theatre, dance studio, and renovated lobby space, will enhance our city.

The introduction of a performing arts wing will not only attract exceptional performers but also nurture local talent, fostering artistic expression and creativity within our community. By expanding their facilities, the CCC will be better equipped to fulfill their mission of providing diverse and captivating arts and cultural experiences for residents of all ages and backgrounds.

The CCC is a nonprofit organization, consistently making valuable contributions to the public good. Their programs and events have offered educational opportunities, promoted cultural understanding, and provided a platform for local artists to showcase their talents. By supporting their parking variance request, we are ensuring the continued growth and success of this vital community asset.

Granting the requested parking variance will not only facilitate the CCC's necessary renovations but also amplify their positive impact on our community. Think about CCC's invaluable contributions to our city and its residents when deliberating on this matter.

Thank you, and I know you will recognize the considerable benefits the CCC's proposed renovations will bring to our community when considering your support for their parking variance request. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Polly Peterson

Clay Downing

From: PLANNING
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 9:40 AM
To: Clay Downing
Subject: FW: Parking,

From: Christopher Laarman <claarman1954@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2023 10:05 AM
To: PLANNING <planning@newbergoregon.gov>
Subject: Parking,

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I was having a conversation with my neighbor and Sean Andries walked by and wanted to know if we have experienced any problems with the parking of cars on our street that is generated due to the events at the C. Cultural Center. My address is 413 N Howard St. and my neighbor lives directly across the street. We both agreed that we have had no problems or issues with the traffic or parking. Just wanted to let you know that we can't wait for the theater's opening.

Cheers

Christopher Laarman
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Newberg Or
503 538 9226

Clay Downing

From: PLANNING
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 9:43 AM
To: Clay Downing
Subject: FW: CCC request for parking variance

-----Original Message-----

From: Aria Assad <ariarachel@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2023 2:06 PM
To: PLANNING <planning@newbergoregon.gov>
Subject: CCC request for parking variance

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Tim & Aria Assad
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To whom it may concern:

We are the direct neighbors of the CCC on the parking lot side.

We LOVE what the CCC is doing in our community—we take advantage of many programs, from attending church in the ballroom to having our children in summer camps to preschool, to participating in the art displays.

As you consider their requested variance in parking so they can develop the theater space, please say YES! Having another, formal theater space so close to downtown can only be an asset to our lovely community. Anything that can bring us together in new ways is a go as far as we're concerned.

And in the years we have lived here, we almost never have parking issues, regardless of what is going on next door.

Again, please say yes to their requested parking variance. We're excited to see the dream of a developed theater space at the cultural center come to life.

Sincerely,

Tim & Aria Assad

Clay Downing

From: PLANNING
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 3:34 PM
To: Clay Downing
Subject: FW: Written Comments: File No VAR23-0001 - Endorsement of Parking Variance Request for Chehalem Cultural Center Renovations

From: Leigh Jensen <director@tastenewberg.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 2:08 PM
To: PLANNING <planning@newbergoregon.gov>
Subject: Written Comments: File No VAR23-0001 - Endorsement of Parking Variance Request for Chehalem Cultural Center Renovations

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Yours sincerely,

Leigh Jensen | Executive Director

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