

SWNI Board Motion Form

Moved by direction of...

Name: MNA Committee: Land Use

Motion: Request that SWNI write a letter in support of MNA objections to Middle Housing Policy File (Amendment P45) to the 2035 Comprehensive Plan, consistent with SWNI's prior letter, dated 4/28/2016.

Second: _____

(Note: No second is required if motion is moved by committee action)

If action requested is a letter please note the following:

To whom letter should be addressed: _____

Main talking points to include in the letter:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

CC(s): _____



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April 28, 2016

Mayor Charlie Hales and members of the Portland City Council
City of Portland
1221 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Re: Proposed Amendment P#45 to the 2035 Comprehensive Plan

Dear Mayor Hales and City Council members:

On April 27, 2016 the SWNI Board of Directors voted in support of the position adopted by the Multnomah Neighborhood Association and the SWNI Land Use Committee in opposition to Amendment P#45 because:

- The amendment was introduced at the last minute and without notification commensurate with the potential changes that could ensue from this amendment, with the result that we have not had time to adequately evaluate the amendment;
- The “where appropriate” clause is not defined and therefore we cannot evaluate its application;
- The map app is a more appropriate tool to implement this type of middle density housing by rezoning properties for multi-family occupancy, where appropriate, using existing notification procedures.
- There is no provision in the amendment to guarantee that the middle housing that it would allow would be affordable.
- We are concerned that an unintended consequence of this amendment would be the demolition of existing affordable housing in the name of affordable middle housing

Thank you for extending the comment period to allow the Southwest Neighborhood Board of Directors time to submit testimony. We would hope in the future there would be adequate time for more fully responsive testimony

Sincerely,

Sam Pearson
President
Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.