

SWNI Special Land Use Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 2017

Motion: The SWNI Land Use Committee opposes the Residential Infill Project as it is currently drafted and as applied to the SW Neighborhood Coalition area.

Rationale:

The RIP is inconsistent with guidance from the Comprehensive Plan in that it does not concentrate density in centers which have walkable access to services and instead intrudes into single family neighborhoods.

The RIP ignores the available buildable property and allowable additional structures in single family neighborhoods that exist across the city under the current code. For example, BPS admits that 5% or fewer corner lots on which a duplex is allowed have been developed in that manner.

The RIP fails to insure housing affordability and likely will result in continued demolitions, displacement and an increase in investor owned city.

The RIP proposes to destroy single-family neighborhoods which are clearly desirable by a large portion of the population

The RIP fails to consider infrastructure that is needed to support the proposed spread of density.

The RIP is based on the false assumption that car transportation will phase out.

The RIP fails to require sufficient off street parking resulting in street congestion and decrease in walking safety particularly in areas where there are no sidewalks.

The RIP is a one size fits all approach to accommodating increased growth in Portland but provides no alternatives for achieving the goals which allegedly guide the proposal.