

Ann Machado - Re: Objection to the Verizon equipment facility adjacent to Rivers Edge Drive

From: Amelia Hassler <ameliahassler@gmail.com>
To: Ann Machado <AMACHADO@portlandmaine.gov>
Date: 12/10/2015 7:28 PM
Subject: Re: Objection to the Verizon equipment facility adjacent to Rivers Edge Drive

Hi Ann,

Thanks so much for your response. There has been a lot of research and dialogue in the neighborhood since I sent you my email. And as I learn more about the proposed placement of the building on the site map (closest proximity to the neighborhood and highest most visible elevation possible) it leaves me with even greater concerns about how big and imposing a presence it will have (not just for the direct abutters but for all of us). Truly a terrible eye sore in a beautiful natural space. I'm deeply distressed.

Thanks again for your response!

Amelia

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2015, at 2:39 PM, Ann Machado <AMACHADO@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

Amelia -

I have passed your email on to the applicant, Verizon so they can address your concerns at the next meeting. The Board will also be receiving your email before the meeting. When we know the date of the next meeting, we will notify you. This email has also become part of the permanent record of the appeal.

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>>> Amelia Hassler <ameliahassler@gmail.com> 12/6/2015 9:44 PM >>>

Hi Ann,

My name is Amelia Hassler and I purchased a home at 93 River's Edge Drive a little over a year ago. I'm writing with great concern about the proposed zoning change for the Verizon equipment facility. I wanted to formally express my opposition to the possibility of allowing Verizon to build a large commercial facility in such close proximity to our residential

neighborhood.

When I bought into this neighborhood just over a year ago, I carefully researched the zoning of the directly adjacent areas, specifically looking for whether or not the residential / natural woodland surroundings would remain intact (hence the property value and aesthetic of the neighborhood would remain intact). Unlike some of my neighbors who bought 10 or more years ago, I paid top dollar for my property... and I'm deeply concerned that the looming presence of such a large industrial commercial facility so close to our own residential properties will significantly reduce the property values, causing me to lose money on such large personal investment.

This is such a special quiet beautiful neighborhood of Portland that has a unique protected feel to it, and I'm greatly saddened and worried that this proposed equipment facility will have an adverse impact for all of us who live here. The idea of a big 'for profit' company swooping in and being able to change the rules, and in doing so disrupt the quality and value of our personal properties, is deeply upsetting.

I've had nothing but positive experiences in the past with your zoning board and the city of Portland in general... so I appeal to you to please not allow commercial use of this land... to not allow big businesses like Verizon to intrude on the protected residential neighborhoods of Portland (where the impact to the individual is deeply felt).

Thank you for your time and your understanding.

Sincerely,

Amelia Hassler
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