

Jefferson 14 Apartments Recommendation for the Portland Design Commission Hearing on the Jefferson 14 Apartments on December 11, 2014

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My name is Daniel Salomon. I am an environmental writer, Goose Hollow resident, and GHFL member. I am a Neurodiverse human on the Autism Spectrum. I hold a Master of Arts in Theological Research from Andover Newton Theological School and a Graduate Certificate in Science and Religion. I relocated cross country from the East Coast to Portland to be close to the environmental and animal movements and live in a city with accessible public transportation because I live in Section 8 Housing Voucher program. (Goal 8.1, Goal 8.4)

I have some architectural recommendations to make to the Portland Design Commission Hearing to make the Jefferson 14 Apartments survivable for vulnerable populations and livable for all in Goose Hollow while still being environmentally sustainable to the planet as a whole in accordance with keeping the City of Portland as an ecological flagship for a sustainable and just community.

As a Neurodiverse citizen, the stakes could not be higher. I need safety from violent crime to be able to live independently and a lower stress environment to manage my serious anxiety symptoms.

To make this project survivable for vulnerable populations in Goose Hollow this project will need to, if not already in the works, utilize quieter construction technologies to contain noise pollution and energy efficient LED lights versus flicking florescent lights to contain artificial light pollution and a clause in the lease prohibiting subletting to help prevent human overpopulation in the Goose Hollow neighborhood.

To make this project environmentally sustainable, if not already in the works, this project needs a green roof, to help mitigate carbon, stormwater and heat pollution. Mitigating heat pollution will also help to protect the survivability of Goose Hollow for vulnerable populations and help to preserve the livability of Goose Hollow for all. Permeable parking and loading surfaces would also help reduce heat pollution and improve stormwater management.

A small storefront would create mutualistic relationships with the surrounding neighborhood and help to build more community in Goose Hollow and in the City of Portland, while an off-street loading space would help maintain current traffic safety levels and contain traffic congestion and stress.

Thanks very much!

