

# Save RedTail Community Meeting Summary

March 3, 2024

Next meeting: Sunday April 14

## **PURPOSE:**

Preserve RedTail neighborhoods and our community.

**Attendees:** Dede, Chris H, Renée, Chris C, Dan, Julie, Liz, Lara, Bruce, Kristen, Rose

Notes had been distributed prior to the meeting and were approved by attendees.

Renée gave a brief recap of the Feb 15 Zoom meeting with Wa County Commissioner Fai, and the Feb 26 Zoom meeting with Neighbors for Wetland Preservation (NWP). NWP filed a Public Records Request for communication between the Portland Mayor's office and Portland Diamond Project (PDP) and has received approximately 800 pages of documents. NWP is in the process of reviewing the records and posting them on their [website](#). Chris C will briefly scan the records once they are available, to determine the best way to approach more in-depth review. Renée also shared information from Brenda Bartlett, Commissioner Fai's assistant. According to Brenda, should a sale be agreed upon between the City of Portland and PDP, Beaverton would have the final say in the use of that land. Brenda further recommended meeting with Portland City Commissioner Carmen Rubio's office. Renée is reaching out to her chief of staff to set that up in the hopes of gaining better insight into how this entire process would work.

Chris H. talked briefly about his emails with the Senior Planner for Tigard's [Washington Square redevelopment project](#). They are very aware of PDP's interest in RedTail and seem to share some of our concerns.

We had a brief discussion on Utah's progress toward a stadium/team, a recent [Bill Oram article in the Oregonian](#), and speculated on why Portland wants to sell RedTail. Liz pointed out it's the only public golf course in the area and a lot of high school teams, public and private, use it for practice. Liz will follow-up with a contact name at the course. Chris H will contact school teams to build our group of allies.

Dan shared info from a friend who is a real estate attorney. The attorney told him there was precedent from a case decided by the Supreme Court that developers can't change the underlying nature of an existing property into a totally different type of property. The reasoning is that homeowners have a legal right to expect that the property their homes are adjacent to will remain the same or similar in use. For example, if you bought property overlooking a golf course, it may be ok for the golf course to be turned into park land, but not ok for it to be turned into a stadium. Dan is obtaining a copy of the ruling for our review.

We discussed a name for a dedicated email and agreed upon [SaveRedTailCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:SaveRedTailCommunity@gmail.com).

We agreed that the next meeting will be for the leadership group on Sunday April 14, and that we may need to move to Zoom after that to accommodate more participants.

**To Do:**

Renée: request mtg with Commissioner Rubio's Chief of Staff

Chris C: quick scan of Portland's documents to determine how to divide for further review

Liz: contact person at RedTail for highschool teams

Chris H: follow up with highschool teams

Dan/Julie: follow up with real estate attorney for more info on case law re golf course development

Dan & Kristen: attend CPO3 mtg on Zoom March 21 at 6:30 pm to share info about our project

Dede: open dedicated email account and set up documents on Google Docs or Google Drive

Dede: contact group when City of Beaverton records are available