

# Designs for Spur 104 deemed too restrictive

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Warrenton planning commissioners rejected a variety of changes to the city's development code, including implementation of a master-planned development area along Spur 104.

After two meetings and several hours discussing Community Development Director Kevin Cronin's proposals, Commissioner Ryan Lampi made a motion Oct. 10 to ta-

ble the changes, which was approved 6-0 with an abstention by Commissioner Ken Yuill, one of the 25 property owners within the Spur 104 project area.

Earlier this year, the city sponsored and approved a zone change from residential to commercial mixed use. During the summer, it held a charrette, or weeklong open house, to gain ideas from residents and property owners about how the area between

Ocean Crest and Home Depot should develop.

The result was a plan that included things like tiny homes, a cottage courtyard development, small businesses with living quarters above and unified street signs, lighting and landscaping.

Most troubling to the planners was the restrictions that might be placed on those who develop later rather than sooner.

"Every developer is responsible for a traffic study," Commissioner Chris Hayward said. "If the traffic from their project impacts an intersection, they're responsible for coming up with a solution. ... There's going to be a tipping point where the first guy shouldn't get off scott-free and the last guy in shouldn't be holding the whole bill."

Lampi said he understood why the city wants to have a master plan for the area, but nothing should be done without an eye to traffic issues,

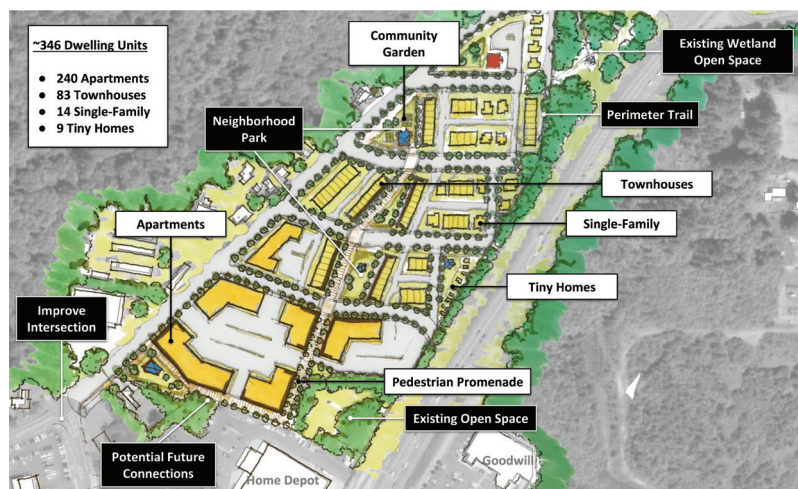
which was the City Commission's main concern.

"I don't see the root of what the issue is being addressed," Lampi said. "It's hard for me to restrict development based on a fear of the unknown."

Later, he added, "We're beating a dead horse. Either we push forward and make a decision or we don't. ... Per-

sonally, I've seen enough of this."

Also at the meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to delay until their Nov. 14 meeting a decision on a conditional use permit for Pacific Seafoods Group, which has proposed building a 90-bed dormitory off Northwest Warrenton Drive.



A master plan proposal for development within Spur 104.

# Employee suspected of stealing from Walmart

A Walmart employee was arrested Saturday on suspicion of stealing more than \$1,100 in merchandise over 18 separate instances, all caught on video surveillance, according to store security in a police report.

Kylene Johnson Quinn, 63, of Astoria was cited for felony theft.

Store security observed the woman staging merchandise, including Halloween candy, rope lights, picture frames and an artificial Christmas tree, near a register in the garden center, according to a police report. She attached an old receipt to the items and left the store with them at the end of her shift.

Security then reviewed available security footage

from other days when she worked and found a similar pattern of theft. Among the items alleged to have been taken: a train set, a Lego set,

portable grill, plants, clothes, toys and pet supplies.

A court hearing was scheduled for Nov. 12 in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

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