

From: [i>Richard and Shirley Jones](#)
To: [Keith Leonard](#)
Subject: GreenHouse
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 8:45:17 AM

Hi,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed greenhouse at Bridgeport School. We enthusiastically support the idea.

Rick Jones and Shirley Roffe
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From: JOHN HAGAN <exploredave@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 3:34 PM
To: Keith Leonard
Cc: JOHN HAGAN
Subject: Bridgeport Elementary School Greenhouse
Attachments: [IMG_0934 \(1\)_LI.jpg](#); [IMG_0942 \(1\)_LI.jpg](#); [IMG_0951 \(2\)_LI.jpg](#);
[IMG_3128_LI.jpg](#); [IMG_3120_LI.jpg](#); [IMG_0953 \(1\)_LI.jpg](#);
[IMG_3117_LI.jpg](#); [IMG_3118_LI.jpg](#); [IMG_3148_LI.jpg](#)

Hello Keith,

Here is our input regarding the Bridgeport Greenhouse....We hope that the city will be sensitive to our input and concerns... This has been a frustrating and difficult experience for us and the neighbors and the sense that nobody is listening to our input, suggestions and concerns. The school and Nourishing Neighbors decisions have been made despite our inputs...

We are neighbors of the school and have lived peacefully with the school for 28 years. At the initiation of the community garden, we were advocates and for several years the garden was kept clean and seemed to be managed proactively. This has all changed in the past several years -- the gardens upkeep and management has become poor to marginal at best. Here in-lies our concern regarding a large greenhouse which will require a significant increase in responsibilities and maintenance, well beyond simple laboring to keep a garden clean, maintained and well managed. If the school cannot maintain a simple garden, how are they going to manage a garden and a large greenhouse?

We have shared our concerns about the garden maintenance and clean up with the school and Nourishing Neighbors group in past conference calls with limited results. The most recent example is shared in a few before and after pictures of the recent volunteer clean-up effort in early April 2022...see attached pictures...

Please notice after the garden clean up, there remains piles that have not been removed, high grass (weeds) not mowed down or removed and other areas under the trees on the east side of the garden not raked up. This is pretty typical of how the garden has been maintained during the past several years.

This being the case we have serious concerns regarding the large greenhouse being installed in the garden. Here are our concerns:

1. The greenhouse seems to be designed much larger than necessary...we have requested reconsideration of the greenhouse size from the beginning. We have heard and read the schools reasoning for the specified size but question many of the reasons.

2. Bridgeport has amazing facilities / classrooms, how is it that teaching cannot be done in classrooms designed for teaching and learning and then move to a smaller easier to maintain greenhouse for empirical garden experiences and experiments, vs having to have the teaching in the greenhouse... STEM training is not dependent on a greenhouse; this is the primary purpose of the classroom.
3. If the primary purpose for the garden is to grow food for the community, why take so much outdoor growing space away...In the greenhouse that is specified it is difficult to understand how that will increase garden yields. I come from a family of farmers, so I have some confidence in my understanding of garden yields and the purpose of greenhouses.
4. Who is in charge of the community garden? Who is in charge of the greenhouse? Who will be in charge of the maintenance of both? What is the maintenance plan or schedule for maintenance? When the garden and greenhouse fall into disrepair and poor maintenance whom do we contact? What are the noise ratings of the fans that will be used in the greenhouse? We live next door and have concerns about noise pollution. In past discussions we are provided no clear explanation of who is responsible for the garden or greenhouse – the school passes us to Nourishing Neighbors and visa versa.

In summary, we continue to request the greenhouse be reduced in size and that the garden and greenhouse have well defined maintenance plans with well-defined senior managers that the community can contact to address all concerns related to the garden and greenhouse.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards

John Hagan



NOTE: 9 pictures were provided, not all picture provided "after" shots. The above pictures were the pictures submitted individually for review.



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From: Norman Alvstad
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 10:49 AM
To: Kleonard@tualtin.gov
Subject: Bridgeport Elementary Greenhouse

Thoughts on proposal by Ted and Karen Alvstad:

The Proposed greenhouse appears excessively large for an elementary school. Research indicates a much smaller greenhouse footprint is the suggested norm for an elementary school greenhouse.

The proposed siting seems an odd choice, in that it is 'shoehorned' into a narrow space at the North end of the school, when there are large areas behind the school to the East, and to the South that are far away from existing houses. This is an important consideration to the people who live close by, and will be adversely affected by the close proximity of noise producing fans.

There is no mention of fan details in the proposal narrative. Research indicates that even unheated greenhouses have significant fan requirements, (see the Arcadia Tip# 8 Sizing and Cooling Equipment for a Greenhouse), to maintain a constant temperature for growing plants. One can imagine the constant aggravation of the turning on and off of large fans close to your backyard and home.

The nearby neighbors will most certainly be subjected to unwelcome exhaust fan noise throughout the day and night. This will not just be some time, but operating in a 24 X 7 environment.

It has been our observation that school Administrators, Teachers, and Students come and go, but we neighbors are the one constant. We have lived here for 26 years, and have enjoyed the children and their happy laughter very much. We would like that tradition to continue without the noise pollution of exhaust fans.

The reason I mention the turnover of Administrators and Teachers, is that when the Community Garden was in use it was our experience that the garden was not always maintained properly. This was especially true when it came to cleaning up after harvests. Even now the area has fallen into unsightly disrepair. We are concerned that this lack of due diligence will also be an issue with the proposed greenhouse.

Please ask yourself: Would you want this outsized greenhouse located within steps of your home and yard?

Sincerely,
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Sent from Mail for Windows

From: [Phil Venable](#)
To: [Keith Leonard](#)
Subject: Re: Bridgeport Elementary School Greenhouse
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 1:18:41 PM
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[image003.png](#)

Keith I'm sending a follow-up email, I feel it may help in decision making, in addition to the previous email, we now find the said garden area has a mole problem. Also, adjacent to the garden is a long time Legacy Garden created by students. Unfortunately, due to neglect the fencing is rotting and falling apart.

If the school has a problem with current issues, what will happen with the maintenance of another building.

We ask that our concerns be given merit in the decision making of this greenhouse.

Thank you

Phil Venable

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On Friday, April 22, 2022, 09:13:47 AM PDT, Keith Leonard <kleonard@tualatin.gov> wrote:

Mr. Venable,

Thank you for providing your comments. They will be forwarded to the applicant and provided in the staff report. Have a good day.

Keith Leonard, AICP

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From: Phil Venable <phil.venable@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 9:09 AM
To: Keith Leonard <kleonard@tualatin.gov>
Subject: Bridgeport Elementary School Greenhouse

At the September 14, 2021, zoom meeting we found out the greenhouse would be 960 sq ft unheated with two large fans. we asked how much noise they will make; we have never been given an answer from them. The fact that the greenhouse is unheated is also a major concern. Oregon State and the U of O Extension service have researched and documented a number of problems growing vegetables in an unheated greenhouse. As presented this greenhouse will be cold, damp, and faced with issues of mold, moss and fungus as well as insects, which will require sprays and chemical controls that could create health issues for students.

The zoom meeting also listed the purpose of the greenhouse as a classroom where students can enhance science, math, reading and writing when the question, "what is wrong with the classrooms" that have lights, heat and the proper tools to teach the class. We did not receive an answer.

We believe the article in the Tualatin Life paper February/March issue does not accurately represent the proposed greenhouse or the problems that we have seen during the past five years.

The garden has 18 raised irrigated beds set on timers that over water the area to the point of water runoff onto the sidewalk and parking lot.

They have a volunteer cleanup twice a year one in the spring and fall. which leaves a lot of time for weeds to invade the garden. Notes from the zoom meeting verify problems I addressed such as tinder dry weeds dumped under the fir trees, a fire hazard. Damaged tree branches from the ice storm that are still there,

We have asked them to seriously consider a smaller greenhouse that would benefit the garden club with head starting plants, be easier to maintain a healthy setting, and give students a hands-on knowledge of horticulture. They are against that

We have asked the school for a copy of the floor plan, and what classes were planned, they do not have that information, because they are not the ones initiating this project. This proposal has been initiated and controlled by Chad Darby from Neighbors Nourishing Communities. So, the question being asked, is a \$45,000 UNHEATED GREENHOUSE REALLY IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STUDENTS.

WE BELIEVE IT IS NOT.

Respectfully,

Phil Venable

From: bella_nw@frontier.com
To: [Keith Leonard](#)
Subject: Comment on application for Bridgeport Elementary Greenhouse (AR 22-0002)
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 4:48:05 PM

Hello,

In general I am not opposed to the Bridgeport greenhouse in the proposed location but I am concerned about security related issues. Will it be locked during non-business hours? Will there be lighting around it to deter graffiti and other mischief? We do have a significant issue with prowlers in the Fox Hills neighborhood. Sometimes there are beer bottles in the school yard from those who hang out there late at night. Whatever can be done to design with safety in mind would be good.

Sincerely,
Sally Cangelosi
Fox Hills resident