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As a potential resident of the proposed Village Cooperative in the Briggs neighborhood, I have several comments and questions about the project.

First, having reviewed the company's portfolio of other projects--many of which are in the Midwest--I hope the exterior appearance will reflect our unique Northwest style with more emphasis on wood (or wood appearing siding) and less on the brick favored for the Midwest.

Next, it isn't clear from the proposed site plan how much of the open space on the west side of the project along Henderson Boulevard will be lawn as opposed to landscape plants. Lawn needs frequent irrigation, constant mowing and regular fertilizing. Lawn offers nothing to native pollinators, and its continual maintenance contributes to greenhouse gasses and noise pollution.

Runoff of fertilizers and "weed and feed" products contributes to water pollution. There are many alternatives to sod that are just as attractive and much more sustainable, such as a mix of native grasses and/or bunch grasses that need only be mowed a couple of times a year. One example of this alternative is the area surrounding the DES building in Olympia at 1500 Jefferson. Even a mix of sedums (like those now planted in many "green roofs") or clover could work.

Better yet would be to maximize the use of native trees and shrubs which both provide habitat and are pleasant to look at, and which would provide at least some visual relief at this extremely busy corner. Trees and shrubs seem especially fitting since this neighborhood was home to the original Briggs Nursery and was the former home of Tsuki's Nursery.

I am particularly interested in receiving a copy of the decision, as well as any other appropriate information related to this project.

Thank you,

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