

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP

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**MEETING DATE: June 14, 2012**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2012-046

**AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC:** Hillhurst Plat Public Road Vacation

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

**NAME:** Ann Wozniak

**ADDRESS:** 7625 NW Skyline; PO Box 6838

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** Portland, OR 97228

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAYS:** 503-532-2961 **EVES:** N/A

**EMAIL:** N/A **FAX:** N/A

**IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD IN PERSON:**

1. Please complete this form and submit to the Board Clerk.
2. Public comment on non-agenda items is at the beginning of the board meeting, immediately after the consent agenda vote. Public comment on current agenda items, occurs at the end of the presentation of that item. Submittal of this form at the beginning of the meeting is appreciated.
3. Individuals making public comment will be called up in the order these forms are received. The Chair may call on Invited Guests or Elected Officials to speak first.
4. When your name is called, come forward & be seated at the Presenter's table.
5. When it is your turn, start by stating your name for the record. Make sure to speak clearly into the microphones. All meetings are recorded.
6. Public comment is limited to **3 minutes** per person, but the Chair has the authority to shorten time, based on the number of folks testifying.
7. If you wish to present written documentation with your oral comments, please bring 7 copies and submit to the Board Clerk, who will distribute them to the Commissioners. Your testimony will be kept permanently.

**IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT WRITTEN INSTEAD OF ORAL COMMENTS TO THE BOARD:**

1. Please complete this form along with your written testimony and return to the Board Clerk at the meeting, or submit by e-mail at: [lynda.grow@multco.us](mailto:lynda.grow@multco.us)
2. Written testimony will be entered into the official record.

# ANN WOZNIAK

7625 NW Skyline ▪ PO Box 6838 ▪ Portland, OR 97228

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June 11, 2012

## **Multnomah County**

Attn: Multnomah County Board of Commissioners  
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard  
Board Room 100  
Portland, Oregon 97214

RE: Resolution 2012-046/ Hillhurst Plat Public Road Vacation

Dear Multnomah County Board of Commissioners:

When I purchased my house on Skyline in 2008, I wanted to raise my family there. We have chosen to make it our home, our safe haven; so much that my second son was born there.

Skyline is a busy road with no shoulder and a speed limit of 40 mph. One of the major selling points was the fact that there was a dedicated right of way directly behind the house. The previous owner even discussed with me how it was used by the former occupant to walk to work, a nearby farm off Old Germantown. Since then, the road has been used to travel to neighbors. We had hoped to continue using the road to visit neighbors and to take nature hikes with our children. We are devastated that they may never get that chance.

After purchasing the house, I found it challenging to maintain homeowners insurance for the house. My first insurance company dropped my coverage, citing the "wooded, forested or wetland areas are located within 1,000 feet of the structure." (See Attached) The dedicated right of way separating my house from a forested area was key to negotiating coverage with another carrier. Vacating the right of way would eliminate that critical fire barrier needed for my house as well as land lock parcels (that could potentially be sold off) from fire department access.

I strongly encourage the Board to keep the dedicated right of way; if at the very least, the portion directly behind my property to the abutting right of way or leading up to the parcels with matching property owner. (See Attached) Portions of it could still be used as a trail and fire break/access.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Ann P. Wozniak

Attachments: USAA Insurance Letter  
Colored Exhibit Map



9800 Fredericksburg Road  
San Antonio, Texas 78288

ANN P WOZNIAK  
PO BOX 6838  
PORTLAND OR 97228-6838

December 19, 2008

Reference: 9137906

Dear Mrs. Wozniak,

Our members rely on us to provide top-quality service and products at competitive prices. To do so, we regularly assess each member's policy to identify situations that present a level of risk beyond that which we are willing to insure. After careful review, we determined that we can no longer insure your property at 7625 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland, Multnomah, OR 97229-1206.

This is legal notice that we will cancel USAA Homeowners policy CIC 00913 79 06 93A effective 12:01 a.m. on January 25, 2009.

The reasons for cancellation are because the following exposures present a risk of brush fire damage to your home:

- Wooded, forested or wildland areas are located within 1,000 feet of the structure.
- There is less than 100 feet of defensible space maintained on any flat ground.
- There are large clusters of trees within 30 feet of the structure.
- A fire break of 30 feet from the structure is not cleared.
- All trees within 150 feet of the structure are not pruned up to eliminate ladder fuels.

This notice supersedes any policy or declaration you received previously. We will not provide coverage after 12:01 a.m. on January 25, 2009.

Although we cannot continue your coverage under your current policy, we recommend you contact Foremost to secure new coverage. Foremost may be able to provide protection and service through an arrangement with USAA Insurance Agency Inc.

Please call Foremost at (800) 315-1122 for a quote and protection counseling.

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If you have trouble replacing this policy, you may be eligible for insurance through the:

Oregon FAIR Plan Association  
8285 SW Nimbus Avenue, Suite 104  
Beaverton, Oregon 97008-6466

Contact a local agent for assistance.

Upon receipt of a written request within 90 business days of the date of this notice, we will furnish the specific items of information that support the reasons given for the action we took, and the identity of any institutional source providing this information. You may review personal information about you contained in our underwriting files. You may also request we correct, amend, or delete information that you consider to be incorrect. Upon receipt of a written request, we will provide you with a more detailed notice explaining how to do so.

The mortgagee is being notified of this action.

We regret having to take this action. If you have questions, please call me at  
**1-800-531-2180, ext. 6-0390.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly M. Savage".

Holly M Savage  
Renewal Underwriting  
USAA Casualty Insurance Company



# EXHIBIT MAP

Property Owner: Blood (landlocked if vacation approved)

