

## **Written Public Comments**

**January 4<sup>th</sup> thru January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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Lock the gate

# Written Comments/Testimony and Submitted Documents

## Davis, Tracy

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**From:** Matt Lawyer <mattlawyer82@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 7, 2022 3:15 PM  
**To:** Cathy Clark; Daniel Kohler; Laura Reid; Roland Herrera; Elizabeth Smith; Kyle Juran; Shaney Starr; Davis, Tracy; Johnson, Shannon  
**Subject:** Thoughts and comments on original Summer Concert Series RFP Process

Madam Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I want to start off by saying that I respect you all and greatly value the time and energy you all put into being a City Councilor.

I want to talk about and share my observations on the first Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the Concert Series that I participated in as an RFP evaluator.

I will state first that this was a challenging process because I am very familiar and have worked with the two original organizations that submitted responses to the RFP. I did my homework, reached out to Mr. Johnson to express my concerns based on the evaluator rules. My concerns were that I have actively volunteered with both organizations, have been paid by one of them, was named as a reference in another. I was reassured that I was able to proceed, if I stuck within the 4 corners of the documents provided for review and could do so objectively. Which I feel I did.

I have, in my professional life, developed, managed and participated on evaluation committees for many request for proposals. I think, this is where my frustration comes in.

As an evaluator, I was bound by the evaluation instructions of the RFP. They were clear and objective. The rules were the basis for my multiple conversations with City Attorney Johnson mentioned earlier. The rules outline the review process. I completed my review after great length, spending more than 5 hours reviewing, taking notes, re-reading and taking more notes and then ultimately scoring. I would recommend you pull copies of my responses, if you feel the need. Keizer times seemed to find them helpful as I was quoted in the paper.

When the evaluation was complete, there was a clear objective winner, so much so, that no meeting or interview of the evaluators was requested or held. This is a process that I have been through many times, even when there have been clear winners, but the evaluators wanted to discuss alternatives.

I think what bothers me is the sort of wanton disregard of a process that leaves very little room for interpretation. Granted, I respect and acknowledge the authority of the Council to make decisions. My concern and or criticism is founded in a very simple question.

Was the process perfunctory?

If so, then why ask volunteers and staff to take the time to evaluate the RFPs, objectively, within a standard legal process?

If not, then how did we get to this point?

I think for me what is hard is that Keizer has historically done a great job of going through process. In this particular case, I feel, as an evaluator, that my time and the time of the other evaluators and the staff was not necessary. That is probably an over emotional response, I suppose I am just confused.

My comments are not a reflection of the specific organizations. In fact, I care for them both and will still be the kind of volunteer with both organization that Keizer expects and that I expect of myself. This has never been about the organizations for me. My comments are about the process. The outcome was likely legal, I don't debate the expertise of our City Attorney, but it seemed very ambiguous to lay people. Keizer has always worked to be very thoughtful and objective. It is because of that thoughtfulness and objectivity that we now have additional money for our parks and our police.

But in the case of the first RFP for the concert series, I feel like Keizer really missed the bar of excellence that I have grown to appreciate and expect. The process was disingenuous to the applicants and the participants of the evaluation committee. It caused unnecessary strife in the community, caused extra work for the staff, and probably set a very negative tone for any future applicants to participate in the Keizer Community.

I am and will remain a dedicated member of our community. I want to reiterate my respect for the positions you all hold. You are all dedicated and amazing humans and I really appreciate you all.

Very Respectfully,

Matt Lawyer

**Davis, Tracy**

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**From:** Charles Anderson <chazmon1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 1:31 PM  
**To:** Wood, Tim; Administrator; Davis, Tracy  
**Subject:** Problems from McNary High School.....again! Lock the gate.

Dear City of Keizer mayor and members of the council,

Here we go again, with problems that come from McNary high school. The parking is not so bad so far this year but I am sure that will increase as more students become of age to drive. The problems today are many kids are grouping up in front of my house on Newberg Dr and Max Ct. They are smoking/vaping who knows what (I am pretty sure that is not legal for their age). Besides the smoking they are also playing loud music, yelling, littering, racing cars and disrupting the peace at and around my home.

I have called the school several times and spoke with the lady who answers the phone and she seems very nice but she has no solution other than calling the police which I have done, however that takes about 45 minutes to get any results. They did come one time and dispersed the groups but it started again right away.

If your actual intent is to protect the kids then I can also tell you that the kids are being swooped in upon from older people/kids who arrive in their cars and by foot to share smoking with them and who knows what they are talking about.

You should lock the gate just like you did with Sandy St to protect the kids.

This is an ongoing problem as you know, and it has subsided with Covid, but now its starting up again just like before. Can you stop this and keep your kids on the school grounds for the time they are in school?

Charles Anderson  
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Handed out by staff  
at the Council  
meeting

1 CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF KEIZER, STATE OF OREGON

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3 Resolution R2022-\_\_\_\_\_

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6 DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO SEND LETTER  
7 REQUESTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMMENT ON  
8 SILETZ ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE SALEM  
9 CASINO PROJECT

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12 WHEREAS, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (Siletz) has submitted an  
13 Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Siletz Salem casino project;

14 WHEREAS, the deadline for comment on the EA is February 7, 2022;

15 WHEREAS, due to the length and complexity of the EA, that time frame is too  
16 short to allow a determination by City Council on whether any comment is appropriate;

17 WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to request an extension of time to comment;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Keizer that the City  
20 Manager is directed to send a letter requesting a 120-day extension of time to comment  
21 on the EA.

22 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that this action in no way indicates any position  
23 on the proposal whatsoever.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately  
2 upon the date of its passage.

3 PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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5 SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mayor

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