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Breaking news and announcements related to the **Jefferson Westside Neighbors**.

===== CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS STRONG PROTECTION FOR JEFFERSON NEIGHBORHOOD =====

Tremendous victory for Jefferson neighborhood!

On March 12, the City Council voted unanimously (8-0) to adopt amendments to the Metro Plan, Jefferson/Far West Refinement Plan, and City Code that (re)designate a large area of the Jefferson neighborhood as "Low Density Residential."

The area covered is roughly a triangle bounded by Jefferson Street, W. 18th Ave., and a zig-zag line running from approximately the corner of W. 13th Ave and Lawrence Alley to the corner of W. 18th Ave. and Willamette Alley.

Prior to Council's action, a property owner could have built a multi-story duplex, triplex, or in many cases a four-plex, in back of an existing house and right next to, or across the alley from, other residents in the affected area. The "Low Density Residential" designation will protect residents' homes against this threat of grossly incompatible infill until residents and the JWN work with the City to develop *effective* infill standards that protect the neighborhood's livability, while allowing limited additional infill that's compatible with the neighborhood character.

This is the culmination of a sustained, thirteen-month effort by area residents and the JWN Executive Board. At the September 2006 JWN general meeting, JWN members voted unanimously (34-0) to support these amendments, so this was another big success for the JWN.

For full details, see: jwneugene.org/jeffredes

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*** **MEETING REMINDER: *** JWN EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS *****

Come to the JWN meeting 7:00 p.m. TUESDAY, April 10 to vote in the JWN Executive Board elections.

NEW MEETING LOCATION -- First United Methodist Church; 1376 Olive Street

Meeting info at: jwneugene.org/april .

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