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To: Planning Department
Subject: comments about proposed gas station and coffee shop at 36th and 101; this item is on agenda for 10-8-24

Dear Commissioners,

I must have fallen asleep at the wheel...I had come to acceptance about Dollar General, even though I didn't like the idea...

Now I see that, for unknown (to me) reasons, that idea seems to have been scrapped and another one, that makes Dollar General sound good, has taken its place.

A gas station/convenience store and diner? Right there between Linda Did It Deli, Chen's and Burger King? A quarter mile from Fred Meyers's gas pumps and about a mile from Union 76's two? three blocks from the Florence Grab and Go that just opened, and about half a mile from the American Market, and again, Fred Meyers's anything you could want selection of foods, trinkets, auto supplies, linens, clothing, etc. ad nauseam? I won't even ponder the notion of why we need another coffee shop now that Starbuck's is giving Dutch Brothers a run for its money. Why? Why do we need this kind of business in this location? Who does it serve?

Did anyone try to attract a child care business, a community kitchen, a new bicycle shop, or anything besides the same old stuff? Maybe a rock climbing gym, a community center with a swimming pool, a collective of artists, a sewing center, an apothecary shop?

I am so sad about some of these decisions that get made with seemingly no thought for the fallout over time. I really do not like this idea at all. It shows no creativity, no "City in Motion" quality or caché. Just another trash stop with clean bathrooms for tourists, and minimum wage service jobs for the locals. I do hope this plan does not advance.

By the way, whatever happened to Dollar General?

Sincerely,

Ivy Medow, Florence