

BEFORE THE LAND USE BOARD OF APPEALS
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

KEVIN DRESSEL and GILLIAN DRESSEL,
Petitioners,

vs.

CITY OF TIGARD,
Respondent,

and

TIGARD-TUALATIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 23J,
Intervenor-Respondent.

LUBA No. 2019-080

FINAL OPINION
AND ORDER

Appeal from City of Tigard.

Damien R. Hall, Portland, filed a petition for review, a cross response brief and a reply brief, and argued on behalf of petitioners. With him on the brief were Stephen T. Janik and Ball Janik LLP.

No appearance by City of Tigard.

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RUDD, Board Chair; RYAN, Board Member, participated in the decision.

ZAMUDIO, Board Member, did not participate in the decision

AFFIRMED

03/05/2020

1 You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review is
2 governed by the provisions of ORS 197.850.

NATURE OF THE DECISION

The challenged decision is a hearings officer’s approval of a partition of a 19.88-acre parcel into 10.38 and 9.5-acre parcels.

FACTS

Intervenor owns an approximately 20-acre parcel (the subject property) zoned medium-density Residential 7 (R-7) with a comprehensive plan designation of Public Institution (PI). The subject property is located within an area known as the River Terrace Plan District (the RTPD). In 2002, the RTPD was brought into the Metro urban growth boundary and in 2011, the city annexed the RTPD. The city intends that the RTPD will provide

“for a variety of land uses and residential densities consistent with the city’s desire to create a community of great neighborhoods that includes housing, neighborhood-scale commercial businesses, schools, parks, and recreational opportunities.” Tigard Development Code (TDC) 18.640.010.

Intervenor ultimately hopes to obtain a conditional use permit authorizing development of a school on the western half of the subject property. First, however, intervenor applied to partition the approximately 20-acre parcel into two approximately 10-acre lots. As part of its application, intervenor proposed city imposition of a condition of approval requiring intervenor to execute an agreement (the Equitable Servitude), providing, in part, that city requirements related to street trees would be addressed at the time of physical development of Lots 1 or 2. Record 23-30, 197-203, 267-73, 300-306.

1 On May 30, 2019, the planning director approved the partition, subject to
2 conditions of approval. On June 13, 2019, petitioners appealed the decision.
3 Petitioners own property to the north of the subject property and argued that the
4 approval decision did not obligate intervenor to make dedications or
5 improvements that petitioners maintained were required by the TDC. On July 15,
6 2019, the hearings officer held a public hearing at which he accepted testimony
7 and evidence. At the conclusion of the hearing, the hearings officer announced
8 that the written record would remain open for limited purposes until August 5,
9 2019.¹ Additional material was received during the period the record remained
10 open. On August 26, 2019, the hearings officer issued his decision affirming the
11 planning director’s approval of the partition with conditions. This appeal
12 followed.

13 **BACKGROUND**

14 The RTPD regulations are intended to implement the “River Terrace
15 Community Plan, the River Terrace Funding Strategy, and associated
16 infrastructure master plans for water, sewer, stormwater, parks, and
17 transportation” and to ensure that “public facilities are adequate to serve the
18 anticipated levels of development” and that public facilities are available in

¹ The record was left open until July 22, 2019, for anyone to submit testimony and/or evidence. The record was left open until July 29, 2019, for submission of material responsive to new material submitted during the prior week. Intervenor’s final argument was due August 5, 2019.

1 advance of or concurrent with *development*. TDC 18.640.010. TDC
2 18.30.020.B(50) defines “development” as “(1) A building or mining operation;
3 (2) a material change in the use or appearance of a structure or land; or (3)
4 division of land into two or more parcels, including partitions and subdivisions
5 as provided in Oregon Revised Statutes 92.” The hearings officer determined,
6 however, that although certain improvements would be required under the TDC
7 at the time of physical development of Lot 1 or Lot 2, they were not required at
8 the time of the partition. The hearings officer reached this conclusion even though
9 the TDC defines “development” to include the division of land. Because that
10 determination underlies of much of the legal dispute before us, we describe the
11 relevant case law briefly here.

12 Petitioners argue that (1) the hearings officer misapplied case law
13 concerning the Fifth Amendment of the US Constitution, and the limits it places
14 on local government’s ability to condition land use approval, and that (2) the
15 hearings officer erred by failing to impose certain conditions as part of the
16 partition approval.² Petitioners rely on *Nollan v. California Coastal Commission*,

² As indicated above, petitioners own property to the north of the subject property. Petitioners speculated that intervenor sought to partition the subject property in advance of seeking a conditional use permit for a school on Lot 1 in order to avoid conditions of approval requiring intervenor to extend infrastructure improvements across Lot 2, where those improvements would be available for petitioners to tie into when petitioners develop their property. Record 82.

1 483 US 825, 107 SCt 3141 (1987) and *Dolan v. City of Tigard*, 512 US 374, 114
2 SCt 2309 (1994) in support of their position.

3 In *Nollan*, the Court held that “a permit condition that serves the same
4 legitimate police-power purpose as a refusal to issue the permit [is not] a taking
5 if the refusal to issue the permit would not constitute a taking.” *Nollan*, 483 US
6 at 836. *Nollan* requires an “essential nexus” between a permit condition and the
7 public purpose the condition is intended to further. In *Dolan*, the Court discussed
8 the required relationship between a development and a proposed exaction,
9 concluding:

10 “[A] term such as “rough proportionality” best encapsulates what
11 we hold to be the requirement of the Fifth Amendment. No precise
12 mathematical calculation is required, but the city must make some
13 sort of individualized determination that the required dedication is
14 related both in nature and extent to the impact of the proposed
15 development.” *Dolan*, 512 US at 391 (footnote omitted).

16 Oregon’s Court of Appeals discussed the application of the principles set forth in
17 *Nollan* and *Dolan* in the context of a partition in *Schultz v. City of Grants Pass*,
18 131 Or App 220, 250, 884 P2d 569 (1994). In *Schultz*, the petitioners challenged
19 the constitutionality of conditions the city applied to its approval of a partition.
20 The city required dedication of a 10-foot wide strip of land for a county right-of-
21 way and a 5-foot wide strip of land for a city right-of-way. City findings in
22 support of the conditions of approval stated that the new right-of-way would
23 directly benefit the partitioned property by enhancing access and concluded that
24 after the partition, the property could have 17 large homesites. The city concluded

1 the impact of that amount of housing would be substantial, justifying the
2 exactions. The court however, held that the conditions did not survive
3 constitutional scrutiny under *Nollan* or *Dolan*. Given that *Schultz* is on point, we
4 cite it extensively below.

5 With respect to *Nollan*, the court held:

6 “The city does not contest that petitioners’ application is very
7 limited. Relying on language from an earlier Supreme Court
8 decision, [*Nollan*, 483 US at 835], it insists that it is appropriate to
9 evaluate the impacts of a proposed development ‘alone, or * * * in
10 conjunction with other construction.’ That is what the Court said
11 in *Nollan*. However, that language is not relevant to this case, in
12 which there is no reference to actual ‘other construction.’ There is
13 only the city’s *speculation* as to what other construction *could* take
14 place at some time in the future. That is not what the Supreme Court
15 was referring to in *Nollan*.” *Id.* at 228.

16 With respect to *Dolan*, the court held:

17 “The only issue in dispute is, indeed, whether there is the ‘required
18 degree of connection’ between the conditions the city has imposed
19 ‘and the projected impact of the proposed development.’
20 [*Dolan*, 512 US at 377]. In this case, however, the city’s justification
21 for the conditions is, in the words of the city’s own supplemental
22 findings, the impact of ‘*potential development* of the partitioned
23 tract.’ In other words, the city imagined a worst-case scenario—
24 assuming that petitioners would, at some undefined point in the
25 future, attempt to develop their land to its full development potential
26 of as many as 20 subdivided residential lots, further assuming that
27 petitioners would obtain all the necessary permits and approvals—
28 and on the basis of that scenario, it calculated the impacts of the
29 development and tailored conditions to address them.

30 “The problem with that approach is that *Dolan* requires that the
31 exactions imposed be ‘related both in nature and extent to the impact

1 of the proposed development.’ [512 US at 391]. (Footnote omitted;
2 emphasis supplied.) The proposed development in this case is the
3 partitioning of a single lot into two lots and nothing more. There is
4 absolutely nothing in the record to connect the dedication of a
5 substantial portion of petitioners’ land, for the purpose of widening
6 city streets, with petitioners’ limited application.” *Id.* at 228.

7 Similarly, no physical development is proposed as part of intervenor’s partition
8 application. The hearings officer cited *Schultz* and its treatment of exactions in
9 the context of a partition in his decision.³ Record 9 n 4. If the subject property
10 can be physically developed without further land use review, some level of
11 exactions may be appropriate. In the absence of any ability to physically develop
12 the property without further land use review, no exactions pass constitutional
13 scrutiny. With this understanding, we turn first to issues of procedural error.

14 **NINTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR**

15 ORS 197.763(6) provides:

16 “(a) Prior to the conclusion of the initial evidentiary hearing, any
17 participant may request an opportunity to present additional
18 evidence, arguments or testimony regarding the application.
19 The local hearings authority shall grant such request by
20 continuing the public hearing pursuant to paragraph (b) of this
21 subsection or leaving the record open for additional written
22 evidence, arguments or testimony pursuant to paragraph (c)
23 of this subsection.

³ A requirement of proportionality is also reflected in TDC 18.910.020.A, which provides: “Applicants may be required to dedicate land and build required public improvements only when the required exaction is directly related to and roughly proportional to the impact of the development.”

1 “(b) If the hearings authority grants a continuance, the hearing
2 shall be continued to a date, time and place certain at least
3 seven days from the date of the initial evidentiary hearing. An
4 opportunity shall be provided at the continued hearing for
5 persons to present and rebut new evidence, arguments or
6 testimony. If new written evidence is submitted at the
7 continued hearing, any person may request, prior to the
8 conclusion of the continued hearing, that the record be left
9 open for at least seven days to submit additional written
10 evidence, arguments or testimony for the purpose of
11 responding to the new written evidence.

12 “(c) If the hearings authority leaves the record open for additional
13 written evidence, arguments or testimony, the record shall be
14 left open for at least seven days. Any participant may file a
15 written request with the local government for an opportunity
16 to respond to new evidence submitted during the period the
17 record was left open. If such a request is filed, the hearings
18 authority shall reopen the record pursuant to subsection (7) of
19 this section.”

20 At the conclusion of the public hearing, the hearings officer announced the
21 timeline for submission of additional material into the record. As explained in the
22 decision:

23 “‘At the close of the July 15, 2019, public hearing the hearings officer
24 held the record open for one week to allow all parties an opportunity
25 to submit new testimony and evidence. The hearings officer held the
26 record open for a second week to allow all parties to respond to the
27 testimony and evidence submitted during the first week. The second
28 week was expressly limited to responses to new evidence submitted
29 during the first week.’” Record 7.

30 Petitioners argue that the hearings officer improperly excluded material
31 petitioners submitted during the second week (July 29, 2019 Submittal). Petition
32 for Review 38.

1 During the first week the record remained open to new material, intervenor
2 and respondent submitted proposed revisions to and a copy of the Equitable
3 Servitude and a copy of the River Terrace Master Plan Addendum. Petition for
4 Review 39. Petitioners maintain that the July 29, 2019 Submittal was directly
5 responsive to material submitted into the record during the prior week and that
6 the hearings officer erred in excluding the July 29, 2019 Submittal from the
7 record. Contrary to petitioners’ argument, however, the hearings officer stated at
8 the close of the public hearing that the first week of the open record period was
9 limited to new testimony and evidence and that submittals during that second
10 week were limited to those responsive to the first week submittals.⁴ Audio
11 Recording, Hearings Officer Hearing, July 15, 2019, at 58:00.

12 The hearings officer rejected petitioners’ attempt to broadly characterize
13 their submittal in order to qualify the July 29, 2019 Submittal for admission into
14 the record during the second period. Instead the hearings officer determined that
15 the new evidence concerned proposed changes to two sections of the Equitable
16 Servitude, and that the July 29, 2019 Submittal did not limit its discussion to the
17 new evidence. We agree with intervenor that the hearings officer did not commit
18 procedural error in rejecting the July 29, 2019 Submittal. A second copy of the
19 Equitable Servitude is not new information submitted during the open record

⁴ ORS 197.763(6)(c) provides that a party may request “an opportunity to respond to new evidence submitted during the period the record was left open.”

1 period, and did not allow expansion of the scope of material admissible during
2 the second week.⁵

3 Consistent with ORS 197.763(6)(c), the hearings officer limited the scope
4 of material to be submitted during the second week to material responsive to new
5 evidence admitted into the record during the initial period. The hearings officer
6 excluded petitioners' material because he determined it was not responsive to
7 new evidence but instead supplemented and enhanced petitioners' initial
8 arguments. Record 8.

9 This assignment of error is denied.

10 **TENTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR**

11 Petitioners argue in their tenth assignment of error that the hearings officer
12 failed to address a variety of issues raised by petitioners. Intervenor responds that
13 these issues were either not raised prior to the close of the hearing, or were raised
14 in the July 29, 2019 Submittal that the hearings officer excluded from the record.
15 ORS 197.763(1) provides:

16 "An issue which may be the basis for an appeal to the Land Use

⁵ Petitioners counter that allowing the July 29, 2019 Submittal would not have prejudiced intervenor because intervenor responded to the submittal. Intervenor's decision to respond to the substance of petitioners' proffered material does not require that we conclude that the hearings officer committed a procedural error in rejecting the July 29, 2019 Submittal. Intervenor objected in detail to the proffered material, but responded to the substance in the event the hearings officer accepted the submittal. Intervenor's substantive response does not resolve the issue in petitioners' favor.

1 Board of Appeals shall be raised not later than the close of the record
2 at or following the final evidentiary hearing on the proposal before
3 the local government. Such issues shall be raised and accompanied
4 by statements or evidence sufficient to afford the governing body,
5 planning commission, hearings body or hearings officer, and the
6 parties adequate opportunity to respond to each issue.”

7 As we held in our resolution of the ninth assignment of error, the July 29, 2019
8 Submittal was properly excluded from the record. Generally, we agree with
9 intervenor that the issues petitioners seek to raise in the tenth assignment of error
10 have been waived. To the extent, however, the tenth assignment of error raises
11 preserved challenges related to the Equitable Servitude, they are repetitive of
12 issues raised in the eighth assignment of error and we address them there.

13 This assignment of error is denied.

14 **FIRST ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR**

15 Petitioners’ first assignment of error argues the hearings officer erred in
16 his treatment of the “essential nexus” test described in *Nollan*. The response brief
17 identifies pages where staff and intervenor discussed cases petitioners raise in
18 their petition, but intervenor maintains that petitioners did not raise below the
19 issue they seek to raise in the petition for review. In their reply brief, petitioners
20 argue that the misapplication of the essential nexus test is preserved in the
21 following locations: Record 101-109, 139-40, 149, 159, 217. Petitioner’s Reply
22 1. We have reviewed the cited pages and find that petitioners did not raise the
23 issue. For example, petitioners argued that:

24 “The Decision erred by finding that non-exaction requirements of
25 the [TDC] are subject to the rough proportionality and essential

1 nexus tests and declining to apply such standards. Decision, page 4.
2 Those legal standards do not apply where the public improvements
3 are simply those necessary for the applicant's own development."
4 Record 149.

5 This argument raises no issue of whether there is a nexus between a potential city
6 exaction and intervenor's project. This is a new issue and is therefore waived.
7 *Long v. City of Tigard*, 75 Or LUBA 390 (2017).

8 This assignment of error is denied.

9 **THIRD ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR**

10 Petitioners argued below that five specific code provisions could be
11 applied to the partition application without concerns of an unconstitutional taking
12 because they are not exactions. Record 89. However, the petition for review does
13 not raise any issue with those five standards. Rather, the petition for review
14 asserts that the city failed to require compliance with three different provisions.
15 Intervenor responds, and we agree, that petitioners did not raise the issues raised
16 in the third assignment of error. *Long*, 75 Or LUBA 390. The issues were not
17 preserved and are therefore waived.

18 This assignment of error is denied.

19 **FOURTH AND FIFTH ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR**

20 Petitioners argue that the hearings officer was required to but failed to
21 apply certain standards related to infrastructure such as sanitary sewers and
22 utilities to the application. Petitioners also argue that the hearings officer failed

1 to correctly apply street and access standards.⁶ Petitioners do not show where
2 these issues were preserved. The issues raised in the fourth and fifth assignments
3 of error are waived.

4 The fourth and fifth assignments of error are denied.

5 **SIXTH AND EIGHTH ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR**

6 **A. Street Trees Standard**

7 The hearings officer found that:

8 “Amendments to the equitable servitude will ensure compliance
9 with the street tree standards when frontage improvements are
10 constructed in the future. The hearings officer finds it is feasible for
11 future development to comply with these standards by planting
12 street trees or paying a fee as allowed by TDC 18.320.040.G.”⁷
13 Record 17.

14 Petitioners challenge the use of the Equitable Servitude to defer a demonstration
15 of compliance with the TDC street tree standards in their sixth and eighth
16 assignments of error. Intervenor responds that petitioners failed to raise the issue
17 raised in the sixth assignment of error and may not raise it for the first time at
18 LUBA. We agree.

19 Although petitioners made general arguments below that deferral of
20 compliance with development standards was inappropriate, petitioners do not

⁶ The subject property is accessed via a private drive, Taylor Lane, which is not improved to city street or city access standards.

⁷ Petitioners do not argue that payment of an in lieu of fee prior to receipt of final plat approval or an occupancy permit is not feasible.

1 indicate where they preserved the issue that street trees had to be installed as a
2 condition of partition approval. Record 87. The staff decision appealed to the
3 hearings officer did not require installation of street trees prior to subsequent land
4 use applications, and instead relied upon the Equitable Servitude proposed as part
5 of intervenor's application materials to ensure that the standard is met. The
6 Equitable Servitude includes a requirement that street trees be planted or a
7 payment in lieu be made prior to development of Lots 1 or 2. We agree with
8 intervenor that petitioners failed to raise any issue with use of the Equitable
9 Servitude to meet the street trees requirement as set forth in the planning director
10 decision petitioners appealed to the hearings officer. In *Savage v. City of Astoria*,
11 68 Or LUBA 255 (2013), the staff report provided to the planning commission
12 included draft findings of compliance with the Transportation Planning Rule
13 (TPR). OAR 661-012-000. Those draft findings were not challenged at the local
14 level and were ultimately adopted by the planning commission. We held that
15 "unless petitioner or some other party asserted below that the proposed rezoning
16 does not comply with the TPR, so that the city had 'fair notice' that it needed to
17 address that issue, petitioner's TPR issues were not preserved for review in this
18 appeal." *Id.* at 229 (citations omitted). Similarly, the staff decision petitioners
19 appealed to the hearings officer did not require that street trees be installed as part
20 of the partition approval, but rather relied on the Equitable Servitude. Petitioners
21 failed to preserve their assignment of error related to installation of the street trees
22 and the issue is waived.

1 As conditioned by the hearings officer, intervenor must provide street trees
2 prior to obtaining an occupancy permit for commercial or institutional
3 development, or prior to final plat approval for residential development or, if the
4 approving authority finds that installing the minimum number of trees is not
5 practicable, pay the fee option as allowed by TDC 18.320.040.G. Record 24.

6 Equitable Servitude Paragraph 5 provides:

7 “Grantor, in consideration for and satisfaction of Condition of
8 Approval No. 2, hereby represents, covenants and warrants that,
9 prior to the issuance of a final occupancy permit for any commercial
10 or institutional development on Lot 1 or Lot 2, or prior to final plat
11 approval for any residential development on Lot 1 or Lot 2, streets
12 trees will be planted consistent with TDC 18.320.040 along all street
13 frontages on or abutting the Lot where development is proposed. If
14 the approval authority finds that it is not practicable to provide the
15 minimum number of required street trees, the applicant shall remit
16 payment into the urban forestry fund consistent with TDC
17 18.320.040.G.” Record 24.

18 Petitioners preserved the argument in their eighth assignment of error that the
19 Equitable Servitude provides “no direction as to what process will be used for
20 City review of street trees standards and no assurance of public involvement
21 (notice or a hearing).” Petition for Review 37. Petitioners argued below that:

22 “The equitable servitude * * * contains no guarantee of notice or
23 hearing associated with future City decisions. The applicant could
24 pull permits for any allowed site development in the R-7 district and
25 the deferred development standards would never be applied.”
26 Record 87.

27 The petition for review does not, however, address the hearings officer’s
28 findings that: (1) “Future development on the proposed lots will be subject to

1 additional review, with notice and opportunity for public comment,” or (2)
2 “Future development on the proposed lots will be subject to further City review
3 with public notice and opportunity for comment, regardless of the equitable
4 servitude.” Record 17-18. Consistent with the findings, intervenor argues that
5 “Under the Code and the equitable servitude, no development is allowed on the
6 property without a future development application, which will require notice and
7 an opportunity for comment.” Response Brief 29. Petitioners do not explain why
8 Equitable Servitude Paragraph 5 is insufficient to require public process
9 regarding the street trees standard prior to development. Absent any developed
10 argument from petitioners, petitioners have not demonstrated how the city’s
11 deferral of the street trees standards was improper.

12 This subassignment of error is denied.

13 **B. Exactions**

14 In a portion of their eighth assignment of error, petitioners argue that the
15 Equitable Servitude’s deferral of exacting public improvements is inadequate to
16 satisfy the requirement for a future process that includes public notice and an
17 opportunity to participate because performance is based on a future land use
18 application that may in fact never occur. However, this outcome is consistent
19 with the court’s decision in *Schultz*. If no physical development ever exists, there
20 is no basis with which to find rough proportionality. This is consistent with the

1 constitutional restraints on exactions we discussed above, and is not a basis for
2 remand.⁸

3 Petitioners also argue that the Equitable Servitude is inconsistent with the
4 process established in the code for deferring application of land use regulations.⁹
5 First, petitioners argue that the Equitable Servitude is inconsistent with the TDC
6 process that petitioners argue is set out in TDC 18.640.040.C, which petitioners
7 maintain only allows deferral of application of standards until final plat approval.
8 However, TDC 18.640.040.C contains no such restriction. TDC 18.640.030.C,
9 “Deferral or compliance,” provides:

10 “1. The applicant may request to defer demonstrating compliance
11 with one or more of the standards in Subsections
12 18.640.030.B and E as provided for below:

⁸ The hearings officer summarized some of the testimony below in his decision. The decision describes the city planner’s assertion that, “The Code and the equitable servitude will ensure that all required exactions and improvements occur when further development is proposed.” Record 3. The decision also describes intervenor’s argument that, “Any new use of the site will require further City review and approval through at least a Type II process” and that “the equitable servitude reinforces the City’s ability to require such exactions and improvements.” Record 4.

⁹ Petitioners point out that the TDC purpose statement requires public facilities to be available in advance of or concurrent with development. TDC 18.640.010. The purpose statement also provides, however, that “The statements in this section do not constitute distinct approval criteria, but they guide and inform the interpretation and application of the provisions in this chapter.” TDC 18.640.010.

- 1 “a. Preliminary plat. Deferral of compliance to final plat
2 approval.
- 3 “b. Planned development concept plan (without a land
4 division proposal). Deferral of compliance to detailed
5 development plan approval.
- 6 “c. All other development applications. A condition of
7 land use approval requiring demonstration of
8 compliance no later than 180 days after approval or
9 prior to submission of applications for building or
10 public facility improvement permits, whichever occurs
11 first.”

12 Petitioners fail to establish that the TDC deferral process in the code is exclusive.
13 Further, petitioners fail to address the hearings officer’s findings that the
14 provision is not applicable.¹⁰ Record 13.

15 Petitioners also argue that the decision includes conclusory statements that
16 the Equitable Servitude can only be rescinded through a public process. The
17 findings are consistent with Equitable Servitude Paragraph 11 which provides:

18 “Grantor may request approval from Grantee for modification,
19 release, or termination of this Equitable Servitude. Grantor
20 acknowledges that approval of any such request will require a land
21 use application to amend MLP 2018-00004 and be subject to the
22 then applicable provisions of state law, the Tigard Comprehensive
23 Plan, and Community Development Code. If such request is granted,
24 in whole or in part, the parties shall execute and record a release or
25 modification of this Equitable Servitude in the Washington County

¹⁰ The hearings officer held: “The deferral standards of TDC 18.640.030.C and D are inapplicable. As discussed above, no infrastructure improvements are needed to serve the development proposed in this case. Therefore, there is nothing to defer.” Record 13.

1 real property records.” Record 25.

2 Any modification, release or termination of the Equitable Servitude requires an
3 application to amend the partition approval. Public notice and an opportunity to
4 comment would therefore be provided.

5 These assignments of error are denied.

6 **SEVENTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR**

7 Petitioners identify alleged inconsistencies in the record and argue that
8 such inconsistencies “may undermine the findings sufficiently to render them
9 inadequate to support a determination of compliance.” Petition for Review 33.
10 Generally, findings must “(1) identify the relevant approval standards, (2) set out
11 the facts which are believed and relied upon, and (3) explain how those facts lead
12 to the decision on compliance with the approval standards.” *Heiller v. Josephine*
13 *County*, 23 Or LUBA 551, 556 (1992). Intervenor argues that petitioners do not
14 explain why the cited inconsistencies so undermine the findings as to make them
15 inadequate. *McAlister v. Jackson County*, 47 Or LUBA 125 (2004) (hearings
16 officer’s finding that a homesite within 300 feet of an existing driveway or road
17 would have only minimum impact on winter deer and elk habitat followed by
18 finding that homesite would have a more than minimum impact even if cited
19 within 300 feet of an existing driveway or road lacked an adequate explanation).
20 We agree with intervenor that petitioners have not established either
21 inconsistencies in the findings or the relevance of inconsistencies.

1 The hearings officer referenced the Equitable Servitude as providing
2 additional assurances that TDC provisions will be met:

3 “The hearings officer finds that the equitable servitude does not
4 deny opportunities for public participation. With one exception, the
5 equitable servitude is not necessary to ensure compliance with the
6 applicable approval criteria. The equitable servitude is necessary to
7 ensure the installation of street trees or payment of the required fee.
8 All other applicable standards are either met or inapplicable, due to
9 the limited impacts of the proposed development. Future
10 development on the proposed lots will be subject to further City
11 review with public notice and opportunity for comment, regardless
12 of the equitable servitude. The equitable servitude merely provides
13 additional assurance that such review will occur.” Record 18.

14 Petitioners contend that the hearings officer’s finding that the Equitable Servitude
15 was not necessary to establish criteria, other than the street trees standard were
16 met, is inconsistent with the hearings officer’s reliance on the Equitable Servitude
17 to find satisfaction of the residential density standard at TDC 18.110.040 and
18 Table 18.110.3.¹¹ (Record 10), infrastructure extension standards at TDC
19 18.640.030.E (Record 12-13) and access standards at TDC 18.920.030.B (Record
20 16). We disagree with petitioners. There is no inconsistency. The hearings officer
21 determined that the Equitable Servitude provides additional assurance but was
22 not necessary to meet standards other than those related to street trees.

¹¹ TDC 18.110.040 provides: “The maximum density limits and minimum density requirements are shown for each residential zone in Table 18.110.3.”

1 Petitioners also contend that the hearings officer made inconsistent
2 findings when he concluded that he could not require dedication of rights-of-way
3 or easements as a condition of approval but could have required dedication of
4 sewer easements shown on intervenor’s plans.¹² Record 16. Petitioners do not
5 explain why the city could not accept voluntary dedication of easements if offered
6 by intervenor (on its plans), and the findings are not inconsistent. Intervenor
7 argues that the easements depicted on the plan were conceptual only and that
8 intervenor was clear it did not intend to dedicate the easements shown. Intervenor
9 also argues that the hearings officer’s finding concerning the easements was
10 inconsistent with other statements in the decision. The hearings officer did not
11 purport to require dedication of sewer easements or conclude that the easements
12 could be required if not volunteered.

13 Petitioners argue that the hearings officer found that the deferral standards
14 of *Rhyne v. Multnomah County*, 23 Or LUBA 442, 447 (1992) do not apply and
15 that street trees requirements were being deferred. The hearings officer found that
16 *Rhyne* deferral standards do not apply generally, that compliance with the street

¹² The hearings officer found: “The applicants plans show easements for sewers. Therefore, the City could require that the applicant provide those easements without violating the restrictions of *Nollan, Dolan, and Schulz*. See *Clark v. City of Albany*, 29 Or UBA 325 (1995). However, the City is not required to require such easements and chose not to in this case. The City can require such easements as a condition of future development on the lots created by this partition.” Record 16.

1 trees requirement was being deferred, but that compliance with the street trees
2 standards was feasible. Record 17. There is no inconsistency. The hearings
3 officer found that the Equitable Servitude ensured that the street trees would be
4 provided, or the requisite payment made and that it was feasible to meet the street
5 trees criteria. *Id.*

6 Petitioners also assert that the hearings officer’s finding—that future
7 development will be subject to further review with public opportunity for
8 comment, independent of the Equitable Servitude—is inconsistent with his finding
9 that single-family homes with in-home day care are allowed by right. Record 10.
10 However, the hearings officer accepted the findings of the planning director
11 except to the extent the findings were inconsistent with his decision. Record 8.
12 The planning director’s decision stated that the minimum lot size in the R-7 zone
13 is 5,000 square feet and future development would have to meet the minimum
14 residential lot standards at that time. Record 230. The hearings officer
15 conditioned the approval on recordation of the Equitable Servitude prior to the
16 final plat, and the Equitable Servitude provides that “any residential development
17 of the Property will require additional land use approval with notice and
18 opportunity for public comments *and will meet or exceed a minimum density of*
19 *5,000 square foot lot size per acre.*” Record 23 (emphasis added). The Equitable
20 Servitude is consistent with the TDC. Petitioners have failed to demonstrate how
21 the statement that one new home site could be created requires reversal or

1 remand, given that TDC 18.110.040 and Table 18.110.3 provide that the
2 minimum residential density is 5,000 square foot lot size per acre.

3 This assignment of error is denied.

4 **SECOND ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR**

5 In their second assignment of error, petitioners argue in part that the
6 hearings officer failed to consider the potential benefits of exactions to the subject
7 property when applying the *Dolan* rough proportionality standard. Petitioners
8 also argue that the hearings officer’s findings related to rough proportionality are
9 inadequate and unsupported by substantial evidence. The petition for review cites
10 Record 89 as preserving the assignment of error. Petition for Review 17. The
11 reply brief cites Record 36 and 90. Reply 2.

12 Petitioners argued in their July 15, 2019 submittal that “[t]he Decision
13 assumes that there is no development impact associated with the partition. There
14 are a number of uses that are allowed outright in the R-7 zone” and that “[t]he
15 Decision asserts that any subsequent development would require either a CU or
16 zone change without citing any supporting authority, and in direct contradiction
17 to the R-7 zoning.” Record 90. In its August 1, 2019 submittal, intervenor stated
18 “On page 9 of the Dressel Hearing Memo, the Dressels argue that the public
19 infrastructure exactions the Dressels seek to impose upon the partition
20 application are actually benefits to the District’s property that should be weighted
21 in the rough proportionality analysis.” Record 36. These issues have been
22 preserved.

1 The hearings officer concluded that a benefit:

2 “‘offset’ is not a relevant consideration where, as here, [no] public
3 facilities are needed to serve the proposed development. The
4 extension of roads, utilities, and other public services within this site
5 will not ‘benefit’ lots created by this development, because no
6 structures or other improvements are proposed that could connect to
7 such improvements. Even if there is some benefit to the lots, there
8 is no evidence that the benefit is sufficient to meet the rough
9 proportionality standard. The City has the burden of proof on this
10 issue.” Record 9.

11 We agree with petitioners that development allowed outright *may* be considered
12 in evaluating rough proportionality, even though physical development is not part
13 of this application. *McClure v. City of Springfield*, 175 Or App 425, 26 P3d 1222
14 (2001), *rev den*, 334 Or 327 (2002) (in evaluating an exaction, city considered
15 vehicle trips anticipated based on development of three newly partitioned lots).
16 The hearings officer found that one single-family dwelling with associated day
17 care *may* be a use allowed outright and concluded, without further analysis, that
18 the cost of improvements is not roughly proportional to the impact of a single-
19 family dwelling with a family day care, on city roads, sewers or other services.
20 Record 9. However, petitioners do not point to anything in the TDC or elsewhere
21 that requires the hearings officer to impose exactions at the partition stage, or at
22 any other stage of development in order to ensure that necessary facilities are in
23 place at the appropriate time. Because the hearings officer was not required to
24 impose exactions at the partition stage, petitioners’ argument does not provide a
25 basis for remand.

1 This assignment of error is denied.¹³

2 The decision is affirmed.

¹³ OAR 661-010-0030(7) provides:

“A respondent or intervenor-respondent who seeks reversal or remand of an aspect of the decision on appeal only if the decision on appeal is reversed or remanded under the petition for review may file a cross petition for review that includes contingent cross-assignments of error, clearly labeled as such.”

Pursuant to OAR 661-010-0030(7), intervenor filed a cross petition for review. Because we affirm the decision, we need not address intervenor’s two contingent cross-assignments of error.