

Salem Chamber urges City Council to support Lowes/Walmart Development

Salem. Salem Chamber Executive Director Rinus Oosthoek announced today that the Salem Chamber has worked diligently over the past month in support of the revised zoning amendment to allow the Lowes/Walmart development to move forward.

Under discussion is a zoning text amendment to allow a Planned Unit Development (PUD) on land parcels zoned Business Park Development (BPD). This amendment will give local planning officials more flexibility when it comes to permitting projects on large, underutilized BPD parcels, such as the potential Lowes/Walmart development on Highland Avenue. The Chamber strongly supports the re-filed rezoning proposal.

“Salem should welcome new businesses and the jobs and tax-revenue that come with them, especially in the difficult economic times we are in today,” said Oosthoek, who continued to “urge all members of the City Council to support the compromise proposal, as the threat of a reduction in state aid becomes reality”.