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**From:** raganellis@bendbroadband.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 09, 2015 11:17 AM  
**To:** Planning Commission; Tammy Baney; Alan Unger; Tony DeBone  
**Subject:** Tumalo Community

Good Day,

My name is Patrick MacCrone and I own Raganelli's Pizza in Tumalo. I am writing to you to join with Marianne Fellner (letter attached) in the most strongest terms that I agree 100% with her.

The Tumalo Business Association (a group of business owners in Tumalo) was formed about 4 years ago with simple goals ~ that being to energize commerce, tourist visitation & and simply make Tumalo a great place to live and do business. The Tumalo Community Association (TCA) and TBA have been at odds on several topics and unfortunately several of the TCA meetings turned into argument platforms and subsequently alienated many of the business owners and residents. With this being said, a small faction of TCA members have taken it upon themselves to continue to try and alienate business owners and residents with the claim of 'Tumalo decisions should only be made by residents in the core of our town'.

The Tumalo boundary is 'loose' at best ~ many of us who live in unincorporated Bend and in Tumalo or near, consider ourselves Tumalonians. I personally live 2.5 minutes away from my business in Tumalo, but just outside the boundary. I own raw land in Tumalo and Raganelli's Pizza for 4 years, does this mean I have NO say in what takes place in Tumalo? Well this small faction of former TCA members would like that to be the case. I disagree.

Tumalo has the potential to become a fantastic place to visit, relax, eat and shop. But when a MINORITY of people who are stuck in 'the way it used to be' attempt to take control and speak for ALL the residents and business owners that's a problem. Tumalo will become a ghost town and I don't want that to happen.

Please do not consider forming a County Committee that only considers the voice and will of a small fraction of the community at large.

Thank you for your time,  
Patrick MacCrone  
Owner Raganelli's Pizza  
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I am writing the Deschutes County Planning Commission regarding the public meeting for the County's FY 2015/2016 Work Plan. As the secretary of the Tumalo Business Association, I request that any committee that claims to represent the Tumalo Community includes all invested stakeholders within the Tumalo Community boundary, residents, property owners, business owners and all who work in Tumalo. The businesses in the Tumalo commercial district, old and new, are the heart of the community's vitality and serve not only residents within the Tumalo UUC boundary, but well beyond even the greater Tumalo rural community.

Since Tumalo is designated as an Unincorporated Rural Community, the residents that live in the rural area are integral, active members of the Tumalo Community and contribute to the town economy and all community affairs.

The Tumalo Community Association (TCA) was formed over 10 years ago by members of the broader Tumalo community with the intention of creating an inclusive organization that would be a forum for all citizens concerned with the Tumalo area. The intent was to inform, educate and hear the opinions of all those interested in their community.

The TCA worked in collaboration with Deschutes County to create the Tumalo Community Plan 2010-2030. This past year, citizens that joined the TCA made it their mission to make the TCA an exclusive organization. In spite of the professional services of Central Oregon Mediation and efforts by County Commissioners to resolve inflamed conflicts within the TCA, the board of the TCA chose to dissolve the organization. Now these same individuals are seeking to create another exclusive voice for Tumalo.

If Deschutes County chooses to establish a county committee for the Tumalo Community, then this committee must represent the residents of Deschutes County that live, own property, own businesses and work within the broader Tumalo Rural Unincorporated Area. If the County chooses to form a committee to represent citizens of the Tumalo Community UUC boundary as identified on page 14 of the Revised Tumalo Community Plan, then it cannot exclude property owners and business owners who do not live within that boundary. What would any town be without citizens who are willing to invest in property and provide essential services?

The stakeholders in the Tumalo Community include Deschutes County, Oregon State Parks, ODOT, the School District, Tumalo Irrigation District, Laidlaw Water District, Tumalo Community Church, local businesses and patrons, property owners, and residents, both renters and owners. One small group does not speak for all invested, active, and concerned citizens.

Regarding legislating horses out of the commercial zone of the Tumalo UUC, there are no horses stabled within the commercial district, so I am bewildered why this is a topic for County staff to consider.

If there are concerns regarding water and wetland health along the Deschutes River in Tumalo, then please make it a priority to provide portable or composting toilets and garbage services on the County owned lands at the 2 heavily used river access areas at Tumalo Rd and Cook Ave and between 4th and 5th Ave along Wharton.

Please do not consider forming a County Committee that only considers the voice and will of a small fraction of the community at large.

Sincerely,

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