



# East Portland Action Plan

(EPAP)

Draft Meeting NOTES: **MAY 25, 2011**

## MEETING ATTENDANCE:

<b>Linda Bauer</b> (Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association, East Portland Land Use and Transportation Chair, EPAP Transportation Representative)	<b>Marie Manuel</b> (East Portland Community Center)
<b>Jim Blackwood</b> ( Office of Commissioner Fish)	<b>Ken Masine</b> (Stark Firs Management)
	<b>Ronny Masine</b> (Stark Firs Management)
<b>JoAnn Bowman</b> (Coalition for a Livable Future)	<b>Matt</b> (Glenfair resident)
<b>Doug Brenner</b> (Portland Parks and Recreation)	<b>Jon Mayer</b> (Oregon State University 4-H, EPAP Youth-focused Afterschool Programming Rep.)
<b>Frieda Christopher</b> (David Douglas School District + EPAP Civic Engagement + Gateway Education Center Rep.)	<b>Brenda McSweeney</b> (Glenfair Neighborhood Association Chair)
<b>Marie Daniels</b> (MeOutLoud Business Owner + EPAP Youth Subcommittee Chair)	<b>Inger McDowell</b> (Urban League of Portland)
<b>Jean DeMaster</b> (Human Solutions + EPAP Economic Development + EPAP Representative on Minority Housing + Mult, Consolidated Plan)	<b>Steffeni Mendoza Gray</b> (City of Portland Government Relations)
<b>Betty Dominguez</b> (Housing Authority of Portland)	<b>Norine Moss</b> (Stark Firs Management)
<b>Bob Earnest</b> (Gateway Urban Renewal Area Committee)	<b>Tiffany Moss</b> (Stark Firs Management)
<b>Nick Fish</b> (City of Portland Commissioner)	<b>Jeremy O’Leary</b> (CNRG PDX)
<b>Moe Farhoud</b> (Stark Firs Management)	<b>Héctor JR. Osuna</b> (El Programa Hispano)
<b>Colleen Gifford</b> (Gateway Eco District)	<b>Olivia Quiroz</b> (Multnomah County Health Department + EPAP Civic Engagement Chair)
<b>Jenny Glass</b> (Centennial Community Association, AmeriCorps)	<b>Melissa Page</b> (East Portland Community Center)
<b>Patricia Graf</b> (Portland State University)	<b>Ellison Pearson</b> (Independent)
<b>Brian Heron</b> (Eastminster Presbyterian Church)	<b>Michelle Phillips</b>
<b>Raymond Hites</b> (Lents Neighborhood Association, East Portland Neighbors)	<b>Nick Sauvie</b> (ROSE Community Dev. Corp. + EPAP Economic Development)
<b>Anne Kemp</b> (OSEA)	<b>Allyson Spencer</b> (Multnomah County Commissioner Shiprack’s Office)
<b>Alissa Keny-Guyer</b> (Oregon Solutions)	<b>Mike Vander Veen</b> (Parklane Church, Second Stories, Hazelwood Neighborhood Association, Centennial Community Association, EPAP Structures + EPAP MAX <b>action</b> Chair)

<b>Arlene Kimura</b> (Hazelwood NA + EP Office Land Use-Transportation+ EP Parks Coalition + EPAP Chair + Structures + EPAP Representative on Main Streets + Parks)	<b>Mark White</b> (Powellhurst-Gilbert NA + EPO XPO + EPAP Economic Development + EPAP Rep on Portland/Mult. Co. Food Policy Council + Mult Co Sustainability & Innovation+ Portland Housing Bureau + City Charter Commission)
<b>Jim Labbe</b> (Audubon Society of Portland)	<b>Lore Wintergreen</b> (EPAP Advocate)
<b>Miller Lopez</b>	<b>Dolores Wood</b> (Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association + EP Parks)

## I. Welcome:

### A. Arlene Kimura facilitated the meeting:

1. Recognition of Jean DeMaster for picking-up the food
2. Recognition of tonight's Host Frieda Christopher
3. Next meeting **June 22, 2011**
4. Introductions
5. Structures document update
6. Partnership and Affiliations Statements reminder
9. Recognition of Time Keeper Brian Heron
10. Orientation for ½ hour right after this meeting with Mike VanderVeen – important for understanding and getting involved

## II. City of Portland Commissioner Nick Fish – Parks & Recreation:

- A. See 'Parks Equity East Of Interstate 205 – E205' and 'E205 – List of Potential Improvements' handouts on pages 12 – 14.
- B. The City of Portland will budget \$500,000 this fiscal year as seed money to launch the E-205 Initiative. Commissioner Fish has committed to raising matching funds.
- C. E-205 is dedicated to providing amenities for under-developed park land in East Portland, with the idea being to pursue projects with immediate impact.
- D. Existing Park Masterplans cannot be built until the City goes to the community for a Bond vote, because the \$ is so large.
- E. The City has dedicated \$30 million in East Portland land acquisition funds that required dedication to capital acquisition only.
- F. Parks & Recreation (P&R) has a goal of park availability within 15 – 20 minutes of every household.
- G. Brenda McSweeney asked if P&R could assist Glenfair Park with much needed access to lighting, restrooms, and picnic tables in the park located at NE 154th Ave & Davis St. Commissioner Fish made sure that the request was documented and thought he could

- work with the Water Bureau 'Portland Loo' project to make Glenfair Park a priority placement.
- H.** Jim Blackwood, with Commissioner Fish's office. Spoke of working with East Portland In Motion to integrate bike paths and sidewalk improvements to parks.
  - I.** Commissioner Fish asked that people let him know about incremental needs in East Portland neighborhood parks.
  - J.** Mike VanderVeen warned that the Glenfair Park is in the Rockwood Water District.
  - K.** Jim: North Portland has the most density of Parks and that those on the maps that were distributed has masterplans. Building the Masterplans will take millions of \$. Neighborhood Associations could try to raise the \$ and seek Parks Foundation matching \$. Jim also has a list of potential funders.
  - L.** Initial improvements are scheduled for Parklane Park benches and a drinking fountain and an East Holiday Park children's play area.
  - M.** Mark White asked if 'natural areas' are included in the assessment of 15 – 20 minute access, because this is necessary in East Portland. Given the number of children being served, play areas including equipment would need to be established. Jim said that many of the needed improvements are children's play area amenities.
  - N.** Mark asked with the \$75,000 children's play area at Gilbert Park was approved by the Parks Foundation.
  - O.** Jean DeMaster encouraged partnerships between schools and parks, with playground shared use.
  - P.** Doug Brenner: P & R are already actively doing this. They just put in a soft-service trail at Gilbert Primary Park. He said that many school parks are in pretty good condition.
  - Q.** Jean: they lack garbage or restroom services.
  - R.** Commissioner Fish: takes this point seriously and that the line between schools and P & R is blurring and that cross pollination is happening as the community looks to schools as 24-7 service provider locations.
  - S.** Frieda Christopher: the David Douglas School District has actively sought funds for garbage cans.
  - T.** Olivia Quiroz: a large percentage of youth/racial/ethnic/immigrant/refugee communities make-up East Portland. She asked how P & R is targeting getting input from these communities, as they have culturally-specific needs.
  - U.** Jim: P & R is starting with the Neighborhood Associations and asked people to please contact him with suggestions.

- V. Commissioner Fish: unpacking existing masterplans is the baseline and that community involvement happened when these were framed. He welcomes suggestions.
- W. Allyson Spenser: you know what the needs is – needs can be compatible with existing communities.
- X. Jim: personally went to each park to observe activity and conditions and observed how small things become huge.
- Y. Commissioner Fish: \$200,000 was dedicated to the Parkrose soccer field in this year’s budget, community gardens were expanded and funding was allocated to Zenger Farms.
- Z. Mike: wonderful concept piece in place that encourages involvement. Something is happening. Thank you very much.
- AA. Arlene: encourages feedback to Jim Blackwood ([jim.blackwood@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:jim.blackwood@portlandoregon.gov) ) and Matt Sinclair ([Mathew.sinclair@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Mathew.sinclair@portlandoregon.gov) ).
- BB. Commissioner Fish: Thank you for the briefing fom this body. The plan is moving forward due to the commitment in this room. He acknowledged the work of Doug Brenner. Community members concurred that Doug is an excellent East Portland P & R manager.
- CC. Jim: Acknowledged the Park Foundation. Regional \$ are being sought. P & R needs your ideas and support. They are happy to partner to make the “asks”.

### III. Committee Reports:

#### A. Bike

1. See Notes on pages 15 – 16.

#### B. Civic Engagement – Olivia Quiroz

1. The East Portland Action Plan will be awarding \$64,000. We have received 11 applications. 5 Grant Review Committee members are working hard to quickly read the applications and will meet on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day) for 3 -4 hours to compare scores and select awardees and amounts.
2. We discussed how to engage culturally-specific communities more actively and the consultant role that the Subcommittee could provide to those organizing in the community.

#### C. Economic Development – Nick Sauvie

1. See Notes on pages 17 - 18.

2. Nick passed around flyers for “Oregon want to Work”, which is meeting on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at Leander Court Apartments Community Room (4620 SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave.) to organize with unemployed Oregonians who are ready to try something different. Those attending will define what happens with staff support from Oregon AFL-CIO, Working America, the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, and Labor’s Community Services.
3. The City’s Neighborhood Economic Development Plan was adopted today. Larry Kotan, Nick Sauvie, and Erica Silver were on the Committee.
4. The next Economic Development Subcommittee will not be meeting as usual. They are having a combined June/July meeting to be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at Leander Court Apartments Community Room (4620 SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave.)

**D. MAXaction – Mike Vander Veen**

1. See Notes on page 19.
2. Working with neighbors on positive action. They are currently no allowed on the platforms, but neighbors have welcomed them on their property.
3. Arlene mentioned the classical music being played at the 162<sup>nd</sup> station. There has been an audio problem with keeping the two speakers in sync.

**E. Operations – Arlene Kimura**

1. See the EPAP submitted letter of support for Leach Botanical Garden on pages 20 - 21.
2. See the EPAP submitted letter of commitment to Multnomah County Department of County Human Services Aging and Disability Services Division in partnership with the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization for strategies specific to senior and safety net issues on pages 22 - 23.

**F. Powell Blvd. Transportation Growth Management – Jim Chasse**

1. See introductory email and letter sent to the Outer Powell Blvd. Project Team on behalf of East Portland Action Plan Powell Blvd. Transportation Growth Management Sub-Committee members: Jim Chasse, Donna Dionne, Tom Barnes, Tom Lewis, and Teresa Soto de Roman on pages 24 - 27.

2. The Community Working Group is tentatively scheduled to meet on June 6<sup>th</sup> and the Open House is tentatively scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>. April Bertelsen will send flyers and lore will forward the information.
3. Jim explains that Powell Blvd. is not just strategic for moving cars, it needs sidewalks and bike paths. People riding wheel chairs and moving children in strollers are currently using the bike lanes. We need to invest in a Plan that is community friendly, not just a 40 mph pass through. We can learn from the mistakes made on the Inner Powell Blvd. Plan.
4. Powell corridor has been designated by METRO as a High Capacity Transit corridor, but this does not mean Powell Blvd. specifically.
5. OPAL is stepping-up on bus transit issues. They are looking at demographics by neighborhood.
6. Advocacy brought the bosses to the table to make adjustments when the Plan was headed in the wrong direction.

#### **G. Technical Advisory Committee – Betty Dominguez**

1. See Notes on pages 28 - 35.
2. See 'Housing Authority of Portland' News Release of name change to 'homeforward' on page 36.
3. homeforward has 12 David Douglas students in their summer work program.
4. 6,000 homeforward units house the elderly and disabled and 11,000 house children.
5. 440 of the 6,000 homeforward units are in East Portland.

#### **H. Youth Subcommittee – Marie Daniels**

1. See Notes on pages 37 -39.
2. Prescription drugs can not be tuned-in at 737 SE 106<sup>th</sup> Ave.
3. Marie discussed with Mark White the inclusion of the Charter Commission in the EPAP approved Youth outreach letter. It was decided that since the Charter Commission will be reconstructed soon, it would be better to not include this reference in the letter, but to form a youth-focused meeting when the Charter Commission goes into the next phase.
4. EPAP Youth will make a presentation to the Multnomah County Healthy Active Schools East Portland program staff.
5. Copies of the letter have been produced and are ready for circulation. Please contact Marie or Jessica Crompton with distribution suggestions.

#### **IV. Dinámica** – lore wintergreen

- A.** Talked about working together wholistically to prevent displacement.
- B.** Congratulatory self back claps and clapping the back of the person to your right and left.

#### **V. Grant Report: Community Organizing - AmeriCorps** – Jenny Glass

- A. Community Organizing-Americorp** was partially funded with an EPAP grant. They committed to provide: partial AmeriCorps match funds, materials, and event supplies to support a position to do Asset Based Community Development in the Centennial Community Association's neighborhood by facilitating and connecting neighbors to identify, plan, and implement activities that make their neighborhood a better place to live.
- B.** Jenny Glass is the person hired for the AmeriCorps position.
- C.** The project has been focusing on the area of 160<sup>th</sup> Ave to the Gresham boarder between SE Alder and Stark.
- D.** Parklane Primary and Oliver Intermediate schools serve a population of students that are 92% free or reduced lunch.
- E.** There is also a methadone clinic and a MAX station in the area.
- F.** A consistent message from community members has been a need for safety.
- G.** The Rosewood Initiative was initiated by the Police (Portland + Gresham), Shay Marchman, and Multnomah County. They hold monthly meetings to organize in the area. Business owners, faith organizations, and community members have joined.
- H.** The goal is to improve public safety through community involvement.
- I.** They are opening a Café in Village Square shopping complex. Multnomah County is leasing the building. Demolition Day was May 14<sup>th</sup>. There were 40 volunteers with 100 volunteer hours and 160 hot dogs served (food donated by Stark Firs Property Management). Miller Lopez, Ronny Masine, Michelle Phillips, Norine Moss, Tiffany Moss and Ken Masine are at the meeting tonight to show support for the work being done.
- J.** 16 youth submitted designs for a café logo contest. The selected logo will be painted on the café wall.
- K.** English/Spanish language game nights with prizes from local businesses have been held. They also want to have movies on game nights and volleyball behind Alder Village.

**L.** The grant project addresses Public Safety and Community Building action items.

**M.** Allyson Spencer asked if the group planning and participating in the Rosewood Café is diverse. Miller said that Jenny has been amazing and brings together diverse people.

**N.** Michelle and Milton are members of the 10 – 15 member design team.

**O.** Norine said that they are doing well in bringing diverse community together as a whole.

## **VI. Representative Check-in**

### **A. Emergency Preparedness – Jeremy O’Leary**

1. See handout on pages 40 – 43.
2. Family Disaster Kit impromptu campaign is starting now.
3. Ready to eat meals can also refuse to exit.
4. Issue that many families cannot afford to have 7-days of food on hand has been raised. This is an equity issue that must be addressed.
4. A Seattle program, SNAP, has developed materials and a website that is being discussed for emulation:  
<http://www.seattle.gov/emergency/programs/snap/>
5. Marie asked about local shelters. Jeremy explained that it is up to the shelters. We are no where near the preparedness level of Japan. Community Gardens and cisterns are just as much about preparedness as sustainability.
6. JoAnne Bowman said that 3-days worth of food is not nearly enough. The 7-day goal is much more practical.
7. A Neighborhood Emergency Steering Committee meets monthly. If interested in forming an East Portland Committee, please contact Jeremy at: [jeremy@tpdx.net](mailto:jeremy@tpdx.net) .

### **B. Youth-focused Afterschool Programming – Jon Mayer**

1. See Glenfair Church Summer tutoring in need of volunteers handout on page 44.
2. The 4-H program welcomes and organization or individual to join and get training, background check, and liability insurance coverage. If interested, contact Jon: 503.916.6074 or [jonathan.mayer@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jonathan.mayer@oregonstate.edu) or check the web page: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/>

**C. Food Policy Council, Portland Housing Advisory Commission, Charter Commission, – Mark White**

1. See notes on pages 45 – 46.
2. We pay more for water sewer in East Portland. Double that of Gresham.
3. Should folks sitting on the re-formed Charter Commission be technical or public advocates?
4. Next Charter Commission is on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a public meeting this summer and autumn. Check [www.portlandonline.com/charter](http://www.portlandonline.com/charter) for update.
5. Mike VanderVeen asked if someone is gathering information about East Portland residents to the Big Pipe. What did we pay for building our system?
6. Frieda Christopher suggested asking Senator Merkley for background on the East Portland costs, because when he was an Oregon State Representative, he was active with the disparity issue.

**D. Transportation Enhancement Grant for Safe Routes to School funded for East Portland Improvements – Linda Bauer**

1. See attached announcement and map on pages 47 – 49.
2. Frieda said that David Douglas thanks everyone involved.

**E. EPAP Representative Nominations – Arlene Kimura**

1. Bob Earnest as EPAP Representative with Gateway Urban Renewal Area (URA) boundary was literally in his backyard.
2. They are half way through the project life and do not have a lot to show for it.
3. He as served on the URA in a leadership role for 6 years and is now Co-Chair. Very committed as area resident.
4. ACTION: Approved unanimously as the EPAP Representative with Gateway URA.

**VII. Announcements/Information**

**A. Bureau of Development Services Housing Inspectors – lore wintergreen**

1. See attached memo sent to Commissioner Dan Saltzman on page 50.
2. City Council did approve 3 new housing inspectors, but we need to advocate to keep an Enhanced Housing Inspector position in East Portland.

3. Norine asked who is available to assist landlords with concerns and complaints. Lore will follow-up with her after the meeting.

**B. East Portland Exposition (EPO XP) – Mark White**

Event will be on July 23 and 24, 2011 at Ed Benedict Community Park (Powell Blvd near SE 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave.) with gates opening at 11:00 AM. For more information go to [www.epoxpo.org](http://www.epoxpo.org) . The entire focus is multicultural. Colored Pencils is co-hosting the multicultural performers. There will be interactive performances.

**C. Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Night Out – Mark White**

The event will be at Earl Boyles Park on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. Megamind starts at dusk.

**D. Announcements List – lore wintergreen**

1. See attached list on pages 51 – 56.
2. EPAP member Shelli Romero with the Oregon Department of Transportation received the “Diversity Leadership Award” for the I-205 Multi-Use Path Project from Women In Transportation.
3. Oregon Community Trees, the Oregon Department of Forestry awarded the Oregon Department of Transportation – Region 1 the 2011 Oregon Urban and Community Forestry, Government Category Award for the I-205 Multi-Use Path.

**E. Summer of Lents and Ramona Street Fair - Ray Hites**

Lents is trying to close 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave. for the Ramona St. Fair, but this means diverting traffic on a busy arterial street.

**F. 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. of Roses Parade: April 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – Ray Hites**

Starts at 82<sup>nd</sup> & Holgate and ends at Yamhill & 78<sup>th</sup>

**G. Nadaka Community Festival - Jim Labbe**

At Nadaka Nature Park (Ne 175<sup>th</sup> Ave. between Glisan and NE Pacific St.) on Saturday, June 18, 2011. Cleanup 9 AM to Noon and Food & Fun Noon – 3:00 PM. Flyers in English and Spanish can be accessed: <http://audubonportland.org/sanctuaries/ep/nadaka-community-festival-flyer-english> and <http://audubonportland.org/sanctuaries/ep/nadaka-community-festival-flyer-spanish>

**H. Orientation** – Mike Vander Veen was available, but no one attended.

**Next EPAP meeting:**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month: **June 22, 2011**

**6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**David Douglas School District Office, Board Room**

**Dinner provided. Childcare and language interpretation upon request with reasonable notice**

**If you want to be on the June agenda, contact:**

**EAST PORTLAND ACTION PLAN**

East Portland Neighborhood Office 1017 NE 117<sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland, OR 97220

503.823.4035 or [lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov)

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# **Parks Equity East of Interstate 205 -- E205**

## **The issue:**

Seventy five percent of Portlanders enjoy access to a park or natural area within a fifteen minute walk of their home. Many of the parks provide a variety of amenities from ball fields and playgrounds to pathways and picnic areas. When looking at the park system east of I-205, we see a different picture. Incorporated later into the City of Portland, East Portland does not have the rich tradition of parks and recreational places. Yet, East Portland has experienced population growth and now 40 percent of families with children are living in this area. Demand for equitable recreational services is high. New parks can cost in the tens of millions and Portland Parks & Recreation is looking toward a bond measure in the future to address these service gaps. A bond measure will take years.

## **The solution:**

We will turn the amenities in existing park master plans into a menu of features. Smaller, affordable basic improvements can make a big difference to a community without waiting for a bond measure. There is plenty we can do now. We need your help.

Under the guidance of Nick Fish, Parks Commissioner, Portland Parks is embarking on a plan we call “E205”. Designed to make minor improvements (under \$250,000 per site) such as a community gardens, lighting or playgrounds, E205 will leverage City dollars with private dollars to take on projects at five parks (or more!) in the next 18 months.

## **Park and Project Selection Criteria:**

- Park has identified service delivery gap
- Park has identified community support
- Project has broad appeal to a wide range of community members
- Project leverages other funding, partnerships, or in-kind materials and services
- Project with no significant site preparation or permitting issues that can be built or under construction within 18 months
- Project cost or total allocation per park is \$250,000.

## **For More Information Contact:**

- Jim Blackwood, Office of Commissioner Fish, [Jim.Blackwood@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Jim.Blackwood@portlandoregon.gov) 503-823-3598
- Mat Sinclair, Community Relations Manager, PP&R, [mat.sinclair@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:mat.sinclair@portlandoregon.gov) 503-823-5592

# Draft

## E205 – List of Potential Improvements

May 2, 2011

### Description of the Type of Improvements and the Rationale for Consideration

**East Holladay Park:** Add a new playground and other park amenities\* to expand park service. A playground was included as part of the Park Master Plan, but funding has not been available.

*Working budget estimate: \$175,000 - \$200,000*

**East Portland Community Center:** Add a new playground. A playground was included as part of the Community Center Master Plan, but funding has not been available. Some initial seed funding has been raised by the community; construction of this playground, envisioned as a play area for smaller children, will provide an important amenity for the community and will help implement the Master Plan. The Community Center draws visitors from all over East Portland.

*Working budget estimate: \$175,000 - \$200,000*

**Parklane Park:** Replace play equipment, and add park amenities\* to expand park service. The play equipment at Parklane Park is older equipment (including wood elements), and needs to be replaced. Several community members have approached PP&R requesting these improvements.

*Working budget estimate: \$125,000 - \$150,000*

**Gilbert Primary Park:** Add a soft-surface path, seating, and park amenities\* to expand park service. The Play Area Technical Paper (PP&R, 2008) recommended upgrades to the play equipment at Gilbert Primary Park, but since then, a new playground has been built at the adjacent school, Gilbert Primary School. If any play equipment at the park is replaced, it should complement the play experience at the neighboring school. Several community members have contacted PP&R staff with an interest in a soft-surface path at Gilbert Primary Park.

*Working budget estimate: \$100,000*

**Ed Benedict Park:** Add a new community garden. A community garden was included in the Ed Benedict Park Master Plan, but funding has not been available. Construction of the community garden will help meet the Community Garden Initiative goal of 1,000 new community garden plots by 2012. The Friends of Ed Benedict Memory Garden are interested in working with PP&R to construct the community garden.

*Working budget estimate: \$75,000*

**Lynchwood Park:** Lynchwood Park does not have a formal pathway system, or many park amenities. A soft-surface pathway system will help provide access and visibility to the park (addressing some neighbor-identified safety concerns), and the addition of amenities like benches and a picnic table will provide more comfortable use of the park.

*Working budget estimate: \$125,000-\$150,000*

\***Other park amenities** could include benches, picnic tables, bike racks, and refuse cans; drinking fountains are a possibility *where water service is already available and a new water meter is not needed*).

## E205 – List of Potential Improvements

### Description of the Type of Improvements and the Rationale for Consideration

Additional potential suggested amenities to add by site:

- **Argay Park:** Add benches and possibly a drinking fountain by the Dog Off-Leash Area.
- **Cherry Park:** Add benches and a possibly a drinking fountain by the Dog Off-Leash Area.
- **Midland Park:** Add two to four new picnic tables.
- **West Powellhurst Park:** Add new park benches around the soft-surface path.
- **Columbia Slough property (at 11140 NE Simpson):** Construction of a trail to connect public access on NE Simpson Street to an existing canoe launch on Portland Water Bureau (PWB) property. Funds to come primarily from PWB and possibly, the Columbia Slough Trail Fund. Construction of the Columbia Slough Trail on the short segment of Water Bureau property is also a possibility.
- **Other sites needing park amenities?** – Discuss with the community and neighborhoods if there are other good sites for benches, picnic tables, etc. These sites should have existing pathways and good accessibility.

*The working budget estimate for this group of improvements (6 sites - Argay thru other sites) is \$100,000.*



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## **Bicycle (EPAPbike) Subcommittee Monthly Report**

**Meeting time & location:** Thursday, May 19th 6:30PM - 8:30PM At Muchas Gracias, 1307 NE 102nd, Suite K.

**EPAP Action item(s) being addressed:** T.3 Increase safety and accessibility of bicycling in East Portland & CB.1.4 Organize walking or biking tours throughout the neighborhood

**Our goal is to provide direction and support to the EPAP on bike related issues & actions, and to make biking safer & more fun in East Portland.**

**Contact:** [EPAPbike@gmail.com](mailto:EPAPbike@gmail.com), Website: <http://EPAPbike.org> or <http://eastportlandactionplan.org/bike>

### **Agenda**

#### **Introductions**

Walt Lersch – Acting Chair, David Hampsten, Gary Flood, Timo Forsberg, Kathleen McDade, Matteo Luccio

1) Request to support a bike ride for Gateway EcoDistrict, – Linda Robinson, Dave Hampsten  
Walt Lersch reported that Gateway EcoDistrict asked EPAPBike for assistance with a bike ride in conjunction with a community outreach event they were planning. At the present time Gateway hasn't settled on a date for the event. Ric Catron (Gateway member - City of Gresham, Urban Design and Planning Department) has assumed the roll of bike ride liaison.

2) GABA Fun-O-Rama bike ride May 21 – Dave Hampsten  
Dave Hampsten provided an update on the May 21 GABA Fun-O-Rama bike ride. Volunteers are needed for helmet fitting, ride support/control/safety. All EPAPBike members are welcome to attend and assist.

3) Report on PBOT public meeting May 11th on Hologate Bike Lane(s) – Jim Chasse, Walt Lersch

Walt Lersch reported on the May 11th public meeting which served as a community follow-up on the recently completed Hologate bike lanes. Walt reported that the PBOT representatives responded to most questions with data. There was a lot of support for the project, some (apparently) legitimate concerns were expressed and a few participants were unhappy and seemed to have little interest in finding solutions to their concerns.

4) Sullivan's Gulch Citizens Advisory Committee update – Walt Lersch  
Walt Lersch advised he had been appointed to the Sullivan's Gulch Citizens Advisory Committee. Walter commented that in addition to providing input into the entire project he is particularly interested in optimizing the connection to the I-205 MUP and to optimize access to the Gateway Green site and facilitate future build out of bicycle infrastructure into East County.

5) East Portland Sunday Parkways May 22nd - Dave Hampsten, Walt Lersch

Walt Lersch reminded the members of the East Portland Sunday Parkways on Sunday May 22. There will be a Coffee Kick Off at 11:00 at the Marketplace at Ron Russell School followed by a bike ride to Gilbert Heights Park. Mayor Sam Adams is scheduled to attend.

**6) PBOT Open House June 1 on the use of Metro Flex Funds - Dave Hampsten**

Dave Hampsten advised that the meeting will help PBOT/Metro decide what projects to fund. The public meeting will discuss potential bike, pedestrian projects, June 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Room B of The Portland Building at 1120 SW Fifth Avenue

**7) Transfer ownership and hosting of EPAPBike.ORG to EPAP/EPNO - Walt Lersch**

Walt Lersch advised that EPAP has agreed to assume ownership of the EPAPBike.ORG domain name. They will also host the web site and redirect all internet traffic to the web page at [eastportlandactionplan.org/bike](http://eastportlandactionplan.org/bike) (which is what EPAPBike.ORG currently does).

Walt Lersch

Co-Chair

**East Portland Action Plan  
Economic Development Subcommittee Meeting Notes  
Monday, May 2, 2011**

**Purpose:** To develop a strong business environment which strengthens existing businesses, promotes new businesses, and expands family wage jobs in East Portland.

**PRESENT:** Annette Mattson, Dan Cogan, Ahmed Aia, Bill Dayton, Jean DeMaster, Hongsa Chanthavong, Mark White, Will Fuentes, Yelena Sasin, Katie Perko, Alyssa Moretz, Honore Depew, Asami Katayama, Jan Frutiger, Chris Scarzello, David Hampsten, lore wintergreen, Nick Sauvie.

**Small Business Forum**

The PSU team described activities leading to the East Portland Small Business Forum on May 10. The keynote speaker is new Portland Development Commission Director Patrick Quinton. Team members plan to knock on as many business doors as possible leading up to the event. Media contacts were recommended including Matt Buxton at the Oregonian, the Portland Tribune, Neclama, El Hispanic News, Chinese Times and the East Portland Chamber. Churches were recommended as a good way to reach diverse business people.

The PSU Team will do a report after the event and hopes that it would help replicate the event in the future. Nick was asked to send an electronic version of the event publicity that could be forwarded or posted on websites.

The forum agenda was discussed. Nick will do the introduction, followed by Patrick Quinton. Then there will be 2-3 minute presentations from a variety of resources including EPAP, the Mayor's office, the Hispanic and East Portland Chambers, business associations, Mercy Corps and Bank of the West. Dan said that either he or Hai Nguyen of 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue of Roses Business Association could make the business association presentation.

**Midway Business Association**

Bill said that Midway was doing an open house on June 14. This will be a good opportunity to learn more about conditions in the business district and get feedback from business people. He's aware of many home-based businesses in the area. The business association has lost about 30% of its members in the last two years. They would like to see more support from larger businesses with locations in the district; Les Schwab, for example. Midway is planning a classic car show for September 18.

**Mayor's Economic Development Cabinet**

lore had contacted the Mayor's office about getting an EPAP representative on the Mayor's Economic Development Cabinet. EPAP has been successful at getting more East Portland representation on several public policy committees. EPAP was invited to submit names to the Mayor's office. Le Po Cha from IRCO is already a member of the Cabinet. After discussion, the group decided to nominate Dan, Jean and Mark.

**East Portland Economic Development Assessment**

Nick reported no progress with PDC. Kate Deane agreed to draft a consulting agreement, but she's been tied up with the Neighborhood Economic Development Action Plan. Iore agreed to contact Kate about getting the agreement done.

**Next Meeting**

Because of a meeting room conflict and the Fourth of July holiday the group decided to combine the June and July meetings and hold it on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The time will remain 5 PM, but the location will be changed to Leander Court, 4620 SE 122<sup>nd</sup>.



A Sub-Committee of the EAST PORTLAND ACTION PLAN (EPAP)  
formed to develop the MAX as a community asset in East Portland.



## **Activity Report – April/May 2011**



**Monthly Meeting:** Kim Breckel, Doug Bernick, Fiorella Featherston, Tom Lewis, Theresa Tucker, Michael Foss, Joyce McCarty, and Dan Qualls attended the monthly MAX*action* meeting. Relevant notes are sprinkled through the following updates.



**Adopt-aStop:** TriMet and ONI have met and now an initial planning meeting to discuss establishing an official TriMet adopt-a-stop pilot is in the works. MAX*action* participants representing multiple station areas have agreed to join in the adopt-a-stop conversation with TriMet and ONI as scheduling allows. We hope to have law enforcement representation at the table.



**June 18 Graffiti and Litter Cleanup Event Scheduled:** Kim Breckel and Mike Vander Veen attended a SOLV volunteer training May 13th. At the meeting, we began planning a June 18th clean up that will start at 8am with graffiti cleanup training, then combine that and litter pick up from 9am to 12pm. We are working on getting permission to have an event “home base” set up near the 122nd Avenue MAX Station. MAX*action* participants agreed to help contact property owners/managers to get permission in advance to clean up graffiti and pick up litter on private property in the area. We'll adjust the scope of the clean up based on how many folks show up. There is no limit to how many can participate. Join us!



**Ongoing Cleanliness:** Three MAX*action* participants that live near the 162<sup>nd</sup> MAX station now have vests and pickers on long-term loan to regularly police their area.



**Positive Station Presence:** MAX*action* partner, Lifegate Baptist Church, is hosting a hospitality table every Friday evening roughly 6 to 8pm near the 148th Avenue Station and donating free refreshments. All MAX*action* partners are invited to help staff the table and connect with neighbors. The good weather is generating lots of foot traffic!

Blessings,

Mike Vander Veen



# East Portland Action Plan

May 9, 2011

RE: Community Livability Grant proposal support for Leach Botanical Garden

Dear Portland Development Commission Community Livability Grant Review Committee:

East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) supports the proposal from Leach Garden Friends to develop interim measures to make more classes and activities possible at Leach Botanical Garden. The EPAP as a group has 68 members who regularly attend its general meeting, 12 Committees with additional member participation, 22 Representatives, and we are growing in participation and influence. We were convened by the City of Portland to provide leadership and guidance to public agencies and other entities on how to strategically address community-identified issues and allocate resources to improve livability for neighborhoods in the East Portland Neighborhood Office (EPNO) coalition area.

The proposal from Leach Garden Friends is in alignment with the following Action items outlined in the East Portland Action Plan:

P.2.2 lead	Develop and improve facilities at East Portland parks that are currently undeveloped.
P.4.9 lead	Prioritize acquisition and development of parks in existing underserved areas or where significant residential development is anticipated: Gateway, Powellhurst/Gilbert, MAX station areas.
NA.3.5	Develop and implement East Portland natural areas public education program to increase awareness and use (where appropriate).
NA.4.1 lead	Increase active and passive recreation space on par with citywide recreation space and best practices standards.

Leach Botanical Garden is located in East Portland, an area where amenities such as developed park spaces and associated learning programs are limited. With the improvements that are envisioned in the proposal, the Garden will be able to provide a beautiful natural setting where many community groups can offer programs and events away from the urban landscape. Leach Botanical Garden is the only institution of its kind in the metropolitan area; helping to make it more usable by the surrounding community adds great value.

The measures outlined in the proposal will allow the Garden to carry forward its tradition of educational and community activity into the future, without foreclosing development choices at the Garden imagined under the City of Portland's Master Plan.

The flexibility of the proposed improvements to serve various audiences and activities will begin to move the Garden toward the envisioned Master Plan, where the Leach Botanical Garden stories, trails, and learning potential can be realized.

We need your support to make this happen,

Arlene Kimura

East Portland Action Plan Co-Chairs

Katie Larsell

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# East Portland Action Plan

May 17, 2011

Multnomah County Department of County Human Services  
Aging and Disability Services Division

## Letter of Commitment

Dear Grant Selection Committee Members:

The East Portland Area Plan (EPAP) is committed to growing our partnership with the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO). The EPAP as a group has 68 members who regularly attend its general meeting, 12 Committees with additional member participation, 22 Representatives, and we are growing in participation and influence. We were convened by the City of Portland to provide leadership and guidance to public agencies and other entities on how to strategically address community-identified issues and allocate resources to improve livability for neighborhoods in the East Portland Neighborhood Office (EPNO) coalition area.

IRCO and EPAP began collaborating on strategies specific to senior and safety net issues earlier this year, starting with increasing visibility of senior focused community resources via the East Portland Neighborhood Office quarterly newspaper. We both aim to acknowledge community strengths and address challenges facing East Portland (east of 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave). The boundaries of the East Portland Neighborhood Office (EPNO) over-lap with the Mid-County Senior District Center area. Our collaborative partnership will address the EPAP action items that affect seniors.

**Our Commitment:** EPAP will work closely with IRCO to continue partnering on the EPNO Newspaper, creating a section that addresses some significant issues for seniors and family caregivers in the Mid County area/ EPNO area. EPAP has already identified strategies and actions including the action to “assist in stabilizing low income residents/families.” One way to address the EPAP Housing Assistance and Safety Net Services will be to highlight that IRCO Case Management is available for people ages 60 and over including homeless seniors.

Another section of the EPAP aims “to increase support for independent elderly and disabled people.” EPAP further identifies that an action to take would be to “create a good neighbor program through block captains, tailored to reach out to elderly and disabled residents.” IRCO wants to collaborate more with EPAP to help address this goal. IRCO can advertise the good neighbor program for recruitment of volunteers to make this successful. If you have any questions or need more information on our commitment to this project, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Arlene Kimura

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**From:** loveboutique@att.net

**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2011 6:03 PM

**To:** Gillam, John; Gwin, Stuart; Lum, Leslie; Scarzello, Christina;

Lidwien.RAHMAN@odot.state.or.us; Ross.P.Kevlin@odot.state.or.us; BollH@trimet.org

**Cc:** Wintergreen, Lore; Jim Chasse; Tom Barnes; GAMODATO@aol.com; Donna Dionne; cammypierson@yahoo.com; j.laventall@gmail.com

**Attachments:** Powell Letter.doc

May 20, 2011

Dear John Gillam, Stuart Gwin, Leslie Lum, Chris Scarzello, Lidwien Rahman, Ross Kevlin and Heather Boll

As members of the Outer Powell Blvd. Project Team, we have the following requests for information and action:

- Given that the 3-lane modeling was not available for the last Open House and not available for review by the Citizens Working Group (CWG), how will the project timeline and scope of work be affected?
- When and where (date/time/location) will the next Open House be held? We want to know A.S.A.P. so we can be good partners in recruiting community participation (we expect at least 2 weeks notice).
- We need materials to be reviewed by the CWG at least one week before our meeting date, including previous meeting notes.

Please include time on the next CWG to review our recommendations for median placement along the alignment.

Please review the memo below and attached that was written on behalf of the following CWG members and be prepared to discuss the content of the next CWG meeting:

Donna Dionne – Midway Business Assn.

Tom Barnes – Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Assn.

Tom Lewis – Centennial Community Assn.

Jim Chasse – EPAP

Teresa Soto de Roman – OPAL

May 20, 2011

**RE:** Outer Powell Blvd. Conceptual Design Plan Citizens Working Group concerns

Dear Outer Powell Blvd. Citizens Project Team:

As members of the Outer Powell Blvd. Citizens Working Group, we are concerned that the Outer Powell Conceptual Design Plan has thus far failed to propose a solution that meets the needs of the community. The Plan as we have reviewed it sacrifices community livability in exchange for increased automobile volume. It prioritizes motor vehicle capacity over alternative modes of travel. It has ignored other plans, such as High Capacity Transit along the Powell corridor, while referencing the constraints of the potentiality without directly including this element in the scope of work.

The current plan runs counter to federal government mandates, which state that, “Because of the numerous individual and community benefits that walking and bicycling provide — including health, safety, environmental, transportation, and quality of life — transportation agencies are encouraged to go beyond minimum standards to provide safe and convenient facilities for these modes.”

This plan lacks the vision that the federal government embraces as it looks toward the future by recognizing that “Walking and bicycling foster safer, more livable, family-friendly communities; promote physical activity and health; and reduce vehicle emissions and fuel use.” In fact, this plan’s approach negates city and state mandates of reducing vehicle miles traveled.

We have been participating in the Community Working Group for nine months. Throughout the course of this project, the community has continually spoken in favor of creating a friendly, walkable street with more pedestrian crossings, a raised cycle track, decreased speeds, and other features that meet the needs of all users on the roadway and foster enhanced small business/retail activity.

From the start of this project, a three-lane roadway has been our stated preferred alternative. Despite this direction, we have yet to see a proposal alternative that models this option. Additionally we have actively questioned the need for more travel lanes on Powell Blvd., when Division Street already accommodates this need for the corridor.

We no longer believe that the Project Team has neighborhood interests as a goal and therefore reiterates the following list of corridor improvements that need to be included in any Powell Blvd. improvement project:

- Improve the roadway by inserting a center turn lane
- Limit the amount of center medians with emphasis being to accommodate businesses and residential streets
- Increase safety for pedestrians by building sidewalks all along Powell Blvd and installing more stop lights and crossings across Powell Blvd, especially at neighborhood centers
- Decrease speed limit to 30-35 MPH and make the speed consistent all along Powell Blvd
- Install a clearly articulated vegetative buffer (consistent with what currently exists) between pedestrians and residences and automobiles
- Build an elevated cycle track
- Design elements should remain consistent throughout the entire project
- Buried utilities would be preferred
- Install bus shelters
- Preserve all trees adjacent to roadway (they slow traffic and are emblematic of East Portland)
- Preserve all existing on-street parking to support small-businesses and neighborhood character

We have been informed that a preferred alternative for this plan will be chosen based on evaluation criteria. We believe that the evaluation criteria that exists for this project is again weighed toward cars. We want an alternative evaluation criteria established that measures community concerns in a more holistic way, in compliance with the aforementioned government mandates. We see that the following items need to be integrated in a revised criteria:

- Community & economic vitality
- Economic justice- this plan should concentrate on transporting those individuals who have the most limited options
- Safety and comfort
- Improved system connectivity
- Health equity and environmental justice issues
- Air toxic quality
- Environmental stewardship

The plan will fail to embrace the future if it continues to encourage automobile usage over other modes of travel. We value neighborhood livability and gathering spaces for people over more pavement on which to move automobiles. We request that the current plan be re-evaluated and the evaluation criteria be adjusted.

Hopefully, the end plan will meet the needs of those in the community now and into the future.

We also recommend that once the improvements are built, the ownership of the roadway be transferred to the City of Portland.

Donna Dionne – Midway Business Assn.

Tom Barnes – Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Assn.

Tom Lewis – Centennial Community Assn.

Jim Chasse – EPAP

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# East Portland Action Plan

## Technical Advisory Committee

April 27, 2011

### Goals:

- A. Members will coordinate reporting of progress made by their respective agency. This will be added directly to [www.eastportlandactionplan.org/updates](http://www.eastportlandactionplan.org/updates)
- B. As you work to implement an action item, bring it to the TAC to brainstorm ideas and opportunities
- C. Bring information about grant applications/opportunities and funding coordination opportunities for partnership support and ideas
- D. Share what is being planned and considered in East Portland. If it is not in the Action Plan, discuss and collaborate.
- E. At some point, each agency will have a chance to have a TAC member or elected report on their progress and plans related to the Action Plan. (It was requested that we begin with the Multnomah County Health Department Healthy Living By Design and Tri-Met Access to Transit projects)

### Attendee Introductions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Kelly Ball	C of P Management and Finance
Doug Brenner	C of P Parks & Recreation
Betty Dominguez	Housing Authority of Portland
Katie Larsell	East Portland Action Plan Chair
Alejandro Qeral	Multnomah County Health Department
Greg Raisman	C of P Bureau of Transportation
Shelli Romero	Oregon Department of Transportation
Steve Rudman	Housing Authority of Portland
Michael Saling	C of P Water Bureau

Chris Scarzello	City of Portland Planning and Sustainability
David Sheern	C of P Housing Bureau
Allyson Spencer	Multnomah County Office of Commissioner Shiprack
Ric Vrana	Tri-Met
Commander William Walker	C of P Police Bureau
lore wintergreen	East Portland Action Plan

Absent:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Raihana Ansary	C of P Office of the Mayer
Justin Douglas	Portland Development Commission
Karen Gray	Parkrose School District
David Hampsten	East Portland Action Plan
Heather Hoell	Alliance of Portland Neighborhood Business Association
Oleg Kubrakov	IRCO
Mark Lear	C of P Bureau of Transportation
Mary Li	Multnomah County School & Community Partnership
Jessie Mandle	Multnomah County Aging & Disability Services
Abdiasis Mohamed	IRCO Africa House
Amy Rose	METRO
Maggie Skendarian	C of P Bureau of Environmental Services
Pei-ru Wang	IRCO

**Reminder:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 22, 2011. We meet every two months. The Oregon Public Health Institute will share information about the targeted East Portland grant they have received (EPAP provided a letter of support) and how the work interfaces with the partners at the EPAP TAC.

### **Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) – Steve Rudman and Betty Dominguez**

History: HAP has been a public entity since 1941. Since 1991 they have been the designated housing authority for the entire county. Their nine member Board of Commissioners is made up of representatives appointed as follows: Gresham (2), Portland (5), and Multnomah County (2). Out of 3500 housing authorities nation-wide, HAP is one of 33 designated by HUD as Moving to Work agencies; this gives them greater flexibility in funding and program development. They are currently in the process of re-naming the agency to better reflect their service area. The new name is not yet being made public.

HAP owns over 2,500 public housing units and 3,800 affordable units (440 units are within EPAP boundaries); they manage over 8,000 Section 8 vouchers which provide assistance to people renting market rate units. This is a good time to be a market rate landlord, due to the foreclosure crisis and people needing rental units when they lose their homes. Since market rate rental property is usually at lower values in East Portland/East County, rents are less expensive and there are more Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers being used in this area as people with lower incomes move East. There has been a marked increase in voucher use from 2001 – 2010. There are currently about 3,000 landlords in Multnomah County who accept Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers. This is a private sector program; \$ simply goes further for families where the rents are cheaper. While public entities can stimulate some changes, private capital generally dictates the housing market. In 1994 Portland was indexed as the most affordable city; in 1996 the least affordable city. The index is based upon the ratio of income/housing.

People generally stay in the Housing Choice Voucher program 5 -7 years. 50% of the people using this program are elderly or disabled; 50% are low-income. Turnover is generally due to earnings increase or being asked to vacate. The average income of residents in Public Housing is 17% of Area Median Income (AMI). There is a need to stabilize income – housing.

HAP received \$6.5mm in Federally funded ARRA (Recovery Act) money which was used to fund the rehabilitation of 16 public housing properties: 6 were in East Portland and 4 in Gresham. The 'Sweet 16' project targeted job creation:

### "SWEET 16"

An ambitious capital improvement plan produced new plumbing and electrical systems, renovated kitchens, fresh interior and exterior improvements, and energy efficiency upgrades at 16 of HAP's public housing communities. The \$12mm "Sweet 16" housing renovation project has improved the quality of living for 295 households in Portland and Gresham. Completed in September 2010, the 17-month project addressed a backlog of capital improvement needs and deferred maintenance in this portfolio of smaller family-oriented properties. More than half of the funding came from a federal stimulus grant the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

ARRA FUNDS AND JOBS CREATED		
→ HAP awarded \$ 6,417,700 in capital funds for improvements at the Sweet 16 properties		
→ ARRA counts jobs by totaling the hours worked in a quarter and dividing by 520 (the number of hours worked by a full time employee quarterly)		
→ ARRA funds were used to retain employees of our contractors and community partners		
→ ARRA funds were used to hire and retain 2.5 HAP employees		
QUARTER	CALENDAR DATES	# OF JOBS CREATED
2009-Q3	2-1-09 to 9-30-10	27
2009-Q4	10-1-10 to 12-31-10	13
2010-Q1	1-1-10 to 3-31-10	11
2010-Q2	4-1-10 to 6-30-10	9
2010-Q3	7-1-10 to 9-30-10	12
		72 TOTAL

With a grant from METRO, HAP is creating and piloting a mobility counseling tool designed to aid people in determining where they want to live and be near to work; hoping to reduce housing/transportation costs and to realistically cost expenses for transportation, childcare, rent and to correlate this to their income (needs). HAP is also partner in the Sustainability Communities Regional Planning Consortium coordinated by METRO.

HAP is working with the county-wide Cradle to Career initiative. HAP has over 11,000 children in its public housing properties and has an active initiative on Youth Employment and Support. One area of focus this summer is the David Douglas School District in partnership with Sun Schools; they've met with the DDHS principal and have identified 12 students to engage in HAP's Summer Work program; HAP is working with the school to build parental engagement and to create a community hub there. HAP's goal is to offer affordable housing by design that is service enriched – focusing on the people aspect. HAP also has several initiatives

aimed at Family Self Sufficiency, partnerships with WorkSystems Inc. to get parents education/training and work-able, and Elderly/Disabled strategies to aid their residents in aging-in-place.

HAP strategic directions are similar to the East Portland Action Plan and include an identified need for workforce development. Work Systems, Community Action SUN programs, HAP and Human Solutions are partnering together in East Portland. Economic Development has an important inter-relationship with housing. It was explained that SUN programs are County/City funded school service partners.

The City of Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) is more of a policy and funding body; HAP is a separate governmental entity and has independent funding although they frequently compete along with other non-profit housing providers for PHB funding and other grants to create and implement housing.

Greg shared that the City's Neighborhood Greenway initiative is actively interfacing with HAP properties.

Betty said that HAP has a Resident Engagement & Communications initiative that provides supports and incentives for residents who are encouraged to apply to HAP for grants to engage in their particular community in a variety of ways. The grants are designed to empower residents and improve community livability. She said that residents could direct this work toward community events, gardens, recycling centers, play structures, creating bike/walk paths, bike storage, computer centers, etc. Efforts that support children are encouraged.

Alejandro spoke of funding barriers: \$60M for the voucher program; \$20M for public housing; and \$20M for rental assistance and renovations. In 1968 the US Congress said that 30% of monthly income for housing was reasonable; families now average 60%.

Betty talked more about property tax payments; although they are statutorily exempt from property taxes, they make PILOT payments (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) into a County-wide pool that funds Short Term Rental Assistance (STRA) for households that need a little help to get through a rough patch. Independent contractors (like Human Solutions) are awarded the funds and work with people in need. HAP allocates \$2M to the program annually.

Lore spoke of the issue raised by representatives of the David Douglas School District: though public housing provides stability to families, when families move out of private ownership sub-standard housing into public housing, new families move into the private ownership sub-standard housing, thus increasing the school district's population of children, 72% currently accessing the Free or Reduced lunch program. How do we responsibly guide development and re-development in East Portland?

Steve encouraged guidance from PHB that would offer opportunity for comprehensive redevelopment including schools. The need to find tune the approach to tax abatement was also raised. Of 600 tax abated properties, 440 are in East Portland.

David said that the tax exemption conversation is happening at many levels, including the PHB 'Big Look' initiative addressing restrictions and policy. Lore gave appreciation to PHB for including representation from the David Douglas School District in this process.

## **UPDATES Roundtable:**

### **Commander Walker –**

- The Portland Police Bureau is opening an East Portland Contact Office in May at the Gateway Fred Meyers on the 102<sup>nd</sup> side. It has a 1200 sq. ft. conference room that will be available to the public. This office is available for use by transit police.
- Commander Walker is retiring and will bring the new Commander to the June meeting.
- The Gang Task Force continues to meet. They identify two problematic clubs in the area, one adult and one youth.

### **Greg Raisman –**

- The Portland Bureau of Transportation is providing updates to the Red Light Camera program. They are going digital. This program has a 42% reduction of injuries. East Portland has multiple high crash corridors that will be assisted by these improvements.
- Safe Routes to School received a \$500,000 grant from the State to address improvements at 4 schools – 3 in East Portland.
- Side walk improvements are being made on 122<sup>nd</sup> from Ramona to Foster. On May 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting about the Holgate Safety project: 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Lent Elementary School.
- 97<sup>th</sup> Ave. Green St. and Bush Ave Greenway traffic safety improvements are being made with storm water features and tree planting, which slows traffic.

- East Portland Sunday Parkways is on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- There will be a public meeting held to look at the design for an improved crossing on 122<sup>nd</sup> at the Mid-County Library.

#### **Rick Vrana –**

- Tri-Met is doing analysis of bus stops and sidewalks improvements as a mechanism for boosting ridership. They are partnering with the State and City of Portland to assess where the greatest need is for pedestrian improvements and to leverage \$support to address the need. Currently, in East Portland, they are focusing on 82<sup>nd</sup> and 122<sup>nd</sup>.
- As they make service cut-backs, Tri-Met must consider the Title 6 ramifications on segments of the population. They have relied on older ACS data, but must now do revisions based on Census data. This includes looking at station areas and frequent service. The region as a whole has 80% standard service and 70% MAX wide with frequent service of 79%. The Blue Line is 72% white and the region is 71% white, though this region has more multi-family housing. They are looking at subsidized housing and ethnicity factors. Lore asked how **EPAP members could ask Tri-Met to do statistical break-outs by station areas in East Portland. He said that members could send email requests. Follow-up by lore: the request should be sent to: Rick ([vranar@trimet.org](mailto:vranar@trimet.org)) and Alan Lehto ([lehto@trimet.org](mailto:lehto@trimet.org)).**

#### **Kelly Ball –**

- There will be a City of Portland Budget Hearing on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. The Mayor's budget is scheduled to be released on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Decisions with details should be available 2-weeks later. There will be a Budget Form scheduled at David Douglas.
- Check the City Office of Management and Finance (OMF) website for annual review updates. Budget geographic mapping information is posted. A presentation of the information was given at the general EPAP.
- OMF offers training upon request and scheduling availability.

#### **Allyson Spencer –**

- Multnomah County Commissioner Shiprack will speak at the general EPAP tonight.
- Public Safety concerns were raised about recent gang related violence.

- There will be a dialogue on “Gang Violence Moral Voice at David Douglas High School on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

**Shelli Romero –**

- The I-205 Multi-Use Path is being planted with trees this Saturday through a partnership of the Oregon Department of Transportation, Friends of Trees, and METRO.
- The annual Women in Transportation Seminar is in San Francisco May 18 – 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Michael Saling –**

- The Powell Butte Reservoir project as received bids, but the contractor selection is being protested. The Water Bureau hopes that construction will begin this summer. It is estimated to take 18 months. Lots of truck traffic. North-bound 160<sup>th</sup> will be closed for 3 weeks.

**Doug Brenner –**

- Portland Parks & Recreation has partnered with the Wilkes Neighborhood Association and area residents on the purchase of a 15acre natural area with 5 acres developed for active use. The property is on the north side of I-84 and the rail road tracks, south of Sandy, and east of 148<sup>th</sup>. It is close to the existing Wilkes Park and Wilkes Creek.
- PP&R is also negotiating purchase of a property on SE 115<sup>th</sup> that will provide access to Raymond Park.

**Representation to the May East Portland Action Plan general meeting:**  
Betty Dominguez

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday, June 22, 2011**  
2:00 – 3:30 PM  
East Portland Neighborhood Office  
1017 NE 117<sup>th</sup> Ave.

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## News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### The Housing Authority of Portland Unveils New Name, Identity

*The largest affordable housing provider in the state, the Housing Authority of Portland's name was neither geographically accurate nor a reflection of its mission — to provide community members the essentials of a home and a way to move forward in life.*

PORTLAND, OR — 18 May 2011 —

Today the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) unveils its new name — Home Forward — and launches its new visual identity.

After 70 years as the largest provider of affordable housing in Oregon, dedicated to providing stability and opportunity through housing, the Housing Authority of Portland has outgrown its name. No longer geographically accurate (the agency serves all of Multnomah County), nor an accurate reflection of the progressive, mission-based character of the organization, the new name will help to foster government, non-profit and corporate partnerships and to connect with the community in a more meaningful way.

"During our strategic planning process last year, we found that our name was confusing to some partners. There was strong support for changing our name to strengthen relationships we currently have and establish those we want to develop," said Lee Moore, chair of the Board of Commissioners.

With a charter from the Board of Commissioners to initiate a name change, a group of board members and executive management selected Oregon-based Brand Navigation to facilitate input from department directors, staff and board members, and to execute the identity development and launch. In addition to the new name, the initiative includes a new visual identity including logo, website and communications materials, to be fully rolled out over the next year.

Vivid blue, green and featuring a "flourishing home" symbol that combines the two colors, the new identity tells current and future residents, business partners, and community members that Home Forward is a progressive, positive enterprise committed to a better tomorrow, for the organization and especially for its residents. It will aid efforts to make communications more consistent, efficient and distinctive.

"We continue to grow and be a national leader in affordable housing," said Steve Rudman, executive director. "In developing the new name and identity, we are harnessing that momentum and re-emphasizing our commitment to engage our residents in moving their lives forward. Homes are just the beginning of that process."

[A new name for the Housing Authority of Portland](#)

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## **EAST PORTLAND ACTION PLAN**

### *Youth Subcommittee Meeting Notes*

**May 19, 2011, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, monthly

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The mission of the Youth Subcommittee is to bring the voice of youth into the advocacy process, while advocating for East Portland's fair share of resources and support for our young people, schools, and providers.

### *Present*

Jessica, Marie, Nancy, Ray Kennedy

### *Check-Ins & Updates*

Ray Kennedy is a student at Trillium Charter School. He lives in East PDX and is interested in creating safe spaces for teens to socialize and spend time together.

SMASH (who presented at our April meeting) is having a town hall on 5/24 at the Lents 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist church

FreeArtsNW is beginning their mural project. Kris and Randy are both involved, that's why they missed tonight's meeting

5/24/2011 - Kris Bella wants us all to know that Portland Police East Precinct is one of the first departments in Oregon to provide a prescription drug turn-in drop box. This is a very important step in helping keep unused medications off of the streets and away from our youth. PLEASE - repost, email, and otherwise spread the word!!! Link to Oregonian article -

[http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2011/05/portland\\_drop\\_box\\_for\\_prescrip.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2011/05/portland_drop_box_for_prescrip.html)

### *Letter Distribution*

The letter is FINALLY done and ready for distribution! It's closer to the end of the school year than we'd originally planned, but we can probably still make a few connections. Here is the list of contacts we'd like to make as soon as possible - both Jessica and Marie have a few extra signed copies. We'll work on getting a digital copy with our signatures on it. If we can get one or two meetings before the summer break, we'll be happy!

Kris: Fir Ridge and DDHS

Marie: Deedee at EPCC, Deb Murray at DDHS

Jessica: Sid at PYB

Nancy: SUN School heads (2)

Susan P: see notes from March meeting, it's a long list

### *Website Content*

We agreed that we can use the content from the letter to start developing the website. Randy has agreed to take on this project and is scheduled to attend a website training at ONI sometime soon. Ray Kennedy is also interested and has committed to follow up with Randy.

### *Charter Commission - youth focused meeting*

This is an idea Marie had when discussing the Charter Commission and our outreach letter with Mark White. We agree that the Charter needs youth input, but have some concerns about how to support this effort. Our concerns center on the structure of the Commission (2 different groups, no clear direction for proceeding from previous charter, little support from City government, lack of training in working with youth, no communication channels in place yet) but we are committed to supporting the overall effort.

What we propose is to work with the Commission to have a youth-focused meeting later in the year, after they've resolved some of the issues listed above and are planning their series of public meetings. They do have one youth representative on the Commission and we believe that the combination of that youth representative and input from others could prove sufficient for this first part of the Charter review process. Marie and/or Jessica will speak with Mark about this at the general EPAP meeting on 5/25.

**Also discussed:** a Charter FB page, holding the youth-focused meeting at one of the schools, and finding out what issues might most directly impact youth or catch their attention

### *Presentation to Community Wellness & Prevention Program*

Marie and Jessica met with David Hudson, program manager for Multnomah County's Community Wellness & Prevention Program. We had a fascinating discussion, with emphasis on how to get youth feedback with regard to proposed health initiatives in the schools. David invited the Youth Subcommittee to come and speak with the school coordinators for the program on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (probably from 9-10 a.m.). We discussed what we could offer that would be most valuable, while realizing that we can't speak for all young people or their experiences.

Our initial thoughts in terms of youth involvement are:

- Look for gatekeepers in the school. Who are the teachers/admins that students trust and have positive relationships with? These are people who can help you determine which students might be interested and how to approach them
- Get teacher buy-in, but make it easy for them to remind students to participate (either in the campaign or in giving feedback). Teachers can give those constant nudges, but it has to be very simple (i.e. almost no additional work) and they have to believe it's worthwhile

- Tell students what you're thinking of doing and ask for their feedback; find out if they are even interested in what you're doing. If they aren't, what are they interested in? Be prepared, however, to make changes based on their feedback. If you ask them for feedback but don't use it, you'll likely never get it again

We realize that this is not new information, but we think it's solid advice and could garner authentic participation.

### *Additional Items*

Safe space for teens to socialize (could align with the EPAP priority to get a teen center in EP). Issues include safety; schools as potential spaces outside the school day; drugs - they are a real factor for many teens (whether they use or not), how might a safe space handle the issue of drugs? Could use the space to bring back activities like autobody and woodshop classes; maybe we could consider the Mentor East program (an EPAP priority) as a place to start?

## CREATE A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

### To get started...

#### Contact your local emergency management or your local American Red Cross chapter.

- Find out which disasters are most likely to happen in your community.
- Ask how you would be warned
- Find out how to prepare for each.

#### Meet with your family.

- Discuss the types of disasters that could occur.
- Explain how to prepare and respond.
- Discuss what to do if advised to evacuate.
- Practice what you have discussed.

#### Plan how your family will stay in contact if separated by disaster.

- Pick two meeting places:
  - 1) a location a safe distance from your home in case of fire.
  - 2) a place outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.
- Choose an out-of-state friend as a family contact for everyone to call.

#### Complete these steps.

- Post emergency telephone numbers by every phone.
- Show responsible family members how and when to shut off water, gas and electricity at main switches.

- Install a smoke detector on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms; test monthly and change the batteries once each year.
- Contact your local fire department to learn about home fire hazards.
- Learn first aid and CPR. Contact your local American Red Cross chapter for information and training

#### Meet with your neighbors.

Plan how the neighborhood could work together after a disaster. Know your neighbor's skills (medical, technical). Consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs, such as elderly or disabled persons. Make plans for child care in case parents can't get home.

### Remember to practice and maintain your plan.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Community and Family Preparedness Program and the American Red Cross Community Disaster Education Program are nationwide efforts to help people prepare for disasters of all types. For more information, please contact your local emergency management office and American Red Cross chapter. This brochure and other preparedness materials are available by calling FEMA at 1-800-480-2520, or writing: FEMA, P.O. Box 2012, Jessup, MD 20794-2012. Publications are also available on the World Wide Web at:

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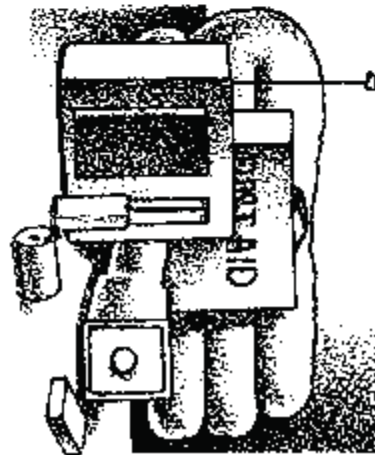
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# Your Family Disaster Supplies Kit

**D**isasters happen anytime and anywhere. And when disaster strikes, you may not have much time to respond.



**A highway spill of hazardous material could mean instant evacuation.**



**A winter storm could confine your family at home. An earthquake, flood, tornado or any other disaster could cut off basic services—gas, water, electricity and telephones—for days.**

After a disaster, local officials and relief workers will be on the scene, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours, or it may take days. Would your family be prepared to cope with the emergency until help arrives?



Your family will cope best by preparing for disaster *before* it strikes. One way to prepare is by assembling a Disaster Supplies Kit. Once disaster hits, you won't have time to shop or search for supplies. But if you've gathered supplies in advance, your family can endure an evacuation or home confinement.



## To prepare your kit

- Review the checklist in this brochure.
- Gather the supplies that are listed. You may need them if your family is confined at home.
- Place the supplies you'd most likely need for an evacuation in an easy-to-carry container. These supplies are listed with an asterisk (\*).



## SUPPLIES



here are six basics you should stock in your home: *water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies and special items.*

Keep the items that you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to-carry container—suggested items are marked with an asterisk (\*). Possible containers include



a large, covered trash container,



camping backpack,



or a duffel bag.

## Water

Store water in plastic containers such as soft drink bottles. Avoid using containers that will decompose or break, such as milk cartons or glass bottles. A normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts of water each day. Hot environments and intense physical activity can double that amount. Children, nursing mothers and ill people will need more.

- Store one gallon of water per person per day (two quarts for drinking, two quarts for food preparation/sanitation)\*
- Keep at least a three-day supply of water for each person in your household.



## Food

Store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water. If you must heat food, pack a can of sterno. Select food items that are compact and lightweight.

\*Include a selection of the following foods in your Disaster Supplies Kit:

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water)
- Staples — sugar, salt, pepper
- High energy foods — peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, trail mix
- Vitamins
- Foods for infants, elderly persons or persons on special diets
- Comfort/stress foods — cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, lollipops, instant coffee, tea bags



## First Aid Kit

Assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for each car. A first aid kit\* should include:

- Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes
  - 2-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6)
  - 4-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6)
  - Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
  - Triangular bandages (3)
  - 2-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)
  - 3-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)
  - Scissors
  - Tweezers
  - Needle
  - Moistened towelettes
  - Antiseptic
  - Thermometer
  - Tongue blades (2)
  - Tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant
  - Assorted sizes of safety pins
  - Cleansing agent/soap
  - Latex gloves (2 pair)
  - Sunscreen
- Non-prescription drugs**
- Aspirin or nonaspirin pain reliever
  - Anti-diarrhea medication
  - Antacid (for stomach upset)
  - Syrup of Ipecac (use to induce vomiting only if advised by the Poison Control Center)
  - Laxative
  - Activated charcoal (use if advised by the Poison Control Center)

\* Contact your local American Red Cross chapter to obtain a basic first aid manual.

## Tools and Supplies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mess kits, or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils* | <input type="checkbox"/> Needles, thread                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery operated radio and extra batteries*            | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine dropper                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight and extra batteries*                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Shut-off wrench, to turn off household gas and water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or traveler's checks, change*                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-electric can opener, utility knife*                | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic sheeting                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher: small canister, ABC type            | <input type="checkbox"/> Map of the area (for locating shelters)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tube tent  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pliers   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matches in a waterproof container                      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum foil  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic storage containers                             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signal flare   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper, pencil  |   |

### Sanitation

- Toilet paper, towelettes\*
- Soap, liquid detergent\*
- Feminine supplies\*
- Personal hygiene items\*
- Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation uses)
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Disinfectant
- Household chlorine bleach

## Clothing and Bedding

\*Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy shoes or work boots* | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat and gloves    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear*                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets or sleeping bags*  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses        |

## Special Items

Remember family members with special needs, such as infants and elderly or disabled persons.

### For Baby\*

- Formula
- Diapers
- Bottles
- Powdered milk
- Medications

### For Adults\*

- Heart and high blood pressure medication
- Insulin
- Prescription drugs
- Denture needs
- Contact lenses and supplies
- Extra eye glasses

- Entertainment - games and books

- Important Family Documents  
Keep these records in a waterproof, portable container.

- Will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds
- Passports, social security cards, immunization records
- Bank account numbers
- Credit card account numbers and companies
- Inventory of valuable household goods, important telephone numbers
- Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)

## SUGGESTIONS AND REMINDERS

- **Store your kit in a convenient place known to all family members. Keep a smaller version of the Disaster Supplies Kit in the trunk of your car.**



- **Keep items in air tight plastic bags.**
- **Change your stored water supply every six months so it stays fresh.**
- **Rotate your stored food every six months.**
- **Re-think your kit and family needs at least once a year. Replace batteries, update clothes, etc.**
- **Ask your physician or pharmacist about storing prescription medications.**



**From:** Ryan Thorson [mailto:ryanthorson15@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2011 3:42 PM

**Cc:** Lindsay, Eliza; Mike Vander Veen; Kim Breckel; Anthony Hoffman; paul utzman

**Subject:** Summer Tutoring Program at Glenfair Church

Greetings,

I wanted to keep you all in the loop with where our conversations have been headed in developing a tutoring program this summer for kids in our community. We have a HUGE need this summer to do something with kids and students in our area. The schools have no money to run these types of programs and kids will fall behind on their reading. This gives us an opportunity as a church and community to build relationships with students and parents and potentially meet a real need in our community.

Here's what we have so far:

-Something simple, but effective in providing opportunities for students in our community to continue learning reading and other skills over the summer.

-We are searching for volunteers to read with a student Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30. Tutoring would be available for kids pre-school through senior year in high school.

-The tutor will pick a reading level appropriate book with the student and tutor them for the summer, June 21st through August 25th. The volunteers will meet together at Glenfair Church all together during the tutoring time and will have support from administrative staff, pastor Ryan and our summer intern. Alternate tutors would be available for times when volunteers were sick or on vacation. Volunteers will also have to submit to a background check.

-If there are students and/or tutors that are interested in working on math as well, that could be possible.

-The cost for the summer program will be \$10 which will give families a sense of investment and help offset material costs. There are scholarships or service opportunities available if \$10 is not possible.

-We are inviting kids and parents in our community to a community dinner on Wednesday, June 8th from 6:30-7:30pm to share with them our idea and see if it is something they are interested in. We would love for you to join us as well! Parents will have an opportunity to share ideas and/or sign up for the tutoring program. We are hoping to have enough volunteers there at the dinner to be available to get to know the students and parents.

If you are willing to volunteer for something like this, please let me know. Let me know if you have any questions or insights. I would very much appreciate your feedback.

Thank you,

Ryan Thorson  
Glenfair Church  
503-551-2941

### **Multnomah County Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation**

The next meeting will be June 8, 2011.

### **Food Policy Council**

Meeting held on May 11.

Committee reports included a lengthy discussion on healthy retail initiatives, including the Village Market activities. Emphasis is on creating equitable access to healthy food and to promote the development of a local food economy.

The Village Market is looking for a general manager. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me know and I will connect you with the right people.

The 2nd annual Multnomah Food Summit will be held June 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will take place at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center, located at 310 SW Lincoln Street. \$20 registration fee for the entire day, \$10 for just the presenters and speakers. For more information go to [www.mult.food.initiative@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:www.mult.food.initiative@co.multnomah.or.us).

For details on specific committee activities (see last months list), please contact me.

### **Portland Housing Advisory Commission**

Meeting was held on May 3, 2011.

The group had a presentation and discussion about the recent Fair Housing Council of Oregon Audit Testing Findings. The report showed no negative results in outer southeast and one negative result for outer northeast. There were also two inconclusive results for outer northeast based on national origin. North Portland was the only other area with no negative results. Issues of enforcement are being addressed by the Portland Housing Bureau.

Most of the rest of the meeting revolved around this issue including a discussion on impediments to fair housing.

The Housing Commission will be conducting a retreat in the Fall.

### **Charter Commission**

Commission met on May 16, 2011.

A discussion was held with Commissioner Dan Saltzman about the need to establish an independent utility rate setting Commission.

The Charter Commission approved establishing committees on the independent utility rate setting Commission, the Human Rights Commission, and public meetings. The Charter Commission previously approved conducting three public meetings and the committee will work on making those happen.

## **East Portland Exposition**

The East Portland Exposition will be held on July 23 and 24 at Ed Benedict Community Park on Powell Boulevard at SE 102nd. Gates open at 11:00 a.m. on both days. There is no entry fee and all activities are also free.

The East Portland Exposition is the largest multicultural event in the City of Portland.

Colored Pencils will be co-hosting the Multicultural Share Fair component of the event and will bring their unique approach of contemporary and traditional performances combined with conversation and audience participation for a one-of-a-kind multicultural experience. Performers include Obo Addy and an interactive Bollywood performance as well as many other performances representing numerous cultures.

The event also includes an exhibitor area; a kids area with inflatables, face painting, and a 3 climber rock wall; a movie each night featuring Ironman 1 and Ironman 2; a raffle with 100% of proceeds going to support the event; and, of course, great food.

Performance schedules and other components will be added to the Internet site as they are confirmed.

More information available at [www.epoxpo.org](http://www.epoxpo.org).

## **Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Night Out/Movie in the Park**

The Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Night Out/Movie in the Park will be held on August 2 at Earl Boyles Park on SE 112th between SE Holgate and SE Powell Boulevard. The movie will be Megamind. We will be giving away bike safety kits for kids and there will be free kid-focused activities. Hot dogs, chips, and beverages will be available while supplies last. A raffle, including a bicycle, will be conducted to help raise funds for future Neighborhood Night Out/Movies in the Park in Powellhurst-Gilbert.

For more information, go to [www.PGPride.org](http://www.PGPride.org).

Respectfully submitted by Mark White

## **Fourteen projects receive \$15.9 million in transportation grants**

SALEM – The Oregon Transportation Commission approved \$15.9 million in Transportation Enhancement funding for 14 new projects throughout Oregon (see list below). The projects, selected from 100 applications requesting almost \$107 million, will become part of Oregon's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and will be scheduled for construction in 2013 and 2014. The Commission also approved four projects for the reserve list. These projects remain eligible for funding, subject to Commission approval and available funds.

The TE program provides federal funds for projects that strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental value of the state's transportation system. Since 1992, the program has funded 190 projects statewide to help complete sidewalk, bike path and streetscape projects, restore historic bridges and depots, and for beautification and interpretive sites that help travelers enjoy the scenery and history along Oregon highways. A complete list of the activities eligible for TE funding is provided below.

TE projects are selected through a competitive process based on written application and field review. Recipients must supply matching funds to cover at least 10.27 percent of the project cost.

The TE program is managed by the Oregon Department of Transportation Local Government Section with staff in Salem and ODOT's five regional offices. Information about the TE Program is available at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/LGS> under "Enhancement Program."

### **Transportation Enhancement activities include the following:**

Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists

Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists

Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites

Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)

Landscaping and other scenic beautification

Historic preservation

Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)

Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails)

Control and removal of outdoor advertising

Archaeological planning and research

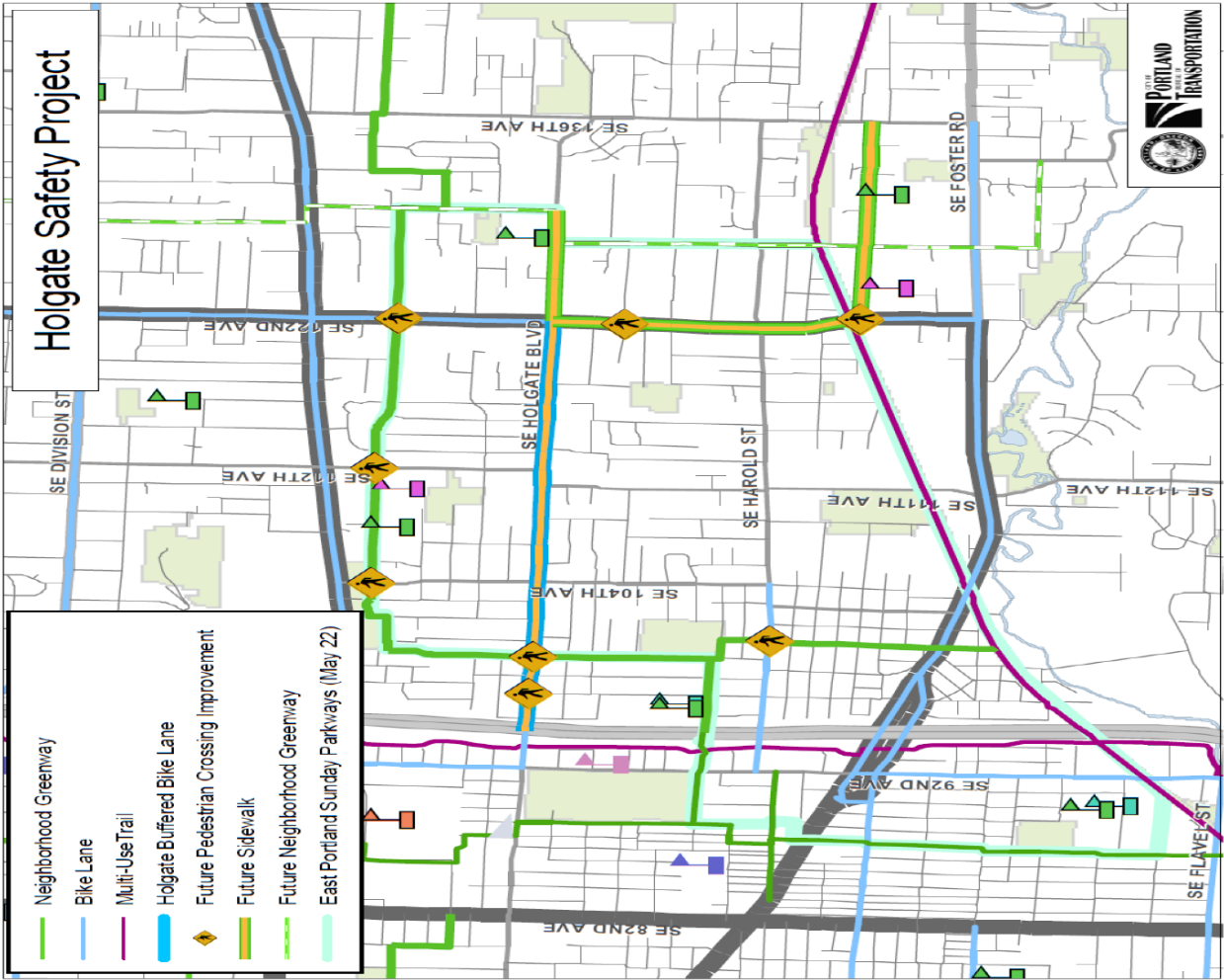
Mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity

Establishment of transportation museums

##ODOT##

**Grant applicants and projects awarded (not ranked, listed alphabetically) Award amount**

<b>Beaverton</b> — <i>Birchwood Road: Sidewalk connection to transit.</i> Total project cost: \$528,000	\$398,000
<b>Brookings and ODOT Region 3</b> — <i>Harris Beach multi-use path: Ransom Avenue – Dawson Avenue.</i> Total project cost: \$1,017,000	\$913,000
<b>Clackamas County</b> — <i>DE 122nd Avenue and 132nd Avenue: Sidewalk connections.</i> Total project cost: \$595,000	\$534,000
<b>Dundee</b> — <i>OR 99W: Dundee sidewalk and streetscape.</i> Total project cost: \$1,728,000	\$1,551,000
<b>Jackson County</b> — <i>Bear Creek Greenway Trail: Pine Street – Upton Road.</i> Total project cost: \$1,700,000	\$1,525,000
<b>John Day</b> — <i>US 26/Main Street and Canyon Boulevard: Sidewalk and beautification.</i> Total project cost: \$892,000	\$800,000
<b>ODOT Region 1</b> — <i>Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail: Warrendale – Moffett, Phase 1B.</i> Total project cost: \$1,410,000	\$800,000
<b>ODOT Region 2 (Area 1)</b> — <i>Neahkahnie Mountain rock wall repair, Phase 3.</i> Total project cost: \$1,563,000	\$1,402,000
<b>ODOT Region 3 and Shady Cove</b> — <i>OR 63: Rogue River Drive – Cleveland Street sidewalk and streetscape.</i> Total project cost: \$1,607,000	\$1,382,000
<b>Portland</b> — <i>SE Holgate and Ramona: Pedestrian access to Powellhurst – Gilbert schools.</i> Total project cost: \$1,662,000	\$1,487,000
<b>Sisters and ODOT Region 4</b> — <i>US 20/Cascade Avenue: Larch Street – Pine Street pedestrian and bike facilities.</i> Total project cost: \$1,269,000	\$1,139,000
<b>The Dalles</b> — <i>The Dalles Riverfront Trail completion.</i> Total project cost: \$1,735,000	\$1,557,000
<b>Turner</b> — <i>Delaney Road: 3rd Street – 7th Street sidewalk and bike lanes.</i> Total project cost: \$1,092,000	\$905,000
<b>Willamalane Park and Recreation District</b> — <i>Middle Fork Willamette River Path, Phase 2.</i> Total project cost: \$2,333,000	\$1,600,000





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May 13, 2011

**TO:** Commissioner Dan Saltzman

**FROM:** Paul L. Scarlett, Bureau of Development Services Director *PLS*

**SUBJECT:** Increasing Housing Equity efforts with additional Inspection Staff

Yesterday's Editorial in the Oregonian, *A Rental Market Rife with Racism (May 11, 2011)* and the recent articles in the Oregonian – *Portland Housing Audit Finds Discrimination... (May 10, 2011)* and *Lessons Learned? What Portland Leaders did – and Didn't do... (April 30, 2011)* – have compelled me to explain how additional funding for the Bureau of Development Services would allow us to play an even stronger role in addressing the lack of housing equality in Portland.

The examples of inequities and disparate treatment to minority populations covered in the press highlights how important our Neighborhood Inspection program is in helping to create equitable housing options for these vulnerable populations. The Neighborhood Inspection program is one of the City's basic services utilized by citizens who live in rental housing. It provides a complaint based program for citizen's to request relief from substandard living conditions such as fire dangers, mold, rodents and bedbugs, which often develop when landlords neglect basic upkeep and maintenance. Unfortunately, current funding levels have necessitated the elimination of staff within this enforcement program and in turn hindered its timeliness and effectiveness.

In addition, tenant advocates such as the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) and members of the East Portland Action Plan have raised concerns about the effectiveness of our complaint based enforcement program and the need to add staff to this program in the upcoming budget. Tenants, especially from a vulnerable population, are hesitant to seek relief from substandard housing conditions due to fear of retaliation by eviction. Increased staff levels in the Neighborhood Enforcement program will allow BDS to quickly follow up on complaints from individuals and groups such as CAT. This is a key piece to bringing housing equity to neighborhoods throughout Portland.

Unfortunately as you are well aware, current staff levels and funding do not allow BDS to take this needed action. Council's approval of a one-time general fund request of \$372,327\* to fund three (3) FTE Housing Inspector positions would significantly increase this crucial City-wide basic service.

Equally important, increasing basic services to the City's low-income and vulnerable renters, many who may have been subject to the desperate treatment outlined in the Oregonian, sends a clear message that the City is taking swift action against landlords who break the law. Please let me know if I can provide more information or details to you and your Council colleagues. This infusion of one-time funds could make a big difference in the lives of our community's most vulnerable members.

\* Request includes employee salary, benefits, vehicle and material and services

Cc: Mayor Sam Adams, Commissioner Randy Leonard, Commissioner Nick Fish, Commissioner Amanda Fritz

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# East Portland Action Plan

Remember to add your efforts and accomplishments to the Action Plan Updates: [www.eastportlandactionplan.org/updates](http://www.eastportlandactionplan.org/updates) .

## Announcements (06.21.11)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **1. Summer-fall Bicycle Count VOLUNTEER COUNTER TRAINING:**

Portland collects some of the best data on bicycle use in the country and it's all because of the tremendous support we get from volunteers. As anybody who's done a count in past years will tell you--it's fun! It requires only two hours of your time and the information you collectively provide us is invaluable.

This year we will hope to collect data at more than 150 locations throughout Portland. That will require the participation of a lot of people. Because there is a specific protocol to follow, and because we want to make sure we're collecting data from when and where we need it, we offer a brief training for new volunteers. It involves pizza and soda, is informative and fun and is mandatory if you haven't counted before.

**PLEASE RSVP to** Nick Falbo: 503.823.9284 or [Nick.Falbo@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Nick.Falbo@portlandoregon.gov)! All new volunteers must attend the training. This year we'll be holding two one-hour trainings:

#### **JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> – East Portland**

The East Portland Neighborhood Office (1017 NE 117th Avenue) beginning at **6:00pm**. We will also be serving pizza and soda.

#### **JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> - Downtown**

The Portland Building (1120 SW 5th Ave) in Room C (second floor) beginning at **6:00pm**. It may take less than an hour and we'll be serving pizza and soda.

#### **2. Job Announcement with East Portland Neighborhood Office -**

**Neighborhood Program Assistant:** A part-time position supporting neighborhood volunteers is now open at the East Portland Neighborhood Office. Please find the job announcement by clicking on the following

link: <http://eastportland.org/job-announcement-neighborhood-program-assistant>

Richard Bixby at 503-823-4501 or [richard.bixby@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:richard.bixby@portlandoregon.gov)

### 3. Crime Prevention has a new Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com#!/pages/City-of-Portland-Crime-Prevention-Program/172512276130962?sk=wall>

**4. Discussion on Race and Housing:** Thursday, **June 23** from 12:00-1:00 at the Gerding Theater at the Armory Café, 128 NW 11th Ave, in Portland. Admission is FREE and open to the public.

The featured panelist is **author and MSNBC commentator Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry**, of Tulane University, who will be joined by **PSU's Lisa Bates** and Portland educator and activist **Donna Maxey**. An interesting and timely conversation for Portland.

### 5. Charity bartending with your favorite journalist/community activist, Nick Christensen:

6-9 pm Monday, **June 27th** at 'The Guild Public House', 1101 E Burnside.

Tips benefit the Lents International Farmers Market, <http://bit.ly/lentsmarket>

**6. Bureau of Environmental Services - Community Watershed Stewardship (CWSP) Grants Awarded for 2011-2012** - Several exciting East Portland projects received CWSP grants this year. Here are some very brief details:

- Wilkes Creek Natural Area Stewardship and Outreach - Natural area restoration - Columbia Slough Watershed Council
- Eastminster Presbyterian Church Community Garden - De-turfing, community garden, watershed education - Grow Portland and Eastminster Presbyterian Church
- Intergenerational Community Garden - De-turfing, community garden, watershed education - Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) and Cherry Blossom Loaves and Fishes
- Gateway GREEN-IT Events - Natural area restoration and inventory - Friends of Gateway Green.

### 7. Healthy Active Schools Coordinator Position Opening-Reynolds School District - open until filled. To learn more and apply visit:

<http://edzapp.com/applicant/default.aspx?page=ViewJobFree&jobofferid=50552>

**8. East County Food Diversity meeting: DATE:** Monday, **June 27th**, 2011, **TIME** 6:00-8:00pm

**LOCATION** Glenfair Church, 50 NE 143rd Ave. Portland, OR 97230 (Located on Burnside, just west of the 148th MAX stop.) Enter through basement doorway which is accessible by both stairs and a ramp. **COST:** Free. Light snacks provided. If you'd like, please bring a small snack item to share. **Youth and children welcome! No child care provided but plenty of toys and puzzles to entertain little ones.**

**9. 2011 Portland World Cup Soccer Tournament-2:** July 1<sup>st</sup>, Delta Park, 10737 N Union Ct., Portland. We had 8 soccer teams from 8 different countries last year. This year we are hoping 16 teams representing 16 different countries in Portland for the tournament. It is also the celebration of diversity in Portland. The tournament is free of cost. We provide free jerseys for the players. Please spread the word to the communities.

**10. Tools for Community Building Workshop Series:** Community Outreach is proud to announce a new monthly workshop series, *Tools for Community Building*. Please join us the **second Thursday** of each month in the **Our United Villages (OUV) Conference Room** (3625 N Mississippi Avenue) from **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM** for one or all of these skill-building workshops. You will walk away with tools and strategies for enhancing your own neighborhood or community projects.

**August 11 | Event Logistics**

Planning and orchestrating a community event

**September 8 | Community Conversations**

Facilitating an event for building relationships and exchanging ideas

**October 13 | Idea Development Planning**

Developing a project idea and identifying steps to turn it into action

**FREE** and open to anyone interested. To **RSVP** please contact [outreach@ourunitedvillages.org](mailto:outreach@ourunitedvillages.org) or call 503.546.7499. Snacks provided.

Child care (9 and under), transportation, and interpretation provided upon request. Sponsored by Community Outreach of Our United Villages.

For more information, visit [www.ouvcommunity.org](http://www.ouvcommunity.org)

**11. The Portland Bureau of Transportation actively advocated for a State of Oregon bill, HB 3150, that passed and which will make it easier for communities to lower speed limits on their streets.**

**12. EcoDistricts Summit 2011 | Program:** *Hosted by the Portland Sustainability Institute, the EcoDistricts Summit is the premier annual conference dedicated to neighborhood-scale sustainability innovation. This year's summit will take place at Portland State University for three days of deep exploration and learning. Speakers and sessions are now available. The summit*

will feature district-scale initiatives from around the world, including Portland's EcoDistricts, Stockholm's Royal Seaport, Denver's Living City Block, Seattle's 2030 District and Nagoya, Japan's Low Carbon Neighborhood Initiative. [Check out the program for the EcoDistricts Summit 2011](#)  
[Learn more about the Portland Sustainability Institute and EcoDistricts](#)

[Register now](#)

### **13. Background Reports (Factual Basis) and Buildable Lands**

**Inventory** will be discussed by the Portland [Planning and Sustainability Commission \(PSC\)](#) **Tuesday, June 28 @ 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Public comments welcome! The background reports cover Housing, Urban Form and Public Schools, in addition to supplemental Human Health and Historic Resources addendums. For more information about the strategies and to take a survey, please visit [www.pdxplan.com](http://www.pdxplan.com).

Plus, on June 28th, the PSC will review and make recommendations on several updated background reports and information about Portland's supply of vacant and underutilized land. **The June 28th hearing is an opportunity for public testimony.**

At 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Room 2500A, Portland, OR 97201.

**14. Jam Making and Canning:** **Saturday July 16th**, 10am-1pm, East County Foodiversity and Glenfair Church host a hands-on jam canning workshop with Chris Musser of Lost Arts Kitchen.

The basics of turning our quintessential Pacific Northwest fruit - berries, berries, and more berries into jams. Chris will also cover the basics of preserving these sweet jeweled jams through hot water bath canning.

**Who:** East County Foodiversity and Glenfair Church host Chris Musser of Lost Arts Kitchen. To learn more about Lost Arts Kitchen visit

[http://lostartskitchen.com/](http://lostartskitchen.com) **Where:** Glenfair Church, 50 NE 143rd Ave.

Portland, OR (just down the street from the 148th and Burnside MAX stop).

Enter through basement doorway which is accessible by both stairs and a ramp. **Cost:** Free, though a \$4.00 donation per person is suggested to cover the cost of workshop materials.

RSVP: In order to maintain a hands-on experience, space is limited and an RSVP is required. Please RSVP to [eliza@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:eliza@portlandoregon.gov) with the number of folks in your group.

*Youth and children welcome! No child care provided but plenty of toys and puzzles to entertain little ones.*

**15. The East Portland Exposition (EPO XPO)** is a two day community event that will be held **July 23 and 24, 2011** at Ed Benedict Community Park, located along SE Powell Boulevard between 100th Avenue and 102nd Avenue in East Portland. The event begins each day at 11 a.m. There is no entry fee to the event. **EPO XPO** is co-sponsored by all 13 East Portland Neighborhoods. It is the largest multicultural event in the City of Portland and features both traditional and contemporary performances as well as numerous exhibitors, food, and free activities for children and families. This year, **EPO XPO** will once again be partnering with Movies in the Park with a free movie being shown each evening at dusk. All activities at the event are free and there is never an entry fee! Exhibitors will be added to the site as they come on board as well as entertainment as it is confirmed. There are a lot of special activities planned, so please check back often to see all of the incredible things that are sure to help make 2011 your best Summer EVER!  
<http://www.epoxpo.org/home>

**16. Glenfair Movies in the Park, games, food, fun:** Tuesday, **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** at Glenfair Park (NE 154<sup>th</sup> & Davis). The movie is 'Tangled'. The band is 'River City Band'.

**17. Powellhurst-Gilbert's National Night Out Celebration with 'MEGAMIND', games and prizes:** **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** 6:00 PM at Earl Boyles Park.

**18. Friends of Trees Our Neighborhood Coordinator Trainings:** Tuesday, **August 16<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. We are still working to identify a location for the training. Friends of Trees just completed the most successful planting season in its 21- year history. Neighborhood Coordinators were essential to the success of this season! Once a neighborhood has a Neighborhood Coordinator, homeowners can order low cost trees to be planted in their yards and planting strips. Friends of Trees is always seeking motivated volunteers for any neighborhood's coordination team, but there are currently no Neighborhood Coordinators (NC) in: Argay; Mill Park; Russell; or Wilkes. *Being an NC is an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbors, develop valuable organizing skills, learn more about trees, and have fun while making a difference in your community. No experience or tree knowledge is necessary. We'll teach you all you'll need to know to fulfill the role and will support you throughout the planting season as you raise awareness of the [planting event](#), help your neighbors [order trees](#), and organize the logistics of planting day. Please visit [www.FriendsofTrees.org/volunteer](http://www.FriendsofTrees.org/volunteer) or*

contact Andrew Land at [AndrewL@FriendsofTrees.org](mailto:AndrewL@FriendsofTrees.org) or 503-282-8846 ext. 18 if you have any questions or need more information.

**This is what democracy looks like!**

**10. Next EPAP meeting:**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month: **July 27, 2011**

**6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**David Douglas School District Office, Board Room**

**Dinner provided. Childcare and language interpretation upon request with reasonable notice**

**If you want to be on the July agenda, contact:**

503.823.4035 or [lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov)

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