

January 8, 2020

Good Morning Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Eudlay, Fritz, Hardesty:

For many years the City of Portland promised its SE residents that a park and recreational facilities would be made available to them at the old Washington High School site. Mr. Mayor you may recall us bringing this issue before you in the first meeting of your first term. To date all that we have is that promise and we are concerned that threats of Prosper Portland Investors may dash even that promise. I would ask the City Council to pass a Resolution stating their intent to retain PP&R's 4.5 acres open field located at SE Stark Street and SE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue for recreational use in the future and not sell or develop it for non-public use purposes.

Roughly six years ago, standing outside Council Chambers, Commissioner Nick Fish told me there was nothing he could do to fund the inner-southeast recreation center until after the Fix-Our-Parks Bond Expired 2020. At the time of his passing -- he was leading discussion on how to provide stable funding for parks deferred maintenance and resources to close the services gaps providing new parks in neighborhoods where needed.

As the RIP density in this city increases so does the need for open space and recreation facilities. Children have to have a place to play, to learn to swim and just be children. Parents need a place that is safe to take their children and recreate with them. Let's retain PP&R promise and possibilities by expressing intent to save the old Washington High School 4.5 acres open field for future generations in a RESOLUTION. I'm told today's City Budget is Four Billion. The \$100 million proposed inner-southeast Recreation Center's construction cost 5%.

I'm reminded of when attending the Mayor's annual budget review, Martha Pellegrino, Office of Governmental Relations stated her budget was like a flea on an elephant's tail. Like the \$100 million proposed inner-southeast Recreation Center's construction cost 5%.

Here is to a peaceful and prosperous 2020 for Portlanders.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann Schwab, Community Advocate  
Sunnyside Neighborhood Resident since 1971

1 Request of Mary Ann Schwab to address Council regarding Parks and Recreation plans for a Parks District based on the Children's Levy (Communication)

From: Mary Ann Schwab e33maschwab@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: info regarding WAMO  
Date: January 7, 2020 at 11:00 PM  
To: MacGillivray Don mcat6354@gmail.com  
Cc: Banning Diana Diana.Banning@PortlandOregon.gov

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Thank you Don,  
I will attach your WAMO links "as is: with my testimony, and copy Diane Banning, City of Portland Archives & Records Center  
for future reference.

On Jan 7, 2020, at 4:22 PM, -Donald -MacGillivray <mcat6354@gmail.com> wrote:

I hope this is what you want. If not let me know.

Best wishes,

Don

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Washington High School Community Center 111 pages

Preliminary Design Process Summary January 2011

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/469562>

**Consultant Team:** SERA Architecture, ABHT Structural Engineering, Architectural Cost Consultants, Bookin Group, Interface Engineering, Kittleson & Associates, KPFF Consulting Engineers, Lango Hansen, Sports Management Group, Water Technology, Peter Meijer Architects

#### PDFs

FY2008 EDI-Special Project: Planning Grant Application 2011

Washington Monroe Community Center; Project Narrative & Grant Application 12 pages

Washington-Monroe Site: Final Report of the Washington-Monroe Project Advisory Committee

Submitted to: The Portland Schools Real Estate Trust Feb. 17, 2004 163 pages

Portland City Council Testimony on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 2004 regarding the negotiation with Portland Schools Real Estate Trust based on principles herein for the purchase of approximately 4.5 acres at Washington Monroe site for a future community center and open space (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Francesconi) 13 pages

Portland City Council Testimony on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 2004 regarding the authorization of the purchase of 4.5 acres at Washington Monroe High School site for open space and future community center (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Francesconi) 12 pages

<FED PK16 Project Narrative 4-16.pdf><WAMO 2004 Plan document 10-09.pdf><WAMO City Council testimony 2-18-04.pdf><Washington HS Community Center 2011.pdf>

**Southeast Examiner WAMO Advisory Committee articles  
July 3, 2013, 4.5 acres open field at 12<sup>th</sup> & Stark Street**

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/event/washington-high-school-celebrates-renovation-july-8-2015/>

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2014/06/washington-high-schools-commercial-comeback/>

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2016/07/washington-hs-celebrates-community/>

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2016/03/remember-washington-monroe-community-center/>

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2015/03/washington-high-transforms/>

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2017/05/citizens-plead-case-to-keep-1-31-acres-as-open-space/>

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2015/09/still-waiting-for-whcc-and-park/>

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2013/11/buckman-november-2013/>

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2013/05/se-updates/>

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2013/02/se-updates-january-2013-3/>

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2016/05/neighborhood-notes-buckman-may-16/>

**From:** Mary Ann Schwab  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Cc:** Parker Terry  
**Subject:** PP&R plans for a Parks District, based on the Children's Levy.  
**Date:** Sunday, November 3, 2019 3:12:25 PM

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Without a doubt that was Terry Parker.

Hi Karla,

Subject: PP&R plans for a Parks District, based on the Children's Levy.

It is time PP&R instruct the Parks Foundation to start fund raising for the construction of the Inner-Southeast Recreation Center.

as well as seek voter approval to support a Park District — based on the Children's Levy mandate to return to the Voters every five years.

Currently there is group of volunteers gathering signatures on facebook. With or without support from Commissioner Nick Fish's —

I'm clueless. What I do know is former PP&R Commissioner Amanda Fritz will not support a Park District as it will lower the general budget.

Warmest Regards,

Mary Ann Schwab, Community Advocate  
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Portland, OR 97214  
(503) 236-3522

PS: Yes, it was well past my bedtime —

While keeping close watch on the clock, I was carrying down the Halloween decorations — stored in two jumbo totes.

and carrying up the Autumn decorations and table linens. The bigger question, is how to I downsize into a unit smaller

than the Karastan 8'8" x 10'X6" carpet on my living room floor? As for moving sewing machinesss and 19 banker boxes filled

with cotton fabrics currently stored on six (6) recycled canning racks in the basement. In my younger years, I canned stone fruit

pickles, much more. Those canning supplies and quart jars are now in my son and daughter-in-law's basement. Bye for now.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Moore-Love, Karla" <[Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PP&R plans for a Parks District, based on the Children's Levy.  
**Date:** November 1, 2019 at 10:08:53 AM PDT  
**To:** Mary Ann Schwab <[e33maschwab@gmail.com](mailto:e33maschwab@gmail.com)>

Hello Mary Ann,

You're up early! Still someone beat you by 1 minute .

I will sign you up for the January 8th Portland City Council meeting to speak for three minutes. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

Hope you have a good weekend!

Thank you,  
Karla

Karla Moore-Love  
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**From:** Mary Ann Schwab <[e33maschwab@gmail.com](mailto:e33maschwab@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2019 12:02 AM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla <[Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov)>  
**Subject:** PP&R plans for a Parks District, based on the Children's Levy.

MAS requesting 3-minutes testimony in Council Chambers on January 8, 2020


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Auditor of the City of Portland

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1. Fritz		
2. Fish		
3. Hardesty		
4. Eudaly		
Wheeler		