



THE PORTLAND GARDEN CLUB

1132 SOUTHWEST VISTA AVENUE, PORTLAND, OREGON 97205

September 22, 2016

To: Mayor Charlie Hales
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Steve Novick
Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Director of Portland Parks Mike Abbate

Re: Support for the Forest Park Management Plan

Forest Park has been identified as an urban wilderness protected by land use law as stated in the Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan, (FPNRM).

For the past 73 years, this unique preserve has been managed with conservation and restoration of native resources as the highest priority.

As a result, this 5000 acre oasis has more native species than any other city park in the nation. Indeed, scientists have determined that Forest Park has more interior forest habitat than any other city park in the world.

The Management Plan calls for passive recreational use that does not degrade natural resources and requires that trails be safe for all users. However, this habitat and many of the species it supports are threatened by the unauthorized use of trails.

It is our understanding that plans to build new trails for single track biking will be presented to the Bureau of Development Services for permitting. The Portland Garden Club supports efforts to uphold the goals of the Forest Park Natural Resources



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Management Plan, which states there can be no bicycling on trails that are less than 8 feet wide. This means single track cycling, which by definition occurs on trails 18" to 3' wide, is not consistent with the FPNRPM. We oppose the development of trails for single track bicycling.

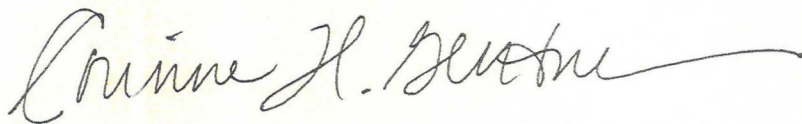
Activities that threaten user safety or harm the health of Forest Park must be prohibited.

Sincerely,



Bennett Burns
Conservation Chair, The Portland Garden Club

Corinne H. Gentner
President, The Portland Garden Club



Parsons, Susan

From: Phyllis Reynolds <reynoljo@igc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 2:11 PM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: Nov 16 9 am

Susan - I will be there at that time to speak to the city council for 3 minutes re Forest Park.
Phyllis Reynolds

Sent from my iPod

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Request of Phyllis Reynolds to address Council regarding Forest Park
(Communication)

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MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

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1. Fritz		
2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
4. Novick		
Hales		