

ELK ROCK ISLAND TRANSFER TO CITY OF MILWAUKIEIF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, **PRINT** YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

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From: Ted Labbe <ted.labbe@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: City Council testimony

Hello,

My name is Ted Labbe and I would like to testify at the City Council hearing next Wed morning regarding the proposed Elk Rock Island transfer to the City of Milwaukie. I am a descendent of Peter Kerr who originally deeded the property to the City of Portland. And I am an ecologist who can speak to the regional significance of the natural vegetation on the Island.

Thanks,

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From: Bhatt, Pooja
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:34 AM
To: mikehouck@urbangreenspaces.org
Cc: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: FW: UGI testimony on transfer of Elk Rock Island
Attachments: UGI Elk Rock Island letter 3 15 2017.doc

Thank you for your testimony, Mike. I have copied the Clerk's mailbox that is set up to receive testimony so that it is captured in the official record.

Pooja Bhatt
 Office of Commissioner Amanda Fritz
 Senior Policy Advisor
 503-823-3229

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Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:08 AM
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Cc: Runkel, Marshall <Marshall.Runkel@portlandoregon.gov>; Grumm, Matt <Matt.Grumm@portlandoregon.gov>; Bhatt, Pooja <Pooja.Bhatt@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: UGI testimony on transfer of Elk Rock Island

March 15, 2017

Mayor Ted Wheeler
 City Commissioners
 1120 SW Fourth Avenue
 Portland, OR 97204

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

I am representing the Urban Greenspaces Institute to provide comments on the proposed transfer of Elk Rock Island to the City of Milwaukie. When Portland Parks and Recreation director Mike Abbate asked my opinion of such a transfer more than a year ago the essence of my response was, "over my dead body!" I have led field trips to Elk Rock Island dating back thirty-five years. There are myriad reasons the island is one of the region's most unique landscapes that should be a source of pride for the city. For that and numerous other reasons our position has been to oppose the change in ownership.

However, I met recently with James Allison to discuss the proposal. After that discussion and conversations with Kerr family relatives we are now prepared to support the transfer with the following caveats:

No Bridge: Soon after I started leading field trips to the island in 1982 locals were militating for a bridge to the island. One of the most endearing qualities of the island is its isolation during high water and the fact that one must walk across a 40 million year old land bridge of Waverly basalt, the region's oldest geologic feature,

access the island during low water. The agreement should stipulate no bridge or other structure will provide access to the island.

Portland Parks and Recreation and the city must address other issues raised by Kerr family relatives including:

- Protection of rare and unique vegetation
- An Intergovernmental Agreement should be in place Milwaukie and North Clackamas Park District, before the transfer is approved.
- The city must ensure there are adequate funds to manage Elk Rock Island over time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Houck", with a stylized, cursive script.

Mike Houck

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