

Documents for Vogel

City Council Meeting – Open Forum, March 22, 2017

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Mary Vogel
1220 SW 12th Avenue

I'm Mary Vogel from downtown's West End where I also run my business, PlanGreen. There are some people in the room who have come in support of my comments.

I was distressed to learn that despite a neighborhood General Meeting where nearly every neighbor in attendance¹ asked the **Portland Art Museum** to keep Madison Plaza open with unchanged hours of access, the **Board of Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA)** voted to express its support for the Museum's **Rothko Pavilion Plan**. In the past, the DNA Board has always supported keeping existing pedestrian plazas a priority, including opposing a proposal to close the Main Street Plaza by Portland 5 a few years ago.

Both the DNA and the Museum have ignored the will of the people of the neighborhood. Although the 9 DNA board members may claim that it will cause "**minor inconveniences to a small portion of our neighborhood**", that is not at all the case. There are hundreds of residents in adjacent blocks and many city workers and tourists using the Streetcar stops on 10th and 11th Avenues who use the Plaza passageway. One count² on May 4, 2016 showed 667 people, including some with disabilities, using it **just when the passage would be closed** by the Rothko plan.

Pedestrian passageways are an integral part of the neighborhood's **transportation plan** and this one is used by residents, workers and visitors to the entertainment district taking public transportation both **early morning and late at night**--hours the Museum plans to close the plaza. In fact, the Central City 2035 Draft plan looks to increase pedestrian-friendliness, not decrease it. The Climate Action Plan sees neighborhood walkability as a prime strategy for reducing demand for fossil fuels. **WHY WOULD WE EVEN CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT CLOSING THIS PASSAGE?**

Please uphold the current conditions in the Museum's vacation and **leave Madison Plaza open from 7AM to 11 PM every day**. Please do not erode any further the intent behind **the original conditions**:

- a) That a **permanent 8 foot wide pedestrian easement** be provided and maintained between SW Park and SW 10th
- b) That said easement **not be blocked in any manner** and that it be **adequately illuminated** for use in hours of darkness
- c) That the vacated street area will **not be used for any purpose other than an open mall**.

PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A SUPERBLOCK. Closing the plaza will do just that. Please don't take us backwards. **Request a revision of the Museum's Rothko Pavilion Plan.** Keep our dense, downtown neighborhood walkable.

¹ Opponents came from the 1200 Building, Southpark Square Apartments, University Park Condominiums, Eliot Tower, The Ambassador Condominiums, and other downtown residences. I'm also aware of opponents in Rose Schnitzer Tower, Lexington Apartments, Harrison Condominiums, Harrison Apartments, and linc301 Apartments.

² Full report attached.

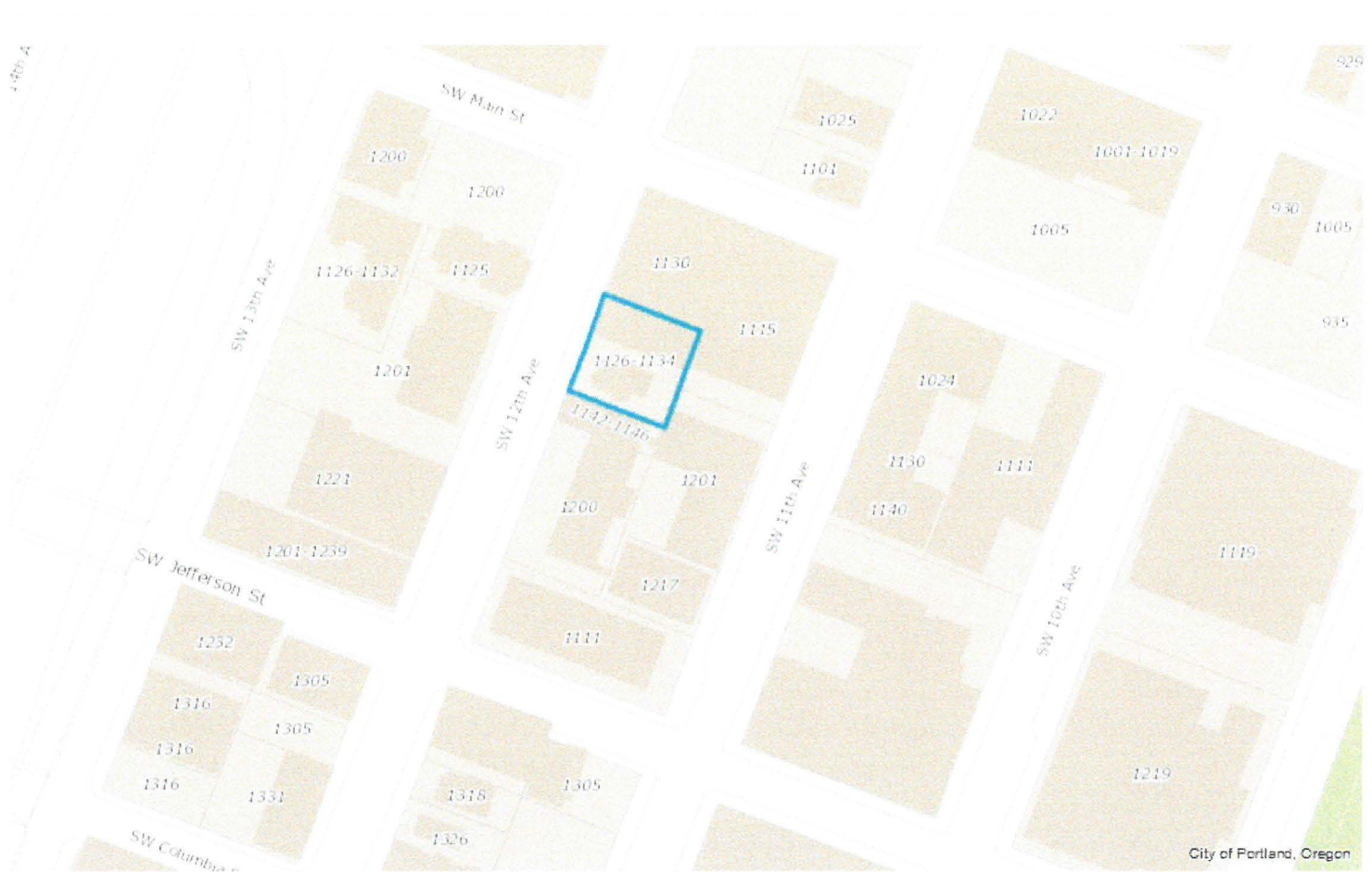
Addendum to Mary Vogel testimony March 22, 2017

Despite what the DNA Rothko letter says about two superblocks west of the Art Museum, there is only one—and, to my chagrin, I live on it! But, you can help me change that!

I hope you will help me create **“Madison Walkway”** between SW 11th and 12th to break up that superblock. It will take easements from two property owners: Home Forward (owner of The Jeffrey Apartments at 1201 SW 11th Ave.) and Steven Blindheim/Doricourt Limited Partnership, owner of 1126-1134 SW 12th).

The Morris Marks House (1134 SW 12th) has been scheduled to be moved for quite some time—possibly making imminent redevelopment of a property where the City will likely need an easement. Home Forward’s Jeffrey Apartments has a paved driveway that abuts the Morris Marks House property. So, getting an easement from these two property owners will be critical. I’m including a Snapshot from Portland Maps below to show you the properties in question. I’ve started some conversation with PBOT about this project.

Snapshot



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March 17, 2017

To: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

From: Board of the Ambassador Condominium Association

Subject: Madison Plaza between SW 10th Avenue and SW Park Street

We would like to register our opposition to any change to the existing Ordinance #156895 that currently requires that the Madison Plaza be open to pedestrians from 7 AM to 11 PM. The Portland Art Museum's Rothko proposal would require a change to this ordinance that would negatively impact pedestrian traffic in the neighborhood.

The pedestrian passage is heavily used by residents on the east side of the South Park Blocks as they connect to the Streetcar system that runs along 10th and 11th Avenues. It also provides connections between the Streetcar system and the Portland5 entertainment district.

We request that the Ordinance remain as it is currently written.

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T O W E R

March 13, 2017

To: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Chloe Eudaly, City Council
Nick Fish, City Council
Amanda Fritz, City Council
Dan Saltzman, City Council

Subject: Ordinance 1568995 regarding the vacated portion of
SW Madison between SW Park and SW 10th Avenues.

Ladies and Gentlemen Council members,

This Ordinance provides the purpose of the vacation which is to provide a pedestrian walkway with “open hours” of 7:00 am to 11:00 pm every day. This walkway is a popular oasis in our pedestrian-friendly city and is used hundreds of times every day.

The Eliot Tower Condominium is a close neighbor of this walkway with ~300 residents, many of whom use it regularly. At its annual meeting, the Eliot Tower board of directors and owners voted, almost unanimously, to oppose any reduction of the 7:00 am to 11:00 pm open hours.

We believe the proposed Rothko center can be designed and operated to accommodate the 7:00 am to 11:00 pm open hours.

We request the open hours remain 7:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Thank you for your consideration



Walter E. Weyler
Board Chairman
Eliot Tower Condominium Owners Association

enc. Eliot pedestrian traffic study

Pedestrian Traffic Study

of the
Portland Art Museum Sculpture Mall Walkway
May 14, 2016

The Portland Art Museum is planning to connect its two museum complexes with an above-ground structure across the pedestrian sculpture mall.

In 1968, the Portland City Council passed an ordinance that vacated SW Madison Street between SW Park Avenue and SW 10th Avenue, between properties owned then by the Portland Art Association and the Portland Masonic Temple Association. This section of the street and its sidewalks were combined with the properties of these two associations to create an open pedestrian sculpture mall. The ordinance required that an 8-foot-wide public pedestrian easement, a walkway, be kept open at all times. The Portland Art Association later requested that the ordinance be amended to permit closure of the sculpture area by a gated fence from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. because of sculpture vandalism. This amendment was approved by the Portland City Council.

The Portland Art Museum purchased the Masonic Temple in 1994, now known as the Mark Building. It was refurbished and opened as part of the Portland Art Museum.

An enclosed three-level, glass-walled, roofed structure is one design under consideration to connect the two buildings. Notionally, the enclosed ground floor with sculptures will be accessible as a public space with pedestrian passage through doorways on both sides of this structure. On all three levels, the design will allow museum patrons to easily move between the two buildings. For the security of the extensive art holdings in the museum, the design requires that ground-level pedestrian passage be closed to the public when the museum is closed. Present museum open hours are below:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Such pedestrian restriction would require an amendment of the vacating ordinance.

A measure of pedestrian traffic through the current pedestrian walkway should be an important factor for the design of the connecting structure. Residents of the Eliot Tower condominiums volunteered to manually tally pedestrian traffic through the walkway. Four days in 2016 were selected: 4 May (Wednesday), 7 May (Saturday), 9 May (Monday) and 13 May

(Friday). The following time periods were selected to coincide with the hours when the museum is currently closed.

4 May	6 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. (8 hours)
7 May	6 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. (8 hours)
9 May	6 a.m. – 9 p.m. (15 hours)
13 May	9 p.m. – 11 p.m. (2 hours)

Volunteers entered data and completed tally sheets (attached) using the following procedures.

- Print and sign your name and enter your initials.
- Initial the hour you are monitoring the walkway.
- Tally each person that passes your position in the walkway in both directions. Include pedestrians, people on bicycles, people on skateboards.
- Separately tally each person that has an apparent walking disability (cane, walker, wheel chair, electric wheel chair).
- Separately tally each person that is apparently a museum employee.
- Comment on any unusual activity or circumstances relative to people traffic through the walkway (e.g., busload of school children visiting the museum, pickup/delivery blocking the walkway, raining).

Pedestrians were not asked the origin of their walk or their destination, nor the reason for using the walkway. Verbal guidance was passed among the volunteers to tally only people apparently passing through the museum walkway, not people that appeared to be coming to or from the museum, such as for meetings and functions held during normally-closed hours. This was done to the degree possible through observation, not by questioning. Some volunteers made note of such groups on the tally sheets.

For all days and time periods, 2810 pedestrians plus 57 with apparent walking disabilities passed through the walkway, not including museum staff or people coming to/from the museum.

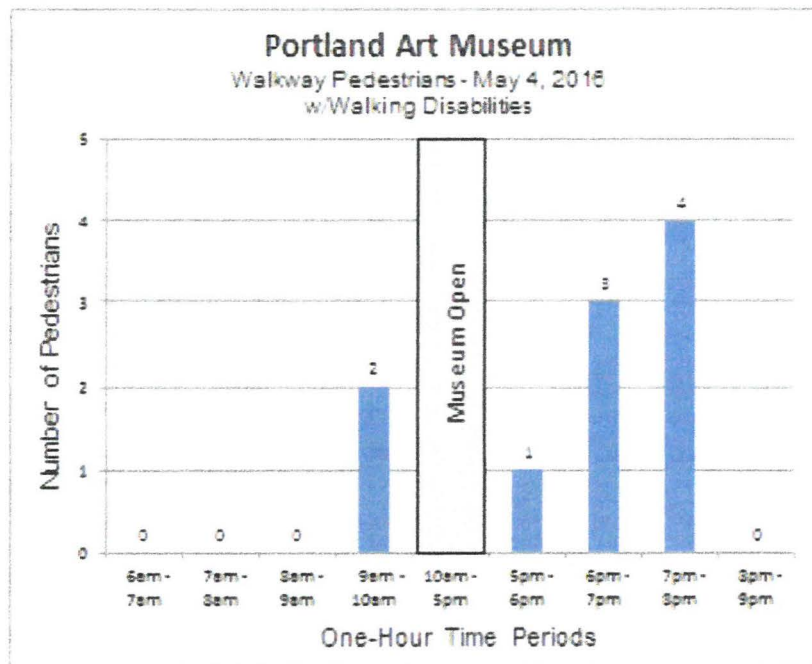
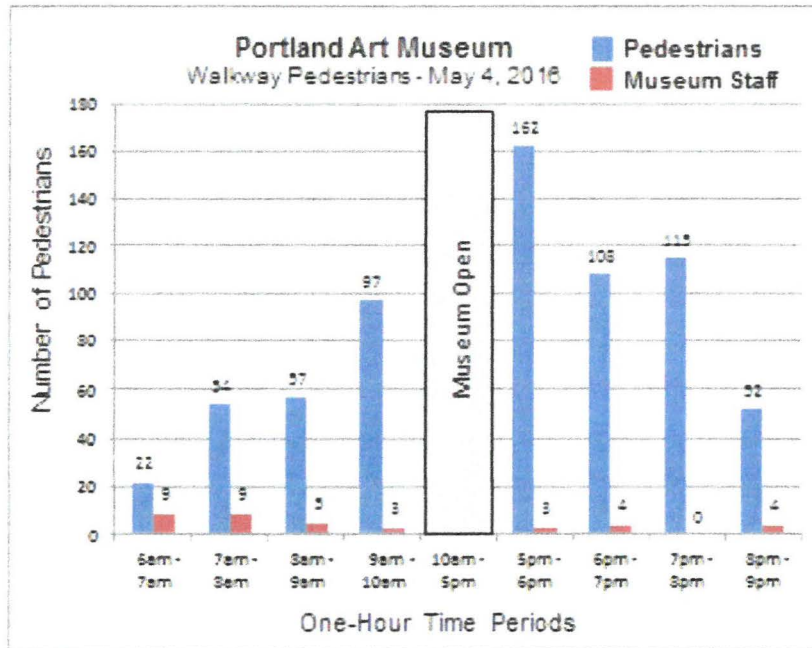
For 9 May, 1392 pedestrians plus 30 with apparent walking disabilities passed through the walkway from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For 4, 7 and 9 May (combined) 634 pedestrians plus 8 with apparent walking disabilities passed through the walkway from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and 1241 pedestrians plus 22 with apparent walking disabilities passed through the walkway from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

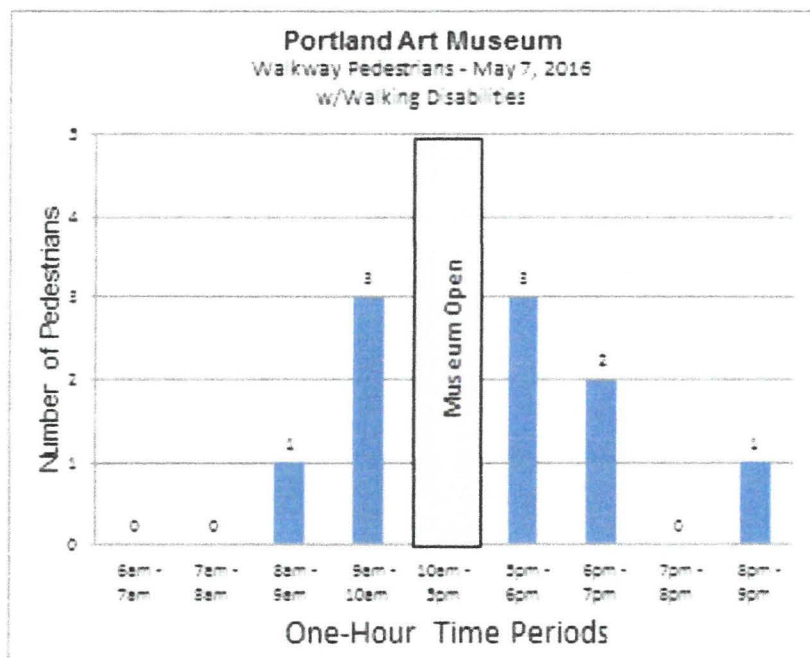
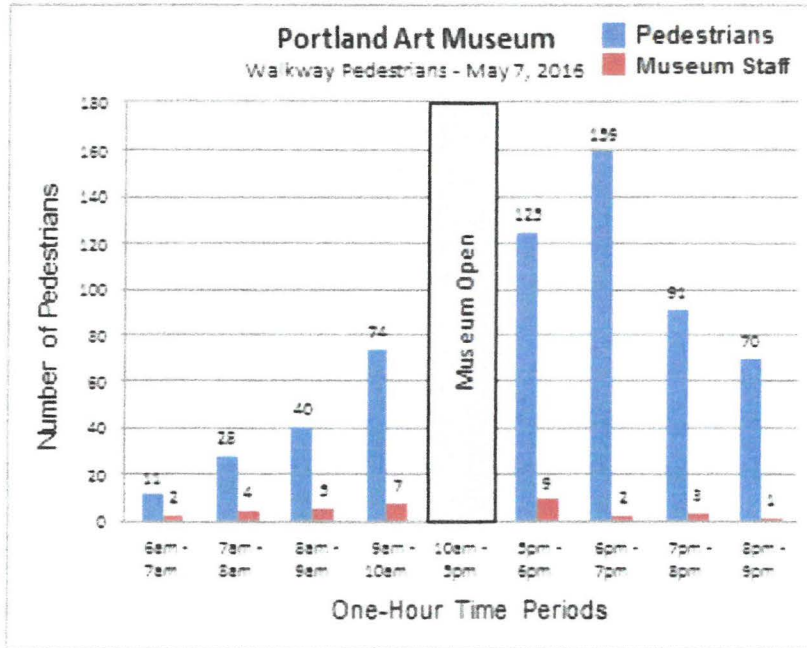
For May 13, 146 pedestrians plus 7 with apparent walking disabilities passed through the walkway from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

On the following pages are tabular summaries and graphic displays of observed pedestrian walkway traffic in the Portland Art Museum pedestrian walkway during the days and time periods cited.

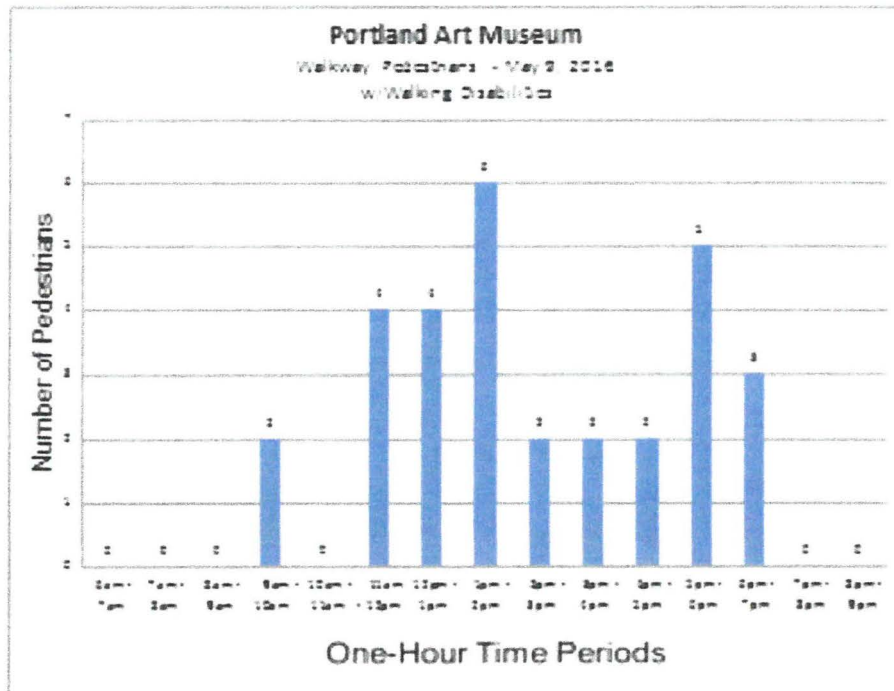
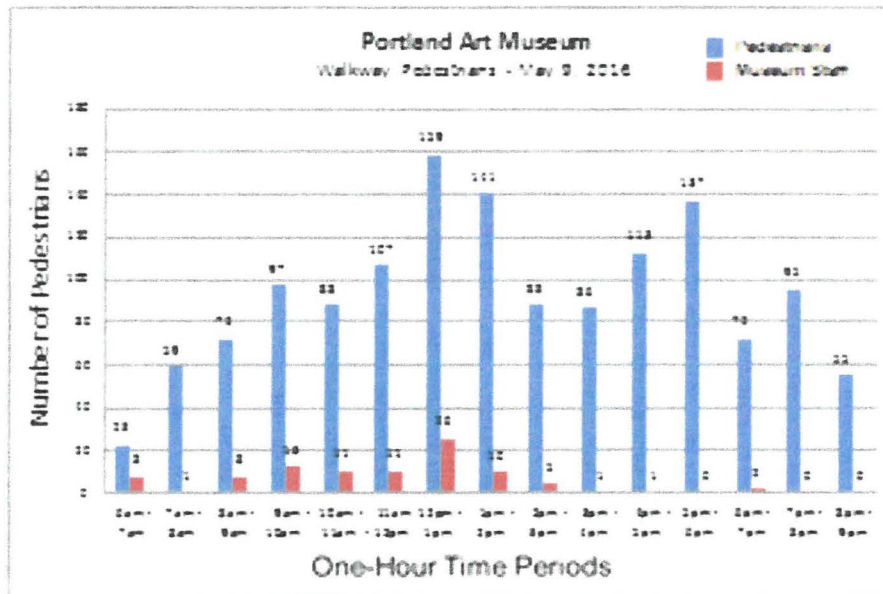
May 4, 2016 Period	Pedestrians	Museum Staff	Pedestrians w/Disabilities
6am - 7am	22	9	0
7am - 8am	54	9	0
8am - 9am	57	5	0
9am - 10am	97	3	2
10am - 5pm			
5pm - 6pm	162	3	1
6pm - 7pm	108	4	3
7pm - 8pm	115	0	4
8pm - 9pm	52	4	0
Totals	667	37	10



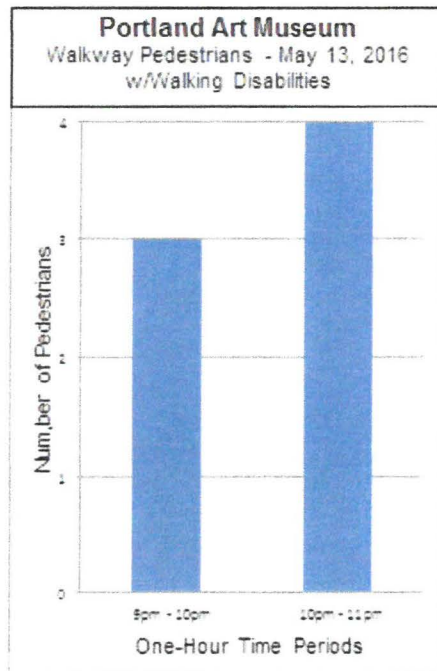
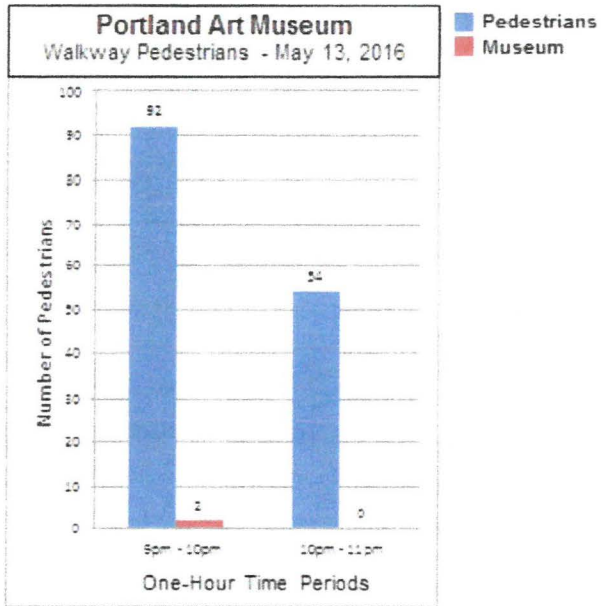
May 7, 2016 Period	Pedestrians	Museum Staff	Pedestrians w/Disabilities
6am - 7am	11	2	0
7am - 8am	28	4	0
8am - 9am	40	5	1
9am - 10am	74	7	3
10am - 5pm			
5pm - 6pm	125	9	3
6pm - 7pm	159	2	2
7pm - 8pm	91	3	0
8pm - 9pm	70	1	1
Totals	598	33	10



May 9, 2016 Period	Pedestrians	Museum Staff	Pedestrians w/Disabilities
6am - 7am	23	0	0
7am - 8am	59	1	0
8am - 9am	72	0	0
9am - 10am	97	13	2
10am - 11am	88	11	0
11am - 12pm	107	11	4
12pm - 1pm	159	26	4
1pm - 2pm	141	10	6
2pm - 3pm	88	5	2
3pm - 4pm	86	1	2
4pm - 5pm	113	1	2
5pm - 6pm	137	0	5
6pm - 7pm	72	2	3
7pm - 8pm	95	0	0
8pm - 9pm	55	0	0
Total	1392	97	30



May 13, 2016 Period	Pedestrians	Museum Staff	Pedestrians w/Disabilities
9pm - 10pm	92	2	3
10pm - 11pm	54	0	4
Totals	146	2	7



May 4, 2016 (Wednesday) 6:00 am – 10:00 am

Names of Tally Takers

Print	Sign	Initials
Robert Wright	<i>Robert Wright</i>	RW
Janey Shipman	<i>Janey Shipman</i>	J
Richard Rabun	<i>Richard Rabun</i>	R
JANET RICHARDS	<i>Janet Richards</i>	JR

Time	Initials	Pedestrians Passing (both directions)	Walking Disabilities	Museum Staff
6:00 am to 7:00 am	RW			
Comments				
7:00 am to 8:00 am	J	 		
Comments				
8:00 am to 9:00 am	JR	 		
Comments				
9:00 am to 10:00 am	JR	 		
Comments 1 bike with CO2 delivery - DEAD by SPK in KLIM, 9:20 - 9:30				

May 7, 2016 (Wednesday) 6:00 am - 10:00 am

Saturday

Names of Tally Takers

Print	Sign	Initials
ALAN BELL	<i>Alan Bell</i>	AIB
N. MARK LOWENSON	<i>Mark Lowenson</i>	
Jeanne Mueller-Crispin	<i>Jeanne Mueller</i>	JMC
Wilfried Mueller-Crispin	<i>Wilfried Mueller</i>	WMC

Time	Initials	Pedestrians Passing (both directions)	Walking Disabilities	Museum Staff
6:00 am to 7:00 am	AIB			
Comments				
7:00 am to 8:00 am				
Comments				
8:00 am to 9:00 am	JMC		1	
Comments				
9:00 am to 10:00 am	WMC	 + 2 BIKE RIDERS Baby carriage		
Comments Balmey gorge on-s morning (Saturday)				

May 7, 2016 (Saturday) 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Names of Tally Takers

Print	Sign	Initials
Alisa Eicher	<i>Alisa Eicher</i>	AE
WILLIAM GREENSTAD	<i>William Greenstad</i>	WG
WALT WEYER	<i>Walter E. Weyer</i>	WEW
ROBERT WRIGHT	<i>Robert Wright</i>	RW

Time	Initials	Pedestrians Passing (both directions)	Walking Disabilities	Museum Staff
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	AE	<p> <i>AE</i> # kids included in tally: IIII # bikes included in tally: IIII # strollers included in tally: II </p>	III	<p> <i>AE</i> All Open Exhibitions 1st Floor 2nd Floor 3rd Floor 4th Floor 5th Floor 6th Floor 7th Floor 8th Floor 9th Floor 10th Floor 11th Floor 12th Floor 13th Floor 14th Floor 15th Floor 16th Floor 17th Floor 18th Floor 19th Floor 20th Floor 21st Floor 22nd Floor 23rd Floor 24th Floor 25th Floor 26th Floor 27th Floor 28th Floor 29th Floor 30th Floor 31st Floor 32nd Floor 33rd Floor 34th Floor 35th Floor 36th Floor 37th Floor 38th Floor 39th Floor 40th Floor 41st Floor 42nd Floor 43rd Floor 44th Floor 45th Floor 46th Floor 47th Floor 48th Floor 49th Floor 50th Floor 51st Floor 52nd Floor 53rd Floor 54th Floor 55th Floor 56th Floor 57th Floor 58th Floor 59th Floor 60th Floor 61st Floor 62nd Floor 63rd Floor 64th Floor 65th Floor 66th Floor 67th Floor 68th Floor 69th Floor 70th Floor 71st Floor 72nd Floor 73rd Floor 74th Floor 75th Floor 76th Floor 77th Floor 78th Floor 79th Floor 80th Floor 81st Floor 82nd Floor 83rd Floor 84th Floor 85th Floor 86th Floor 87th Floor 88th Floor 89th Floor 90th Floor 91st Floor 92nd Floor 93rd Floor 94th Floor 95th Floor 96th Floor 97th Floor 98th Floor 99th Floor 100th Floor </p>
<p>Comments: exiting museum, separate tally for museum staff? <i>AE</i></p>				
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	WG	<p> <i>WG</i> # kids included in tally: IIII # bikes included in tally: IIII # strollers included in tally: IIII </p>	<p> BIKE: III DOGS: IIII </p>	<p> <i>WG</i> </p>
<p>Comments: <i>WG</i></p>				
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	WEW	<p> <i>WEW</i> </p>	<p> <i>WEW</i> </p>	<p> <i>WEW</i> </p>
<p>Comments: <i>WEW</i></p>				
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm	RW	<p> <i>RW</i> </p>	<p> <i>RW</i> </p>	<p> <i>RW</i> </p>
<p>Comments: HS PROM activities ~ 15 people exited @ 8:45 from museum NOT TALLIED</p>				

May 9, 2016 (Monday) 6:00 am – 10:00 am

Names of Tally Takers

Print	Sign	Initials
E. Jane Bietz	E. Jane Bietz	EJB
Janice Anderson	Janice Anderson	JA
Diane Lewenson	Diane Lewenson	DL
WALT WEYLER	Walter E. Weyler	WEW

Time	Initials	Pedestrians Passing (both directions)	Walking Disabilities	Museum Staff
6:00 am to 7:00 am	EJB			
Comments				
7:00 am to 8:00 am	JA			
Comments				
8:00 am to 9:00 am	DL			
Comments about 6 people were docents, not official staff				
9:00 am to 10:00 am	WEW			
Comments counter is available, staff member explained that it had recently been repaired with as pedestrians				

May 9, 2016 (Monday) 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Names of Tally Takers

Print	Sign	Initials
Robert Wright	<i>Robert Wright</i>	RW
Judy Bell	<i>Judy Bell</i>	JB
Wilfried Mueller-Crispin	<i>Wilfried Mueller-Crispin</i>	WMC
Dee Bell	<i>Dee Bell</i>	DB

Time	Initials	Pedestrians Passing (both directions)	Walking Disabilities	Museum Staff
10:00 am to 11:00 am	RW	<p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p>		<p> </p> <p>1</p>
Comments: Decent meeting over at ~ 11:00 am - talking as start				
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	JB	<p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p>		<p> </p> <p>1</p>
Comments:				
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	WMC	<p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p>		<p> </p> <p> </p>
Comments:				
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	DB	<p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p>		<p> </p> <p> </p>
Comments:				

May 9, 2016 (Monday) 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Names of Tally Takers

Print	Sign	Initials
Olga Reich	<i>Olga Reich</i>	NR
Deanna Mueller-Crispin	<i>Deanna Mueller-Crispin</i>	DMC
Walter Teyler	<i>Walter Teyler</i>	WT
WALTER WEYLER	<i>Walter E. Weyler</i>	WEW

Time	Initials	Pedestrians Passing (both directions)	Walking Disabilities	Museum Staff
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	NR		11	11
Comments				
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	DMC		11	1
Comments				
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	DMC		11	1
Comments				
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	WEW		11	
Comments				

Portland Art Museum Plaza Public Walkway

Pedestrian Tally [] [] [] []

May 13, 2016 (Friday) 9:00 pm – 12:00 am

Names of Tally Takers

Print	Sign	Initials
Kay Tsurumi	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	KT
Hizumi Tsurumi	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	HT
Robert Wright	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	RW
Jimmy Shipman	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	JS

Time	Initials	Pedestrians Passing (both directions)	Walking Disabilities	Museum Staff
9:00 pm to 10:00 pm	KT JS	IIII II	III	II
Comments	Dogs: III From 9:00-9:30-32 1 Canyon & back film society at museum over at 9:45 pm (About 15 of above came from film @ Museum)			
10:00 pm to 11:00 pm	JS RW KT	IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII	III	
Comments				
11:00 pm to 12:00 am 11:15 pm	JS RW	IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII		
Comments				

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March 22?

Moore-Love, Karla

From: mvogelpnw@gmail.com on behalf of Mary Vogel <mary@plangreen.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Request to address Council

Karla,
I'd like to address Council regarding **Reducing Fossil Fuel Demand by making downtown more walkable.**

How do I get on their agenda for one of those comment times at the beginning of the meeting?
Thanks,
Mary Vogel

Mary Vogel, CNU-A



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Request of Mary Vogel to address Council regarding reducing fossil fuel demand by making downtown more walkable (Communication)

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Auditor of the City of Portland

By *Susan Parsons*
Deputy

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