

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Andrea Firpo <anfirpo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 10:48 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Cc: Commissioner Fish; Eudaly, Chloe; Fritz, Amanda; Saltzman, Dan; Wheeler, Ted; Szigethy, Steven; Barber, Josiah; Carrillo, Yesenia; Garcia Medina, Mariana; Hobbs, Shaina; Pierce, Meeseon Kwon; Quitugua, Betsy; Washington, Mustafa
Subject: Re: FW: SW Capitol Hwy Project concerns - Andrea Firpo
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That would be great, thank you Susan. I look forward to attending the meeting on December 12th.

All the best,
Andrea Firpo
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On Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 10:21 AM Council Clerk – Testimony <CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Hello Andrea,

Unfortunately, Communications are full for this week and our next opening is not until December 12th. We can schedule you then if you wish. Please let me know.

In the meantime, I am forwarding your comments directly to the Council and their staffs.

Regards,

Susan (for Karla)



Susan Parsons

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From: Andrea Firpo <anfirpo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 7:09 AM

To: Council Clerk – Testimony <CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Communication : Portland City Council : WEDNESDAY, 9:30 AM, OCTOBER 24, 2018

Karla:

I would like to attend the October 24th meeting and provide a comment regarding the SW Capital Highway Expansion Project (now at 60%): <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/71661>

There is a group of homeowners on SW Capital Highway who are devastated by the above proposed plans, and we feel very unheard and unrepresented. Decisions have and are consistently being made without our input.

I am requesting 15 minutes to read the following statement and answer any questions:

I live in a home on the corner of SW Capitol Highway/ SW Alice Street. I am the second homeowner. When we purchased our property in May 2014, we signed a disclosure stating, "there is a proposed SW Capital Highway Project from the city in order to improve walkways and bike lanes and to slow traffic on the roadway. There is no funding at this time."

However contrary to PBOT's communications with the press and general public, the SW Capital Highway Expansion Project has been moving forward since 2016. Unless we happened to read or watch the local news, the homeowners on SW Capital Highway were not informed that the project received funding from Kate Brown in November of 2017.

Homeowners on SW Capital Highway were first notified in March 2018 by a postcard from PBOT after the 30% plans were made official. I have confirmed this information by personally going door to door on SW Capital Highway and talking with my neighbors.

Homeowners on SW Capital Highway were also not informed of the Multnomah Village Subcommittee Meetings which were regularly being held and attended by homeowners in the surrounding area who were supportive of pushing this initiative through.

By the time I attended my first subcommittee meeting on May 1st 2018, I was told that our neighborhood was canvassed door to door; however I work from home (as does my next door neighbor on SW Alice Street) and he was made aware of these meetings, but we were not.

In the May 1st meeting, I was told by PBOT (and silenced by opposing neighbors) that the plans had already received public comment and were moving forward to 60% completion. We were also informed that BES and the Urban Forestry Commission have recommended the removal of 306 trees for construction, which is to begin in 2020: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/683184>

However, after attending the Urban Forestry Commission Meeting on October 18th, I was also informed that the Urban Forestry Commission have not been consulted and have no knowledge of this project. I was urged by the commission to attend a City Council Meeting in order to bring all of this information to light.

Several historic trees have been disregarded based upon their categorization as "invasive" and "non-native".

Here are more notes I recorded from the Multnomah Village Subcommittee Meeting on May 1st, 2018:

- 306 trees recommended for removal
- 98 require mitigation with homeowners
- 45 trees removed just between SW Alice and Primrose Street - the largest section of tree removal
- As construction commences, they will have to dig and see if a trees roots will be affected, and if they are (even if the tree is far removed on the homeowners property) they will remove it **in addition**, for safety/liability reasons

In a meeting with PBOT Project Manager Steve Szigethy on October 13th, my husband and I were notified that PBOT will need to obtain a temporary construction permit for the entirety of our side yard, as well as the left portion of our front yard which was designed by Portland Japanese Garden's Landscape Architect after we purchased our home in 2014. It was our goal during our design to beautify the neighborhood and give back to the wildlife that lives here. Our yard is heavily landscaped with Japanese maple trees, NW berry bushes, natural rock and stone.

We have also been told that our property line was incorrectly approved by the city upon construction of our home in 2008, and they will need to acquire an additional 8 inches of our property long term.

This project will not only affect my home personally, it will also greatly affect the look of this beautiful tree lined street, and the wildlife population in this historic area. We moved here from San Francisco so we could have the street (and urban forest) which surrounds us. We built a large koi pond and waterfall in our back yard, a mahogany deck, teak fencing, and a connecting stream on our side yard which will need to be removed for construction. I watch birds fill the trees outside my kitchen windows, which are currently planned for removal. My daughter's bedroom windows will now look out through chainlink fencing onto the

public sidewalk and bike lanes constructed outside our home. Our master bedroom is currently sheltered for privacy and street lighting from a very large ash tree that is on the corner of our property. It will also be removed. The two multi-family units that are behind us on SW Capital Highway will lose their street parking, as well as package, mail delivery, and trash services will have nowhere to pull over for the entirety of SW Capital Highway.

We are consistently being told by PBOT that this project is required for safety concerns, primarily uncontrolled vehicle speeds; however no safety measures have been implemented in the plans such as speed drops, signals, or a speed reduction.

PBOT is requiring 18-19 feet of removal on our side for a two direction bike lane, a 3 1/2 foot planter of trees, and a sidewalk. On the other side of the street, they will be removing 12 feet for a multi use lane, and a sidewalk.

PBOT will not compromise in it's plans no matter how many homeowners attend the subcommittee meetings and ask them to consider a more moderate approach. Of the 20 million in funding, we've asked that some be used to repair our neighborhood streets but are told that is not possible. Our neighborhood streets are crumbling and in disrepair. They will be used for re-routing during construction, furthering the deconstruction of the broken down asphalt and mixed gravel.

I implore you to please get involved with your constituents in Multnomah Village. We desperately need your voice and your leadership. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Request of Andrea Firpo to address Council regarding the SW *Capitol*
Highway Expansion Project (Communication)

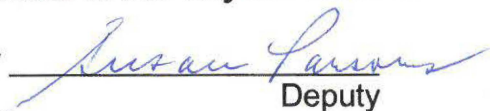
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