

From: [Shannon Hiller-Webb](#)
To: [Davis, Meghaan](#)
Cc: [Marie Tyvoll](#)
Subject: City Council Communications
Date: Monday, August 3, 2020 4:51:45 PM

Hello,

May I please sign up to testify on August 12th to present to City Council an update to Ordinance 552?

Many thanks,

Shannon

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Request of Shannon Hiller-Webb to address Council regarding an update to Ordinance No. 190044 for grant agreements to support Neighborhood Associations (Communication)

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To: [Jennings, Gayla](#)
Cc: [Moore-Love, Karla](#)
Subject: Re: City Council Meeting - August 12, 2020 9:30 a.m. Confirmation
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:01:14 AM
Attachments: [Financial & Equity Concerns Regarding Taxpayer Funded Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. \(SWNI\) Coalition.pdf](#)
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Hello,

Thank you for your patience, I had difficulty getting the video to upload and had to do it a couple of times that took hours.

Attached you will find the powerpoint with the embedded video and I am pasting the link to the video on Youtube below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TqMsMoTOro>

I have also attached my testimony in pdf format.

I look forward to speaking shortly.

All my best,

Shannon

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From: Shannon Hiller-Webb <shannonh@prosparus.com>
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Cc: "Moore-Love, Karla" <Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov>
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Hi,

Perfect, I will upload it to Youtube and forward you the link, Correct, I will not be showing the video but need it entered into Public Testimony so that the Mayor and City Commissioners can view it based on their commitment.

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Hi Shannon,

If you could send me a link today to the video as it appears on YouTube, that would be great.

To confirm, you're not wanting to show the video during your presentation tomorrow but just wanting it distributed to City Council?

Thank you!

Gayla Jennings
Coordinator II – *currently working remotely*
Operations Management | Portland City Auditor's Office
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From: Moore-Love, Karla <Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Shannon Hiller-Webb <shannonh@prosparus.com>; Jennings, Gayla <Gayla.Jennings@portlandoregon.gov>
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Hello,

I'm including my colleague Gayla who will be hosting the meeting tomorrow to answer your questions.

Thank you Gayla.

Karla



Karla Moore-Love
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From: Shannon Hiller-Webb <shannonh@prosparus.com>
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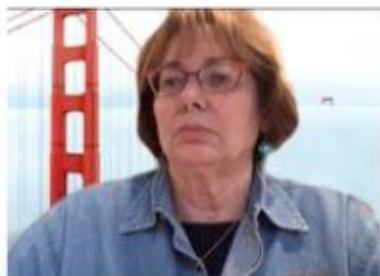
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August 11, 2020
Portland City Council
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Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov

Re: Ordinance 552 Testimony Follow-up

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Shannon Hiller-Webb and I appeared before you on July 9th with 19 other concerned residents with prepared testimony, accompanying powerpoint, and video to speak to our concerns in regards to Southwest Neighborhoods Inc Coalition (SWNI). We appreciate the council's vote on July 9th to withhold funding from SWNI pending a forensic audit and we applaud this step taken for oversight and accountability. However, a request was made that we not provide public testimony at that time and instead each council member and Mayor Wheeler offered to have a private audience with all of us. We were concerned at that time about the difficulty in assembling 20 people multiple times to share our message but agreed to do our best.

I am happy to share that several of us were able to meet with Commissioner's Hardesty and Eudaly and we appreciate your time and attention to the many complex issues presented by SWNI.

We have reached out multiple times to Commissioner Fritz with no response and have been unsuccessful in securing a time to meet with Mayor Wheeler. We recognize Portland is reeling from the pandemic crisis and is a focus point of the Black Lives Matter movement and these matters require great attention and time. It is with this in mind that the group of 20 of us decided to record our testimony on video so each of you can listen to our testimony at your convenience and fulfill the commitment that each of you made to learn about our concerns that should inform the work of the forensic auditor at a minimum.

We have worked tirelessly to pull this together after having worked equally hard to assemble before you on July 9th. It is our hope that you will remain true to your commitment and will watch the video testimony in the very near future.

It has been a month since we met and there have been important changes worth noting so the video does include new updates.

For example, SWNI recently secured an attorney to represent them in regards to Civic Life's records request and forensic audit. As of today, President Leslie Hammond has refused to accept Civic Life's invitation to meet with the board and learn about the goals, timeline and expectations for a transparent audit process. I will note that yesterday the Secretary suggested they may reach out after August 26th to set up a meeting; SWNI will have pushed the first meeting with Civic Life for nearly 2 months after the audit was requested and while SWNI was defunded.

Civic Life is SWNI's primary funder, in addition to two smaller funders, and these funders in total comprise 85% of SWNI's operating budget. These two smaller funders are the Bureau of Environmental Services and West Multnomah Soil and Water and both recently informed SWNI that they are removing their funding from SWNI.

Our testimony can be viewed on Youtube at the following link and I am entering it in as official public testimony. I have also provided the Council Clerk with a Powerpoint slide presentation with the video embedded for ease of record keeping.

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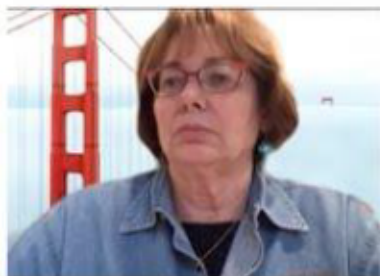
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