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Regarding the Hearing by City Council on South Park Blocks Master Plan.

I have just become aware of the proposal to make a revision to the South Park Blocks. I would like to say that I am saddened by the proposal that would eliminate some beautiful trees from the Park. Elms are among the most beautiful of all tree life.

My father was a very young German immigrant in the early 1900's. His family chose to come to Portland. He lived in Portland until he went to the University of Oregon to get his Bachelor and Law Degrees. He moved then to Medford, but never forgot Portland. He loved the beauty of the city and gave that love to his 4 children, of whom I am one.

I have lived on the East Coast, in Germany, and now part time in Illinois and in Portland. Portland is a special large city due to it's natural elegance. I was terribly disappointed to hear the aforementioned news. This situation would be a desecration to a beautiful area of the city. I for one feel that it will start to ruin what has always been a Portland specialty.

I feel that the Council's time could be better spent withdrawing the issue of revising this Park from any master plan.

And while I certainly respect the work you do, I hope you will understand that the South Park Blocks are part of what gives Portland its special flavor.

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