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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mike Lindberg, Commissioner
1220 S.W. Fifth Ave.
Portland, OR 97204
(503) 248-4145

February 16, 1988

TO: Ron Maynard

FROM: Commissioner Mike Lindberg MD

RE: Macleay Park letter

Please have the appropriate staff person investigate the issues (on Macleay Park) raised in the attached letter and make contact with the letter's author, Mr. Palmer. Please let me know the outcome of your work on this matter.

MDL:aa

cc: Jim Sjulín
Fred Nilsen



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Mr. Robert Palmer
3350 NW Luray Terrace
Portland OR 97210

Dear Mr. Palmer,

Thank you for your thoughtful solution-oriented letter. I have asked the Director of Park Operations and the Parks Communications Director to investigate your recommendations and to respond to you. I have directed my staff to contact the Bureau of Buildings Nuisance Division to investigate the abandoned car. We are definitely interested in improving the situation and your letter has been a big help.

Sincerely,

MIKE LINDBERG
Commissioner
Office of Public Affairs

MDL:aa

cc: Ken Love, Friends of Forest Park
Fred Nilsen, Bureau of Parks
Jim Sjulín, Bureau of Parks
N.W. Luray Terrace Neighbors

ant

City Commissioner Mike Lindberg
City Hall
1220 S.W. Fifth Ave.
Portland, OR 97204

February 9, 1988

Subject: Macleay Park Suggestion

FEB 10 1988

Dear Commissioner Lindberg:

Your efforts to rid city parks of nuisances is appreciated. I have heard you speak of this on KXL, and I have followed the news of this in the Oregonian.

This letter is to inform you of a nuisance site in Macleay Park, and to suggest a simple solution, and to request your support for that corrective action plan.

THE PLACE: The subject place is in Macleay Park on the south side of NW Cornell Road and just at the west end of the tunnel at about 3300 NW Cornell Road. It is a large turnaround/parking area at the foot of the Tunnel Trail.

THE PROBLEMS: The turnaround and parking area is excessively large and mostly very dark. It leaves Cornell Road and pushes into the park, making a secluded place which invites abuses. These abuses result in problems for the Park, for the City of Portland, and for the residents of N.W. Luray Terrace above it. The problems are these:

1. Frequent dumping, requiring city cleanup.
2. Shooting of firearms near homes, requiring Police call (last known incident 9-23-87).
3. Continual littering of paper, bottles and cans.
4. Noise of car-party drinkers and wheel spinning and clowning with vehicles, including loud horns.
5. Burglary has been based there. A burglary of a home in January 1987 was certain to have been based here. The thieves parked in the turnaround and used a trail to access and unload a home on N.W. Luray Terrace. Another burglary and an attempted burglary have occurred on the street in the past three weeks. The access for those is uncertain.

6. Car dumping. At this time there is an abandoned car there. It was reported on January 1, 1988. Slow removal action has made this problem worsen because vandals have broken the glass, thrown parts into the park, removed a wheel and pushed it into a ditch. Now removal will be more difficult and messy.
7. Camping. People sleep in cars here and foul the grounds. There are no sanitary facilities for this, nor should there be any. That is further up Cornell Road.
8. A cache of food, clothing, plywood and sheet plastic was found in the park here. I cleaned it out. This was near to private property bordering the park.
9. A well-established transient camp was built in the park just above this place. This was cleared out by the city in December, 1987, after being reported to Jim Sjulín and Fred Nilsen of the Parks Bureau. I found them to be very responsive.

THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The size of this turnaround/parking area simply needs to be reduced. This can be done with a barricade of logs or stones and by destroying the excess road surface. The legitimate use of this place is for parking to use the Tunnel Trail. In over five years of frequent daytime observation, I have never seen more than two cars at a time there. Most of the time there are none at all. Currently the area is about 25,000 sq. ft. It could be reduced to about 4,000 sq. ft. near the existing light on Cornell Road. A drawing is attached showing the existing and the proposed spaces.

Other similar old road loops were eliminated on Cornell Rd. in 1986 when the bridges were rebuilt. Similar problems which were occurring at those loops before the change have now ceased and/or have been re-located to the subject site.

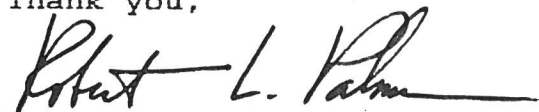
I have spoken with Fred Nilsen of the Park Bureau about this idea, and he had already come to the same view. He has previously used this method in Forest Park at similar trouble spots.

BENEFITS OF THE SUGGESTED ACTION:

1. The invitation to dump, litter, party, camp or abandon cars would be greatly diminished, thereby reducing cleanup volume and costs.
2. The smaller area for parking would reduce cleanup area and costs.
3. Grass cutting by the city, and those expenses, can be eliminated.
4. Costs of gravelling and grading can be reduced.
5. Unsanitary camping would probably stop.
6. Appearance and expansion of the natural area would be enhanced.
7. Residents of Luray Terrace would have less noise and nuisance, and perhaps fewer burglaries.
8. There should be fewer calls to the police.
9. The expense of the change would be recovered by the maintenance and cleanup savings. After the expense is recovered, the reduced maintenance costs will continue for the long term.

MY REQUEST TO YOU: Please adopt the suggestion offered and authorize the action as a priority project for 1988.

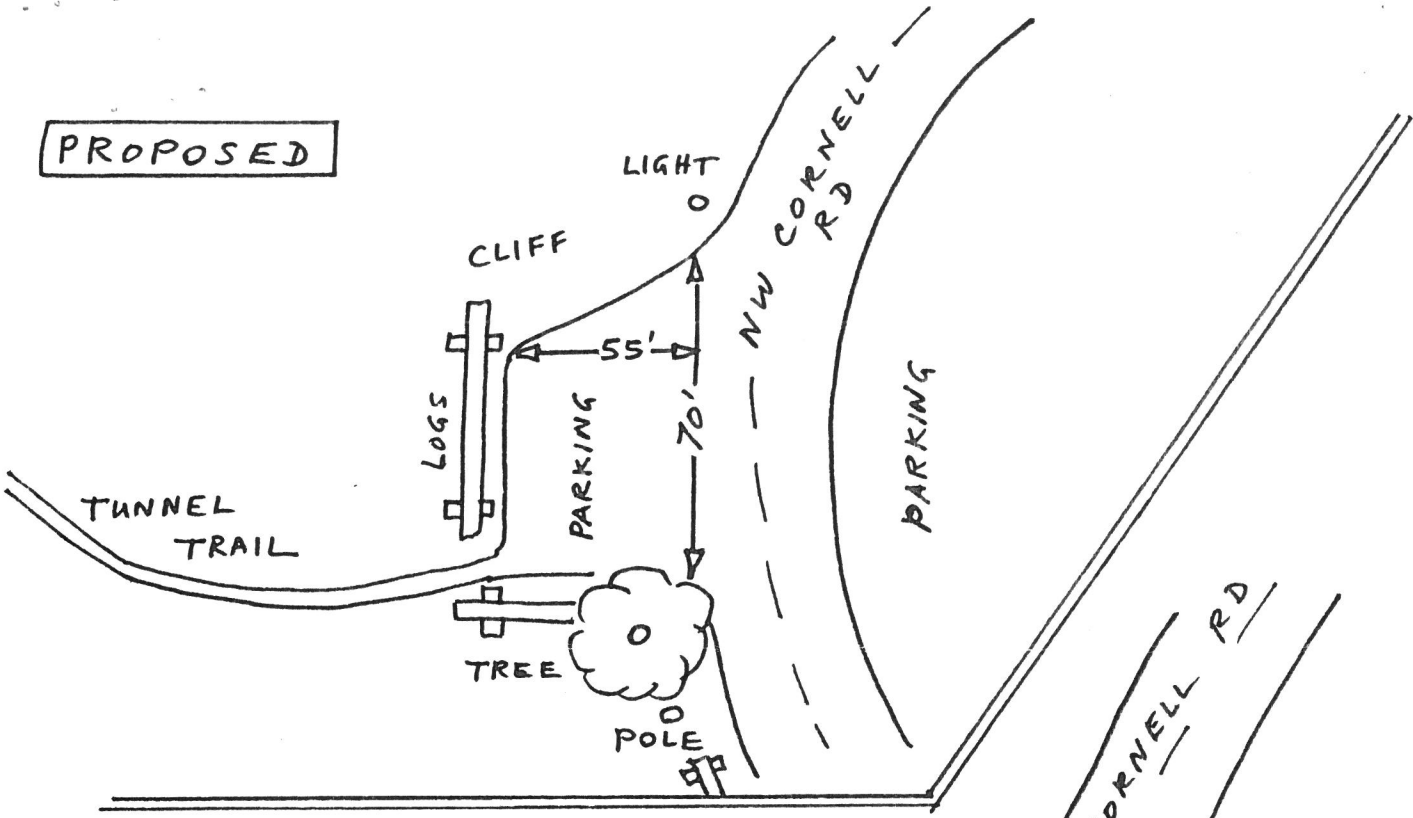
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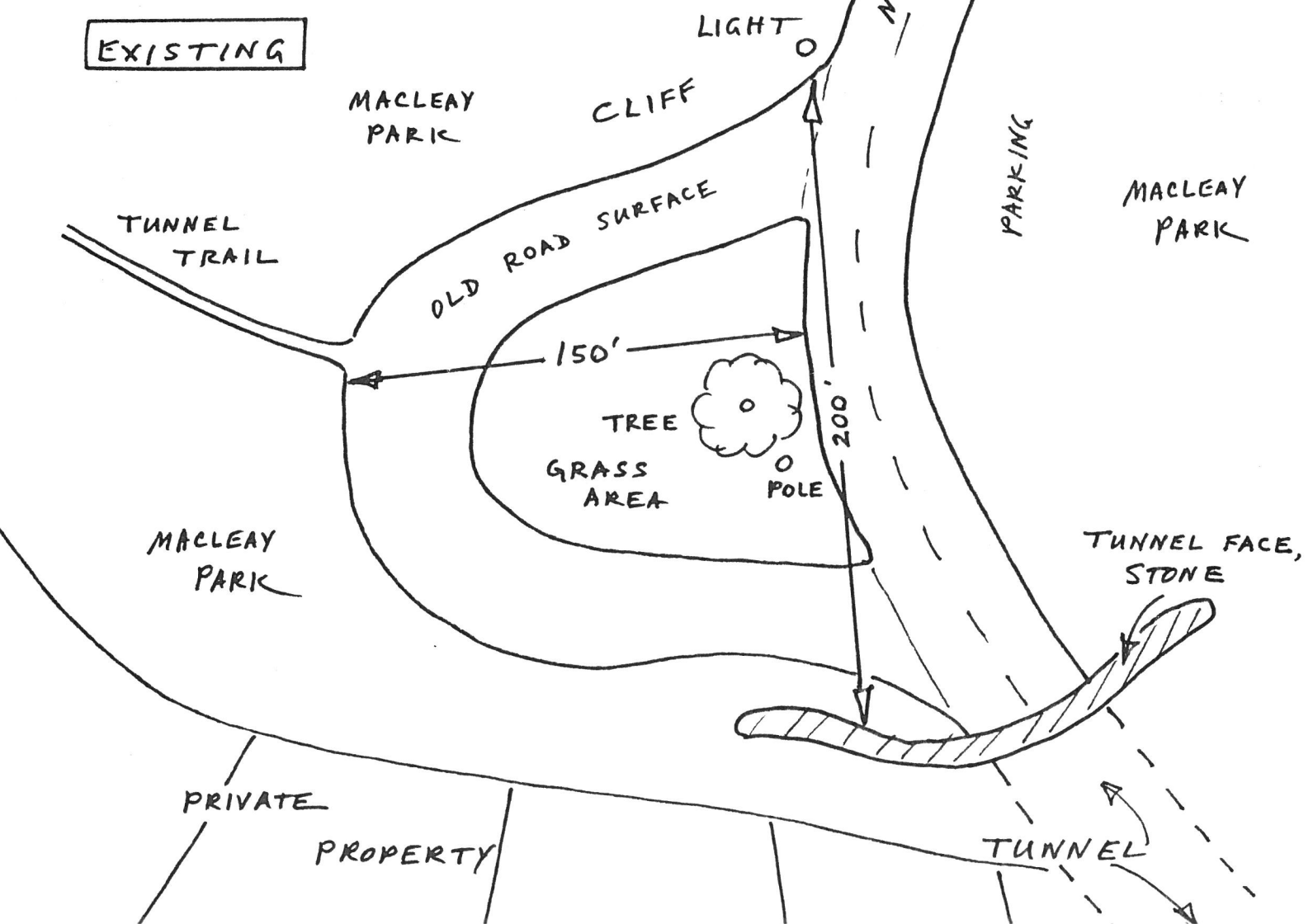
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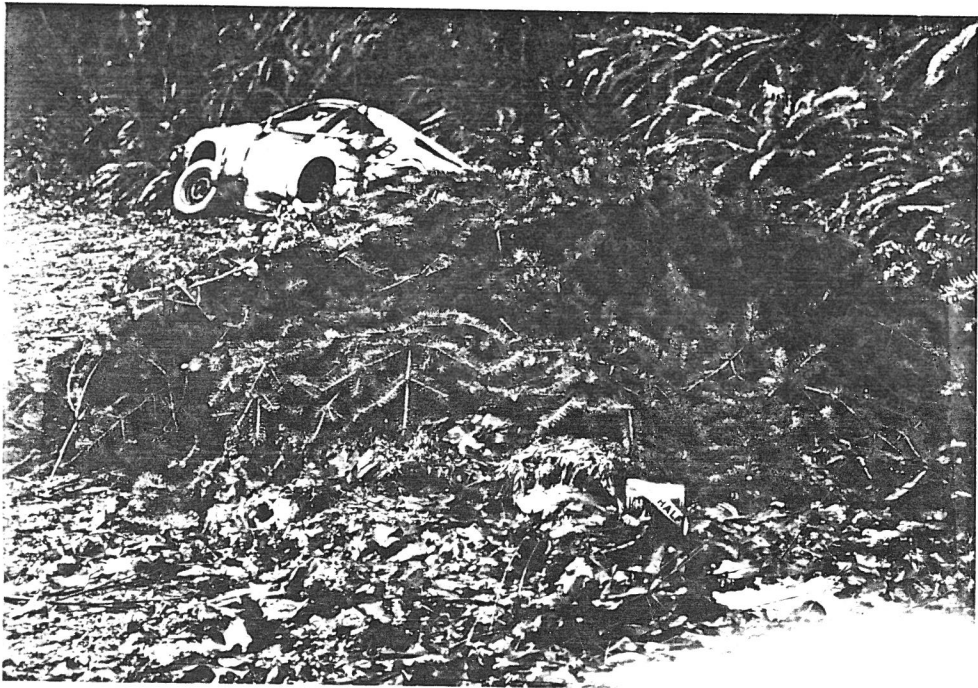
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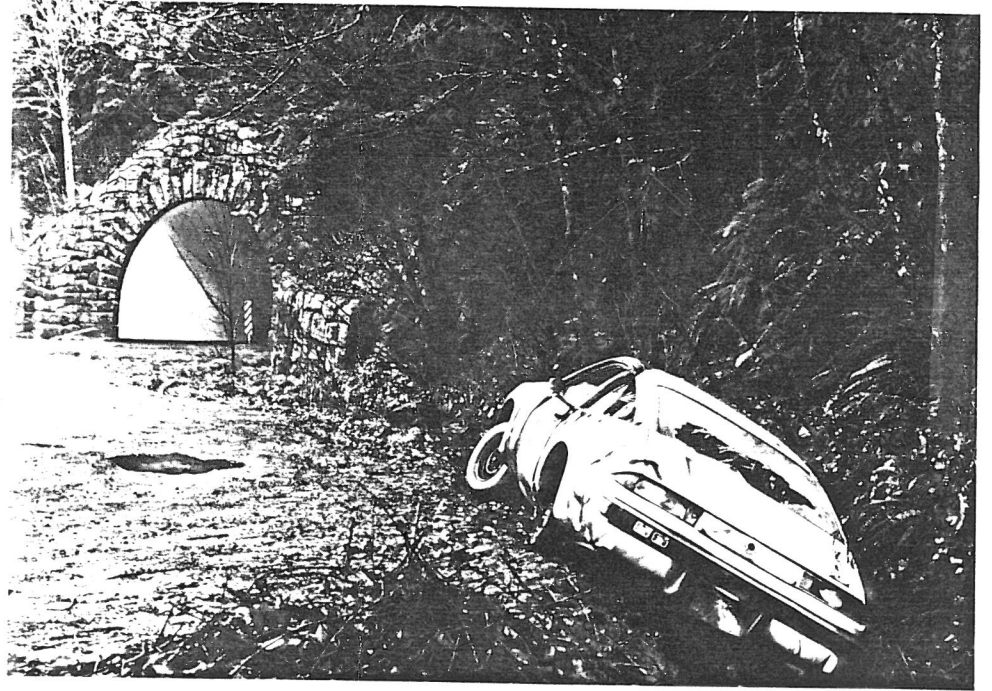


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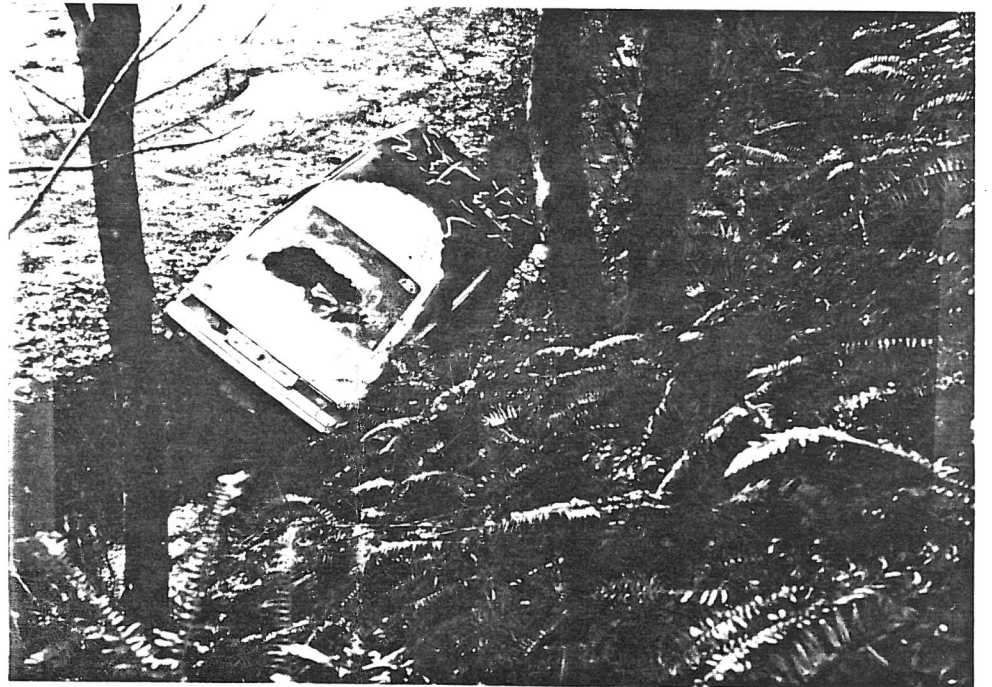
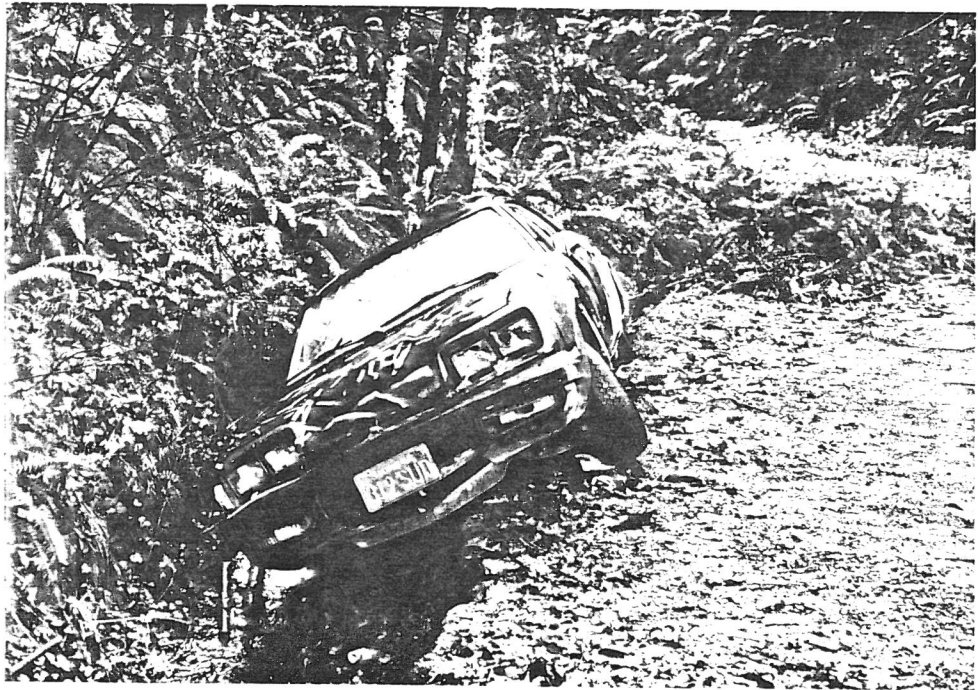




MACLEAY PARK



FEBRUARY 1988





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Mike Lindberg, Commissioner
1220 S.W. Fifth Ave.
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February 16, 1988

Ms. Patricia I. Dannen
Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association
6709 SE Reed College Place
Portland OR 97202

Dear Ms. Dannen:

Thank you for your letter. We also do not want to create an eyesore, and barring any severe water shortage it is our intention to water the parking strip on Reed College Place. We appreciate the offer of assistance from the park strip neighbors. The Operations Division has been informed and will contact you if the need arises.

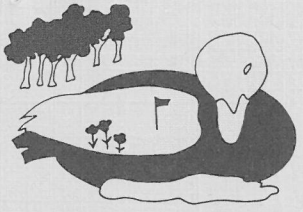
Sincerely,

MIKE LINDBERG
Commissioner
Office of Public Affairs

MDL:aa

cc: Ron Maynard
Dean Williams
Anne E. Kowalishen

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Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association

6709 S.E. Reed College Place
Portland, Oregon 97202
February 6, 1988

City of Portland
Bureau of Parks
Attention: Commissioner Mike Lindberg
1120 S.W. Fifth Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204

FEB 11 1988

Dear Commissioner Lindberg,

The Eastmoreland Neighborhood residents, and, more specifically, those of us who live on Reed College Place, are concerned that the park strip on Reed College Place not be allowed to dry up this summer as it was last summer. The park strip is a beautifully unique part of the neighborhood and we certainly do not want it to become an eyesore.

We would like to request the monies be allocated for the care--watering and mowing--of the park strip for the coming summer. Also, it has been suggested in the spirit of neighborhood cooperation that some of the residents along Reed College Place would be willing, on a given schedule, to turn on and off the water if that would help to keep the strip watered.

Please advise us as to the summer plans for the park strip.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia I. Dannen
ENA President

Board of Directors
Portland, Oregon 97202



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April 4, 1988

Mr. Peter Paulson
77 NE Graham
Portland OR 97212

Dear Mr. Paulson:

Peter

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate hearing from citizens. I truly regret the inconvenience caused by locked restrooms. We are struggling with a miniscule capital improvement budget, high vandalism, and not enough staff. It is difficult to keep all of our restrooms open and operable. However, I will do my best to see that the situations mentioned by you are rectified. Our Director of Operations, Ron Maynard (796-5102) will be writing to you.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

MIKE LINDBERG
Commissioner
Office of Public Affairs

MDL:aa

cc: Ron Maynard

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March 27, 1988

MAR 29 1988

Mike Lindberg, Commissioner
City of Portland
City Hall
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mike:

It's difficult to send you a complaint since like many citizens I hold you in very high respect. But I do have two complaints:

Laurelhurst Park Restrooms - - Linda and I take our daily walks in this beautiful park. Last week both restrooms were opened for the season. I recognize the need to close one of them during the winter months. This afternoon turned out to be a lovely day following the rains. We make our two rounds of the park, then, with my "aging" bladder speaking out I walked further to the restroom near the street and expected it to be opened since it was last week. I noticed the women's entrance was opened but when I arrived at the men's entrance in back it was locked with no sign indicating it was closed for the season. Okay. I walked further to the middle one which has always been opened and I found both the mens and womens closed with signs on - - "closed for the season." At least for women and children there was one open; but for aging men like me no luck!

North Parks Block Restrooms - - located on West Burnside west of the Community Services (United Way, etc.) building. Once again my bladder needed assistance upon my walk from home to downtown. I had never been in these restrooms before this date. I walked in and found the restroom in a condition which made me a little ashamed of our city. I recognize that such restrooms probably receive more use and abuse than others. But a public restroom I feel should be just as clean as the Benson's. The urinals were ugly with stains, etc. It looked as if someone had stolen two or three of the toilet stools. The facilities just were not those I would expect to find a block or two from our major buildings. In spite of abuse I feel public restrooms should be kept as clean as possible. Perhaps I am expecting too much. A Bureau of Buildings inspector once suggested to me when we put in new plumbing at the Estate Hotel that stainless steel urinals were the easiest to keep clean. Don't know.

Thanks for listening to a citizen who's beginning to feel his age.

Sincerely,


Peter Paulson

Park grounds



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April 5, 1988

Mr. John K. Gert
8301 N. Delaware Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97217

Dear Mr. Gert:

Thank you for your letter. I always appreciate hearing suggestions from citizens, and I assure you my assistants do not shred my mail.

I am sending your idea over to the Operations Division of Parks, and they will let you know if your proposal is workable. They will also consider your signage recommendation.

Again, thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

Mike Lindberg
MIKE LINDBERG
Commissioner
Office of Public Affairs

MDL:aab

cc/enc: Ron Maynard

*P.S. Mr. Gert
Thank you for taking the
time to write
Mike*

MDL _____
AA _____

March 30, 1988

City Commissioner Mike Lindberg

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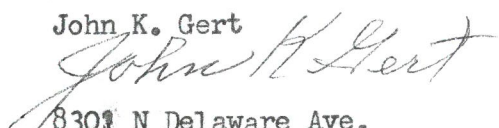
Dear Commissioner,

How about posting a few signs about a $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen in KENTON PARK reading "BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR--HELP KEEP THIS PARK CLEAN". I still believe most people will pick up scraps of paper and put it in a garbage can if they are reminded to do so. This idea came to me when I noticed a small girl picking up pieces of glass from a broken bottle and putting them in the garbage can.

Those permanent garbage receptacles now being used in the parks are for the birds. The idea for permanent containers is good, but they should be small enough to fit the plastic bags now being used, with an indentation near the top to receive an elastic band to keep the bag open, saving the price of metal cans which are banged up and look like hell. The cost of elastic bands and plastic lids must be a lot cheaper than metal garbage cans.

I realize when a person gets in their 70's, they have more time to think about small things. I'm a concerned citizen for all the parks. But KENTON is right across the street.

I have marked this letter "personal" hoping you get a chance to read it before some flunky puts it through the shredder.

John K. Gert

8301 N Delaware Ave.
Portland, Ore. 97217



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April 26, 1988

Paul E. Fiess
6631 NE Sacramento St.
Portland, OR 97213

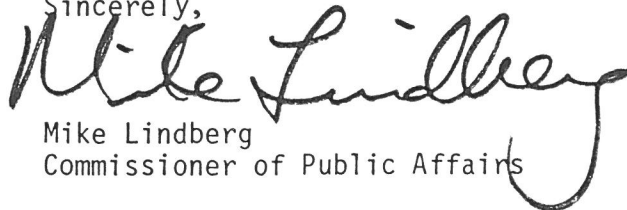
Dear Mr. Fiess:

Thank you for your letter of April 16 regarding the brush problem along Sacramento Street. This is an issue of which we are aware and do our best to cope with it each year. Due to the severity of the slope along Sacramento Street, we contract with a firm which does hazardous mowing to cut this area twice yearly.

The timing of these mowings is such that the task can be accomplished with an eye toward both safety and efficiency. The weather this year has resulted in an early growing season and, therefore, the growth is higher than would be normal in April. Our first mowing is scheduled for early May and our second mowing will take place in early September. Other control measures will be used to combat the problem between mowings.

I hope these actions and their schedules will meet your needs and those of your neighbors.

Sincerely,



Mike Lindberg
Commissioner of Public Affairs

ML:jzs

cc: Mayor Bud Clark
John Zoller, Director of Golf



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June 29, 1988

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ron Maynard

FROM: Commissioner Lindberg

MDL

RE: Rose City Park

Please share the attached letter with those responsible. Keep up the good work. We really need to keep generating this kind of goodwill.

MDL:aab

Attachment

ROSE CITY PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Reply to: 3324 N.E. 47th Avenue 97213
Telephone 282-1180



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June 22, 1988

JUN 23 1988

Commissioner Mike Lindberg
City Hall
1220 S.W. Fifth Avenue
Portland, Ore. 97204

Dear Commissioner Lindberg:

Please accept our sincere thanks from the Neighborhood Association Board and residents near the Rose City Park playground for your attention to the need for a summertime playground coordinator.

The guarantee of a coordinator means we will be another step closer to resolving any mis-understandings between children of different cultures when it comes to using public facilities.

Your efforts a year ago (1987) made a completely different summer for family activities than we had experienced in former years. The entire summer was a success story, and we wish to let you know how important it was to us when we asked your staff assistance again during a serious City budget crunch.

With the proper understanding of certain realities, it is the truth that everyone gains in the long run. Again, our sincere thanks to you for the follow-through, your staff for coordinating the need and to the members of the Budget Advisory Committee for their volunteer monitoring of priorities and fund allocation.

In closing, we want you to know that the intersection at N.E. 62nd and Tillamook, a joint venture with Traffic Management and the Bureau of Parks has resulted in a beautiful addition to the community. The intersection has now become accident free, due to changes in the physical layout of the curb line. The rose plantings and accent plants make the corner a real 'eye opener'.

We always enjoy working with you and your staff members.

With best regards,

George M. Walker, Chairman
Rose City Park Neighborhood Association

cc: RCPNA file
Bureau of Parks Budget Advisory Committee



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July 8, 1988

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ron Maynard, Acting Superintendent
FROM: Commissioner Mike Lindberg *ML*
RE: WATERFRONT PARK USE

The high frequency of special events and the resultant devastated condition of the turf in most of Waterfront Park has led me to the conclusion that we need special policies to govern summer use of the park.

I would like the Park Bureau to put together a team to study and report on the issue by September 12, 1988. Among the items I would like considered are; Parks trust revenue from special events, preservation of a portion of the park for low impact events, uniform turf restoration fees, and proper recognition of the Park Bureau's contribution to events in Waterfront Park.

Thank you for your assistance.

MDL:aab

cc: Ron Byers
Steve Goetz
Gay Greger
Michelle Harper
Mary Beth Henry



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July 12, 1988

Mr. William D. Schaub, Vice President
Capital Consultants
The Capital Center
2300 S.W. First Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Mr. Schaub:

Thank you for writing.

I have directed Steve Goetz of our Park Bureau's Operations Division to contact you and put you in touch with the appropriate people in Forestry, the Water Bureau and Environmental Services. I am confident that through their collective effort you can make significant progress in the resolution of your problem.

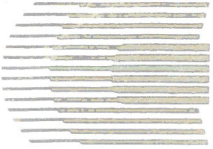
Sincerely,


MIKE LINDBERG
Commissioner
Office of Public Affairs

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cc/enc: Commissioner Bob Koch
Ron Maynard
Alex Wynstra

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**CAPITAL
CONSULTANTS**

July 6, 1988

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JUL 7 1988

Commissioner Michael Lindberg
City of Portland
1220 S. W. Fifth Avenue
Room 414
Portland, Oregon 97204

Re: Capital Center
2300 S. W. First Avenue
Drainage Problem

Dear Commissioner Lindberg:

This letter is being written on behalf of the Capital Center Partnership, owner of the Capital Center located at 2300 S. W. First Avenue, and Capital Consultants, Inc., the principal tenant in the Capital Center.

As indicated in the enclosed map, this property abuts property owned and maintained by the City of Portland. Since mid-1987, the drain systems located in the parking lot have backed up during heavy rains forming extensive pools in the parking lot area which take up to three days to drain. We have had the drains cleaned and inspected on numerous occasions by a competent building maintenance company and have been advised that the problem causing the backup is the collapse of drain pipes and/or blockage from tree roots in the area owned by the city.

Our office has made numerous inquiries to the Parks Bureau requesting assistance to resolve this problem. The response has been that it is not the responsibility of the City of Portland or Parks Bureau. We disagree.

We ask your assistance in directing the Parks Bureau or such other city bureau as may be appropriate to review the drainage system from our property through the city's

INVESTMENT COUNSELOR

The Capital Center
2300 S.W. First Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97201
(503) 241-1200

Commissioner Michael Lindberg
July 6, 1988
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property and assist us in determining the appropriate repair to be made to insure that our property drains properly.

Yours very truly,

CAPITAL CONSULTANTS, INC.



William D. Schaub
Vice President/Counsel

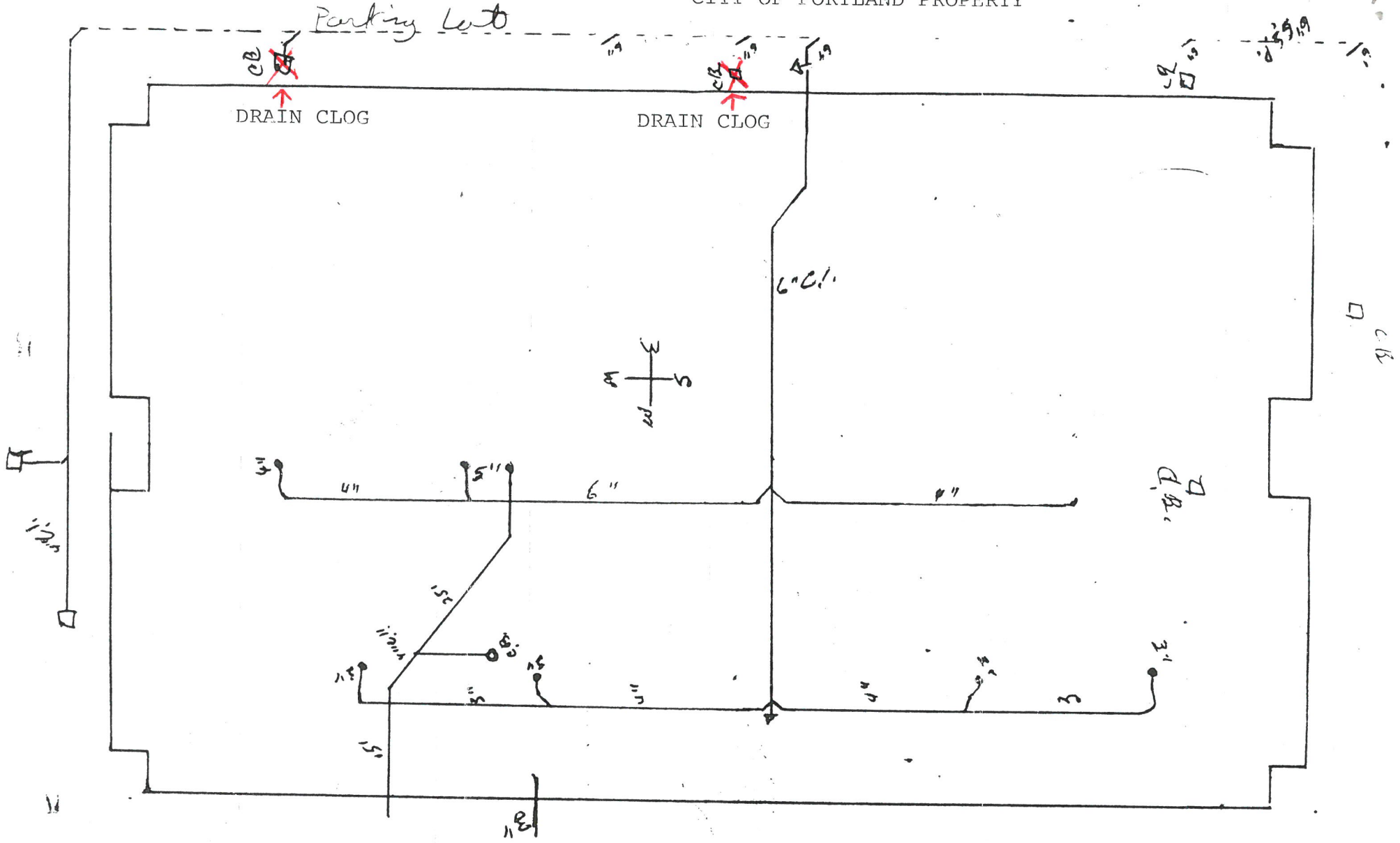
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cc: Jeffrey L. Grayson
Charles J. Swindells

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CITY OF PORTLAND PROPERTY



1. 1ST AVE.

S. W. FIRST AVENUE



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November 28, 1988

Mr. Fred Heiserman
8285 N. Wabash Street
Portland, Oregon 97217

Dear Mr. Heiserman:

Thank you for calling about restroom closure in the parks. As I understand it, your primary concern is whether all restrooms are closed on holidays, especially the ones at Southwest Third and Salmon.

The decision to close restrooms is made site-by-site throughout the Parks system and varies with the season. Some restrooms are open year round. Others are closed for the winter. Restrooms that have been vandalized are temporarily closed until they can be repaired. None are closed just on holidays.

The restrooms at Third and Salmon are open all year. Any closure would be for repairs only. They should be open on holidays.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ron Maynard, Parks Operation Manager, at 796-5102. I appreciate your taking the time to call.

Sincerely,


MIKE LINDBERG
Commissioner
Office of Public Affairs

MDL:jsb

cc: Cleve Williams, Superintendent of Parks
Ron Maynard, Operations Manager

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FOR Art Alexander

DATE _____ TIME _____ A.M.
P.M.

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Fred Heiserman

OF 8285 N. Wabash

PHONE NO. 297217

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WANTS TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	RUSH	<input type="checkbox"/>

RETURNED YOUR CALL

MESSAGE Rest Rooms all closed
on Holidays?

Salmon #3? and others?

SIGNED He will phone you. AJB