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NE 112TH AVE AND MARX ST LID

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Moore-Love, Karla

From:

Aebi, Andrew

Sent:

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 8:54 AM

To:

McKnight, Bonny

Cc:

Fritz, Amanda; Alice Blatt (aliceb@pacifier.com); Moore-Love, Karla; Lilly, Caitlin

Subject:

Re: I have a request

Attachments: NE 112th & Marx LID test 1.25.12.pdf

Thanks for your kind words, Bonny. I understand that you've asked Commissioner Fritz to read this into the record, but I will provide copies for Council.

Warmest regards,

Andrew Aebi

From: Bonny McKnight [mailto:bonnymck@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 8:42 PM

To: Amanda Fritz

Cc: Alice Blatt; Aebi, Andrew **Subject:** I have a request

Hello

One of the items on the Council agenda tomorrow is a LID put together for the area around NE 112th and Marx in the Columbia South Shore area. Andrew Aebi has been working with us to avoid encroachment on the E zone in this area and did something similar in another LID nearby about 18 months ago.

Our group - Columbia Shore Opportunity Group - has really benefited from Andrew's advice and assistance and we are close to bringing out the second phase of our PSU MURP student work to develop a pilot project near the slough in this area demonstrating how industry and the environment can support each other's needs.

The LID on your agenda tomorrow is important as a symbol of how the city and active neighborhood association folks like myself, Linda Bauer, and Alice Blatt can still get new thoughts on the table and hopefully do something positive in a timely, very cost-effective fashion.

Alice had intended to go to Council tomorrow to express our support for Andrew's special effort to do the right thing for the area's infrastructure. She has been unable to walk today due to a problem with one of her legs and will be seeing a doctor tomorrow. She can't attend and I can't attend either but I am hoping we can still get a public message to the rest of the Council and any others who might be paying attention.

I would really appreciate your reading the attached note on my behalf to the Council when the matter is heard.

Thanks, Amanda, for your help.

(I hope you got to hear the President's State of the Union address. Talk about making sense. I was proud once again to have him as my

President.)

Here's the note.

Bonny

AUDITOR 01/25/12 AM 9:11

January 25, 2012

Members of the City Council

I have asked Commissioner Fritz to read this note into today's record since I cannot attend.

I want to publicly express thanks to Andrew Aebi, LID Manager for the City, for the understanding and responsiveness he has used in developing the NE 112th and Marx LID in the south Columbia River shore area of East Portland.

In the late 1970s, before we were administratively annexed into the City of Portland, we had hoped to make this unique regional asset a recreational area in which the environment would provide an economic benefit to our proposed city of Columbia Ridge. We envisioned it as similar to Stanley Park in Vancouver, British Columbia.

When we were annexed this formerly restricted 100 year flood plain was zoned primarily for industrial development. In the past, that has meant an often negative trade off between industry and the environment.

We are wiser now and becoming even more informed that industrial development can thrive in environmental areas and that river banks don't have to become separated or degraded areas in a city. Nor do those tracts of industrial land need to develop in a way that will require corrective investment in the future to remedy avoidable problems.

A group of us in East Portland have formed the Columbia Shore Opportunity Group to act in support of this new set of values. Andrew Aebi was willing to work with us to understand our concerns and respect them. We are pleased that Andrew has done everything possible to build investment in this area without creating loss of the very real economic value the environment will bring to that change.

Please support this Local Improvement District as a step toward a clearer understanding of the mutual value that can come from creative industrial development where environmental protection becomes a positive part of that change.

Bonny McKnight Coordinator Columbia Shore Opportunity Group



25 January 2012

Portland City Council 1221 SW 4th Avenue Portland, OR 97204

re: NE 112th & Marx Local Improvement District

Mayor Adams and Portland City Council:

The Columbia Corridor is home to 2500 businesses, employing 60,000 individuals. It's at the intersection of two intercontinental railroads, two interstate highways, an international airport and a major seaport. Portland is indeed a transportation hub for the west coast of the United States. And the Columbia Corridor is the largest economic corridor in Oregon.

Yet, the state of our transportation infrastructure in the Corridor belies its importance to our economy. The Corridor has a lower percentage of paved streets with curbs than the city average. It has more unpaved streets than the city average. In a freight district, this is not an embarrassment, it's an economic obstacle.

It would be easy to argue for increased transportation funding, but I have to sign the PBOT Budget Advisory Committee letter later today. Instead, we ask you to leverage \$2.8 million of private investment with \$100,000 of city improvements—a 1:30,000 leverage. By approving initiation of the NE 112th & Marx Local Improvement District (LID), you can help us meet the infrastructure needs of a small spot on the map. Plus, once the street has been rebuilt, PBOT will save money by no longer needing to apply temporary patches.

Perhaps more importantly, you'll be supporting a good example of city staff working across bureaus to help businesses fund improvements. The LID program at the Bureau of Transportation works in good faith with property owners to keep costs down, smooth inter-bureau conflicts and get projects completed with minimal investment from the city. It's one of the city's most useful tools and deserves recognition.

Respectfully,

Corky Collier Executive Director

Aebi, Andrew

From: Aebi, Andrew

Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 8:49 AM

To: 'Alice Blatt'; Moore-Love, Karla

Subject: RE: Corrected date - 1/25/12 City Council Hearing - Time Certain 9:30 - Item 73: NE 112th Ave and Marx St LID

Thank you very much, Alice. I will bring copies of this to Council this morning. I wish you a speedy

recovery.

Regards,

Andrew Aebi

From: Alice Blatt [mailto:aliceb@pacifier.com] **Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2012 1:52 AM

To: Moore-Love, Karla **Cc:** Aebi, Andrew

Subject: Corrected date - 1/25/12 City Council Hearing - Time Certain 9:30 - Item 73: NE 112th Ave and

Marx St LID

Members of the City Council

As a long time supporter of Ep zone protection along the Columbia Slough with some understanding of the industrial needs of the area, and a current member of East Portland's Columbia Shore Opportunity Group (Bonny McKnight, Coordinator), I strongly urge approval of PBOT LID Administrator Andrew Aebi's substitute resolution for the NE 112th and Marx LID (withdrawing work from the Ep zone at its north end) and most sincerely appreciate his obvious awareness of the value of balancing assets in the Columbia South Shore.

The Little Four Corners at the north end of 112th is a jewel in the Columbia Slough crown, fed by a multitude of springs, one flowing northeasterly under 112th into Prison Pond (south and east of Inverness Jail) thickly packed with wetland plants, others gushing from the floor of the Southwest fork and easily visible from a canoe through increasingly clear water – all of this enveloped in a grove of magnificent trees and shrubs, housing flocks of melodious birds. This is an irreplaceable asset – absolutely worthy of protection. It incorporates several of the most valuable wetland qualities – wildlife habitat, human recreation, water quality improvement (Portland's backup well system aquifers) – which are at a premium in North and Northeast Portland.

Andrew Aebi administered a similar LID several years ago on NE 109th and Marx (west along the Little 4 Corners SW fork) and demonstrated comparable respect for that Ep zone. We thank him for his obvious capacity to consider all aspects of a situation when addressing infrastructure needs, and willingness to do so. Please approve Mr. Aebi's substitute recommendation for this LID.

Thank you. Alice Blatt 15231 NE Holladay Portland, OR 97230 503-253-6247 Aebi, Andrew 3 6 8 9 9

From: Dean Payne [dpayne5@integra.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 5:35 AM

To: Aebi, Andrew

Subject: Re: 112th Ave LID - 5404 NE 112th Avenue

Thank you on both accounts.

---- Original Message ----From: Aebi, Andrew
To: 'Dean Payne'

Cc: Moore-Love, Karla; Parsons, Susan Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 4:33 PM

Subject: RE: 112th Ave LID - 5404 NE 112th Avenue

Mr. Payne,

I will clarify for the record that you are not the defendant in this aggravated theft case. Thank you for your e-mail and your petition support of this project for your property at 5404 NE 112th Avenue (titled to Cotton Creek LLC). I will provide a copy for the Council members on Wednesday morning in the event that you are unable to attend.

Best regards,

Andrew Aebi

From: Dean Payne [mailto:dpayne5@integra.net]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 4:24 PM

To: Aebi, Andrew **Subject:** 112th Ave LID

Unless my subpoena for a aggravated theft trial is postponed that I have to testify for, I cannot be present for this hearing that is scheduled for the same date. I will not know for sure until the morning of the set trial. If it is postponed then I will be present for the council hearing. I do know you have my signed partition with my approval but also want to relay to you my concerns and what I feel is important for this neighborhood.

I have been the owner of this property since January of 2005 and have worked hard to improve both the property and the neighborhood along with the surrounding properties. I have partitioned the city to close off the street which use to run down to the slough and created a perfect dumping area for everyone. We have managed to stop most of the prostitution which was rampant, by lighting the end of the street thru added lights on a warehouse and trimming back shrubs and trees for the one street light at the end of 112th. I have also called the city for abandon vehicles along my street or 112th and along NE Marx which five years ago was a different vehicle every week. Now with help from Allied Building Materials it is two to three time a year. It has improved just about every facet since I have moved in and I want to see it continue.

By improving the street along 112th this will continue to discourage any misuse of the general area.

Finally, when I bought the property the city told me that the sewer would be extended down 112th in five years to connect to the property. In fact I was given a permit to construct a warehouse with the stipulation that we would have a sewer to connect to as I have no back up area to replace the septic system that we put in as the existing house was draining directly into the slough when I bought the property. The permit was issued with a consensus that a sewer was part of the master plan. This sewer is also needed to address problems across the street which is left dry like myself.

Thank you for your assistance in this project and look forward to completing this.

Dean Payne 503-257-8221 503-784-6264 cell