

Good morning Mr. Mayor and Commissioners;

We, as representatives for the Veterans community would like to thank you for this opportunity to address the Council today regarding the Veterans Memorial Gardens project. I have a short message I would like to read for the record.

We feel it is time for a progress report to be made regarding what is happening at these gardens dedicated to those statewide comrades, friends, and family who failed to return from our country's various wars.

Presently we feel everything possible is being done to properly honor the memories of these men and women at Portland's Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

For the opportunity to jump-start this project, as Veterans Community representatives we wish to thank the folks we are seated in front of. Without this Council's blessing and encouragement this project likely would never have been properly pursued, or if pursued at all who knows how long might it take?

As a final comment, for cultural opportunities and the Veteran community's interests we would like it to be known the Portland Mayor and City Council have accomplished something historically significant by stepping forward and permitting this Monument to be brought back to its former glory.

Once again, we thank you.

Advocates Harley L. Wedel, Tony Stacy, and Chris Hoskinson

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**Jennings, Gayla**

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**From:** Harley Wedel [slsman1952@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 11, 2011 10:07 AM  
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**Subject:** Council Meeting

**Good morning MS Jennings:**

**This request for the opportunity to speak to the City Council the morning of August 17, 2011 comes from;**

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**The primary message I wish to convey is a "Thank You" to the City Council for presenting Veterans with a chance to "jump-start" the entire Veterans Memorial Coliseum refurbishment project.**

**Thank you for holding this speakers space open until receiving my request.**

**Harley L. Wedel**

Request of Harley Wedel to address Council regarding thanks for including the veterans community in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum refurbishing project  
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