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April 18, 2012

I am here to support the SUN Program at Buckman Elementary and the Buckman Pool.

These two resources are essential to many S.E. families like mine. I depend on SUN to provide innovative and stimulating afterschool programs for my two children. I want to stress that SUN is not day care. SUN offers unique, creative and educational programs for elementary school children. My daughters have enjoyed classes in Greek Mythology, journalism, natural science, bookmaking, circus arts, and the study of cultures around the world. I am continually impressed with the sophistication and breath of the SUN offerings for children as young as six. And SUN is FUN. My girls loved making their own zines and learning about slime is the aptly named Grossology class. Diane and her wonderful staff are always available with a compliment, a smile, and a hug creating a warm, safe environment for children to think, act, and dream.

I also want to tell you about the families who participate in SUN. Some of us are low income families who receive scholarships and who depend on SUN so that parents can complete their workday. But SUN is also essential for families like mine. My husband and I are both self-employed and struggling to cover costs in a tough economy. We are not a scholarship family but without SUN our family would have to reduce our hours and income or pay market prices for an afterschool programs which do not offer the innovate curriculum our children enjoy in SUN. SUN is an affordable afterschool program that challenges, and enriches elementary school children. And SUN is fun. Who wouldn't want to walk on stilts, build a volcano, be a mad scientist, play in a Marimba band, and write their own myths? This is the kind of programming that keeps young minds engaged and stimulated and is absolutely essential to the development of elementary school age children.

I would like to add a word about Buckman Pool. My children learned to swim solely because of the Portland Parks and Recreation classes at Buckman Pool. My husband's and my work schedules preclude us from taking our children to swimming lessons after school or on weekends. Thanks to Buckman Pool and Portland, Parks & Rec, I have a Seal and a Polar Bear living in my house. My older daughter picks up my younger daughter from her classroom and together they take swimming lessons at Buckman two afternoons a week all school year long. Two afternoons of swimming, and three days of SUN a week has produced two aquatically competent writers/artists/scientists in my household. Please continue to fund these exceptional resources for my family and many, many others like us.

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Lisa Long [lhl@teleport.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 2:55 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Fwd: Agenda for April 18th

Hi,

Lisa Long here again.

I neglected to include my address.

It is 3205 S.E. Taylor Street, Portland, Oregon 97214.

Thank you.

Lisa Long

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lisa Long <lhl@teleport.com>
Date: March 27, 2012 2:52:47 PM PDT
To: Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov
Subject: **Agenda for April 18th**

Hi,

Lisa Long here.

I would like to request a spot for April 18th to address City Council at 9:30 a.m. to support the SUN programs.

Please let me know if I need to do anything more to appear at City Council.

Best,

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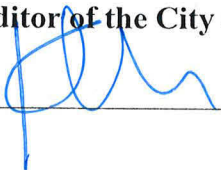
Request of Lisa Long to address Council regarding support for SUN programs
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