

## City of Portland, Oregon Bureau of Development Services Land Use Services

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## **MEMORANDUM**

Date:

July 2, 2012

To:

**Portland Design Commission** 

From:

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Re:

July 12, 2012 Design Advice Request EA 12-139539 DA - Grant Park Village

## Dear Design Commissioners:

Please find exhibits attached for the Design Advice Request for a new residential development on the former Albina Fuels site at NE 33<sup>rd</sup> and Broadway. The applicant seeks design advice for the development of 319 residential units in five towers that sit on a base of below-and partially above-grade parking. Exterior materials are unknown at this time.

Areas staff and the applicants would like feedback on include:

- Large rooftop sign that would require a Modification for its location. Title 32 Sign Code allows 200 SF facing a freeway but staff is not supportive of that size or the above-the-roof location as the sign would have negative impacts on the night skyline;
- Additional height modification request for the corner of the building facing NE 33<sup>rd</sup> & Broadway;
- Location and layout of the interior garden spaces and trail connection locations;
- Use of the surrounding streets should they be private or public; and
- Overall building composition and mix of materials.

In this case, the design review criteria are the Community Design Guidelines.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.