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Hi, Susan:

The following is my modified "communication" for next week! Thank you for your help in understanding this process, and I look forward to meeting you in person. I am also attaching it as a word document, in case that is easier for you to process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call. My phone is 503-222-5455. Dr. Catherine Thompson will be submitting her "communication" separately to you. I'm thinking my brief talk about Forest Park goes better as a lead in to hers, as mine is a general overview, and hers will be more specific to a specific problem facing the park.

See you soon and thanks again. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the commissioners might sit up and take notice how rarel this place really is and hope to keep it that way! Really, it is one of a kind.

Best wishes,

Marcy

FOREST PARK: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

A 3-MINUTE PRIMER WHY IT IS UNIQUE

Portland's Forest Park is a special place. It was conceived 110 years ago by the Olmsted Brothers to be a passive, wilderness park, with the goal of sustaining and protecting its beautiful natural resources as its highest priority. This vision has been carried forward by generations of dedicated civic leaders and citizens – culminating in the “Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan”, which was made land use law in 1995. Today, because of this careful and remarkable stewardship, Forest Park is unique among all city parks in the nation and, in some cases, in the world.

Three things, identified by scientists, make Forest Park stand head and shoulders above all other urban parks in the United States. These will be briefly discussed, for they are critical to understand – especially in the face of current challenges -- if we are to keep Portland's crown jewel intact for future generations.

Forest Park has been entrusted to us by those who've gone before. It is now our turn to renew our commitment to the park's outstanding qualities, and to upholding the vision of a world-class, urban wilderness -- the first and only in the United States.

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Request of Marcy Houle to address Council regarding Forest Park
(Communication)

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