




## PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

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Date: October 31, 2013

To: City Council

From: Mike Abbaté, Director Portland Parks & Recreation 

Cc: Patti Howard

RE: Outdoor Maritime Display Presentation  
November 6, 2013

The Outdoor Maritime Display concept is a community-generated proposal for the South Waterfront Greenway, south of the Marquam Bridge. It is intended to celebrate and honor Portland's maritime activities both past and present. The concept calls for the installation of historic maritime artifacts along the bicycle and pedestrian trails of the Greenway, when they are developed.

This concept proposal is led by a group of community volunteers including Dr. Roger Gertenrich, Jim Stroup, Dr. Ed Thompson, Frank Ansari and Don Hill. These community members have assembled a large base of support for the concept. The presentation to Council is informational, to allow the proponents to share their ideas with Council and the wider community.

### Background

The South Waterfront Neighborhood is located immediately south of downtown Portland. The neighborhood is bound by the Marquam Bridge at the north, Interstate 5 to the west, the Willamette River to the east and the River Forum building at the south. Plans for the neighborhood call for a 100-foot wide Greenway that will extend 1.2 miles along the Willamette River. The Greenway is divided into three

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main sections:

North Reach –Marquam Bridge to the Zidell Marine slipway

Central Reach –Gibbs Street to SW Lane Street

South Reach –SW Lane to Johns Landing

In 2004, City Council adopted the Greenway Development Plan which outlined a vision that integrates a dual pathway system for bicyclists and pedestrians, salmon habitat restoration, recreation, and stormwater improvements (Resolution No. 36273).

In 2007, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) initiated a formal design process for the Central Reach portion of the Greenway, commonly referred to as the Central District. This fall, PP&R will finish Phase I of the Central Reach improvements, completing construction of 25,000 square feet of shallow water habitat for fish (a rocky beach), a system of retaining walls planted with native vegetation to create habitat that is also beneficial to fish, a river access ramp connecting the upland to the water, and restoration of the original lawns and pathway that are located at the top of the bank. Phase II of the Central Reach improvements is currently unfunded. It will include the dual pathway system for bicyclists and pedestrians, and a series of overlooks.

Funding for improvement of the North Reach and South Reach of the Greenway is also unfunded. PP&R does not currently own or have funding for the North Reach area that is proposed for the Outdoor Maritime Display.

## Outdoor Maritime Display (Presentation introduced by Commissioner Fritz)

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