

Hello, my name is Carol McCarthy and I am here today to urge you to stop the sale of the Freeman Water Tank property in Multnomah Village. I would like to show you a short video so you can see its appeal for yourselves and hear why the neighbors think that this public land should remain public.

It's a very beautiful place.

The Freeman Water Tank property abuts open space that was added to Woods Memorial Park in 2000. The open space is shown in green in the first map of my handout. It was purchased jointly by Metro and Parks for of its high ecological value. The Freeman Water Tank property has the same ecological value and it is a natural extension to current open space.

The Freeman Water Tank property is highly valued by three neighborhood associations and other community groups. The second map in the handout shows that since the property borders the #7 Trail, it is the last remaining link to connect the Ashcreek neighborhood via Woods Park to the businesses in Multnomah Village. This plan is consistent with *Parks 2020 Vision* for neighborhood connectivity. As the densities in our neighborhoods increase, so does the value of public greenspace in promoting the livability that makes Portland such an attractive place to live, work, and play.

It appears this property was originally purchased by the taxpayers, not by the ratepayers, and by our estimates, it could have offered to the other bureaus at book value of under \$20. This property never should have been listed in the ordinance.

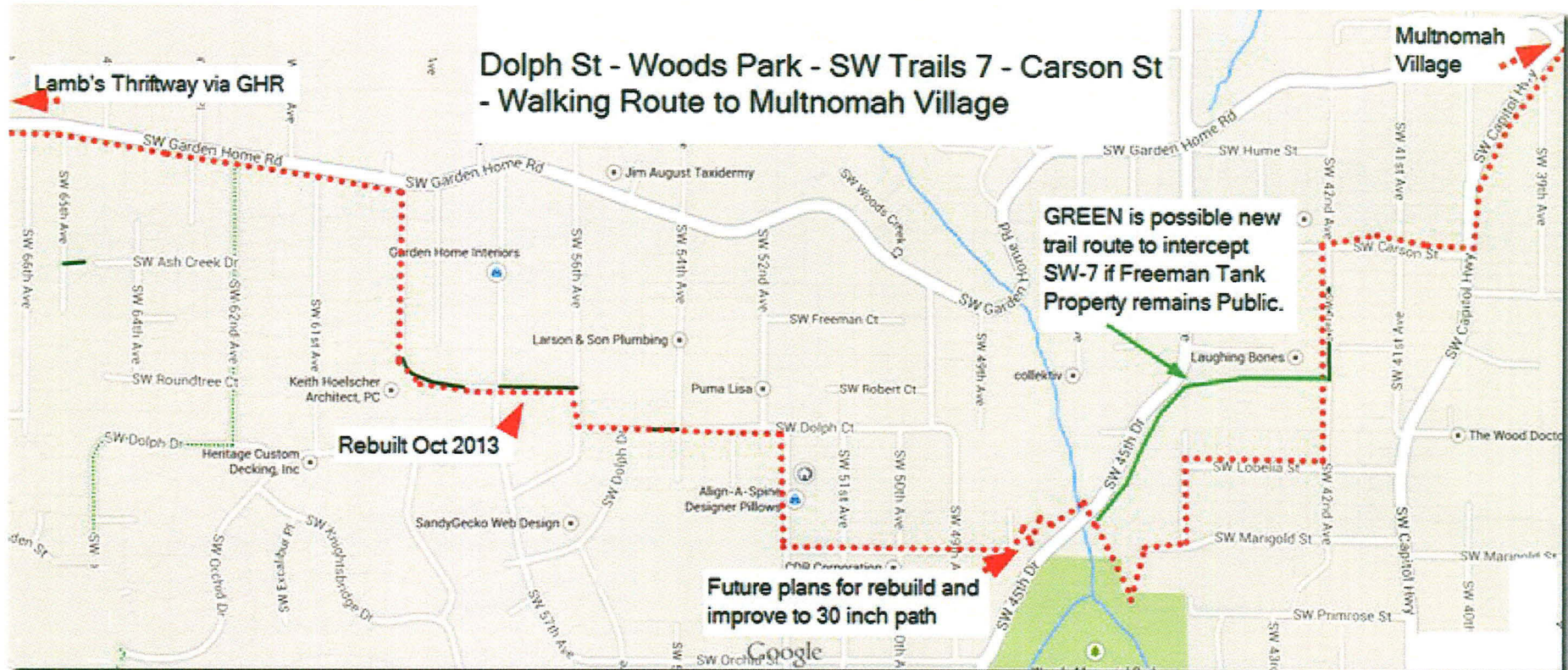
The ordinance instructed the Water Bureau to sell the property on the open market for best price, terms and conditions in accordance with City code. An analysis of comparable sales shows that sales price was substantially below market value. The Cragislist ad did not meet the notification requirements for selling property on the open market. This sales transaction was not in the rate payers' best interest.

The property has been held for only \$1k escrow for over a year at time when property values are rising. This does not constitutes best terms and conditions.

The neighborhood associations were not notified as required by City code, so the sales agreement was not entered into in accordance with City code.

If the ordinance qualifies as the Oregon Statute 221.727 alternative procedure for selling municipal real property, then these tank properties constitute a class and must be sold under a single procedure. The Commissioner in charge of the Water Bureau has acknowledged there were problems with this procedure, so changes that improve public involvement must be extended to the Freeman Water Tank property as well. I urge you to stop this sale and consult the Multnomah, Crestwood and Ashcreek Neighborhood Associations, as well as the Friends of Woods Park, to plan for its future consistent with its value as habitat, open space, and its role in promoting connectivity and livability.

Thank you!



Parsons, Susan

Nov 20

From: Carol [carolmcc@amerimailbox.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 9:43 PM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: Re: City Council Communications request deadline 8am Oct 9
Hi,

Here is my information for the form, "Portland City Council, Communication Request" for Wednesday Council Meeting, 9:30 AM:

Today's Date: Oct. 8, 2013
Name: Carol McCarthy
Address: 4311 SW Freeman St., Portland, OR 97219
Telephone: (503) 245-3533
Email: carolmcc@amerimailbox.com
Reason for the request: To urge the City to cancel the sale of the Freeman Water Tower.
Signed: Carol McCarthy

Thank you very much,
Carol McCarthy

On 10/8/2013 2:00 PM, Parsons, Susan wrote:

Thanks for your quick response. Yes, just send the information in an email.

Susan Parsons
Assistant Council Clerk
City of Portland
susan.parsons@portlandoregon.gov
503.823.4085

From: Carol [<mailto:carolmcc@amerimailbox.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 12:49 PM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: Re: City Council Communications request deadline 8am Oct 9

Hi,

I don't have a scanner. Could I answer the form questions via email but not on your exact form?

Thank you for reminding me.
Carol

On 10/8/2013 12:10 PM, Parsons, Susan wrote:

Carol,
You spoke to Pam in our office on 10/1 about speaking at the November 20th Council 9:30 am meeting. To confirm your spot on the Agenda, we need to have your request

10/9/2013

in writing (email is fine). Please include the subject of your Communication.

Deadline for us to hear from you is 8am tomorrow, Oct 9th.

Thank you.

Susan Parsons
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Request of Carol McCarthy to address Council regarding cancel the sale of the
Freeman Water Tower (Communication)

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