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We spoke last week at the Multnomah Neighborhood Comp Plan Forum. As you know, the Multnomah neighborhood has spoken clearly and repeatedly through the Multnomah Neighborhood Association (MNA) and the SWNI coalition about its desire to be designated as a Neighborhood Corridor and not as a Neighborhood Center.

MNA and SWNI are the proper, established, and legal channels by which our neighborhood communicates its concerns and desires to the city. Anecdotal conversations that individual BPS employees may have had with unspecified individuals certainly must not trump the desires and requests as expressed by these proper channels.

Both you Barry, and also your BPS colleague Joan Frederiksen, have told the MNA on several occasions that Multnomah neighborhood will fair essentially the same no matter which of these two designations is chosen. If this is true, then why not honor the clear wish of Multnomah neighborhood and recommend the corridor designation? This is a win-win since the wishes of the neighborhood are honoured, citizen participation is clearly respected, and the city gets all that it wants!

If you were sincere in your offer last week to help us change the recommendation from BPS to the PSC regarding our desired designation as a corridor, please let me know how best to proceed.

Sincerely,  
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