

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Greg Schifsky <slocomotive9@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 1:59 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Re: testimony at Council meeting Wed. July 8th

Susan and Karla,

The following is my testimony to City Councilors and Mayor Hales, please pass this along to them all:

A history: Before the beginning of WW II England's Jim Mitchell knew of the pending threats and doom, especially after reading the "Headlines" of German bombers destroying a town in Spain (for the Franco regime). A counter to those threats was born out of necessity, thus he was commissioned to design a British aeroplane to counter the threats and that plane, the Spitfire, won the Battle of Britain. The engine used which proved superior, was the Merlin, later used in America's P-51.

Because of the fast disappearing of Portland's tree skyline or canopy, it took a group of locals that recognized the need to save our significant trees, thus with the help of many city people and BDS, Title - 11 was implemented in January, 2015.

With air and water quality now at risk, globally, Portland's best chances to forestall the negative effects of climate change is our ability to put the interests of our trees ahead of development. Or, should City yield to the movement to 'in-fill' every available space?... honoring our commitment to our trees who really befriend us, or allow them to disappear?

Title-11 is in it's infancy, needs improving, but adhering to protections afforded to trees makes sense for the health and welfare of Portland's citizens. Trees cool, reduce the demand for air-conditioning and use of fossil fuels, and save kilowatts by providing shade, coolness, water retention. Not to mention trees are our best air cleaners.

"If a man walks in the woods for love of them
 Half of each day, he is in danger of
 being regarded as a loafer. But if he
 spends his days as a speculator, shearing off those
 woods and making the earth bald
 before her time, he is deemed an
 industrious and enterprising citizen"
 Henry David Thoreau

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On Mon, Jul 6, 2015 at 11:38 AM, Greg Schifsky <slocomotive9@gmail.com> wrote:
 Susan,

Thanks for the reply. The 5th of August is ok with my schedule. I've a short tree discussion to tell in front of Council.
 What time is best to show up and sign in?

Greg

On Mon, Jul 6, 2015 at 11:31 AM, Moore-Love, Karla <Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Hello Greg,

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately, our five Communications spots are full this week.

The next openings are August 5th and 12th (Mayor Hales and Commissioner Fritz will be absent on those dates.) After that, the open spots are on September 2nd, 9th or 16th. Note the deadline to sign up is Thursday at 5pm prior to the Council meeting. The spots usually fill up quickly, so it is good if we can receive your request early.

Please let me know if any of those dates would work for you. Or, if you would like to submit your testimony in writing in an email, I can forward it to the Commissioners promptly.

Susan (on behalf of Karla)

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From: Greg Schifsky [mailto:slocomotive9@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 6:49 AM

To: Moore-Love, Karla

Subject: testimony at Council meeting Wed. July 8th

Karla,

Please add me to the list of testifiers for Wed. July 8th, 2015. I've a short testimony concerning Portland's trees and the new Title 11

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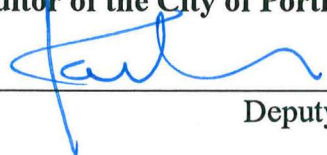
Request of Greg Schifsky to address Council regarding Portland's trees and the new Title 11 (Communication)

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2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
4. Novick		
Hales		