

April 6, 2016

Mayor Hales, Commissioners:

I'm Jeff Cole, I live in Sunnyside and I'm a board member of Southeast Uplift where we are taking on a renewed initiative to secure our long promised Community Center on the old Washington-Monroe High School site at Southeast Fourteenth and Alder.

And this is really important to me - to us - that we nurture our legacy as a progressive city. That the real measure of our success is not population growth or gastronomic wonders. Rather it is the layering of our civic assets that reflects a continued deepening of our heritage - whether it be our Gardens - Rose, Japanese, Chinese, Leach, Rhododendron, our Museums of Art, Science, Industry, or our parks that range from deep forests to skateboards.

Certainly the Modern Community Center - encompassing recreation, the arts, the gathering of citizens is central to our legacy - central to our progressive mission.

And it can be done. Vancouver, British Columbia with a Portland sized population of 600,000 has twenty-four Community Centers while we have fifteen.

Parks Director Mike Abbaté, in his January 7th response to our SE Uplift letter, indicated he would be delighted to consider a public/private partnership to support the endeavor of building this community center. Mr. Abbaté encouraged us at Southeast Uplift to cultivate these private partnerships.

And we will endeavor so. Today I am asking Council to pursue sooner than later purchase of the final 1.31 acres of property from Portland Public Schools so this land - this land that has been publicly held for decades - will continue to be so and in turn be added to the 4.5 acres Portland Parks already owns at this location. This additional acreage is a critical element to a program that includes newly built facilities while also creating the exterior parklike ambience that open space enables. We've reviewed Ordinance 185561 that references this property - yet we have yet to see the IGA - or any other contractual agreements regarding this public property and interested parties.

As we grow and densify, our public venues become more important for they are an essential element of a civic and civil urban life. We thank you for your support as we further develop the civic assets that make Portland truly great.

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Subject: Re: Council speaking request for April 6, 2016

Ms. Moore-Love:

I would like the opportunity to follow my neighbor(s) on April6, 2016, to discuss the Washington High School Community Center.

Thank you,

Jeff Cole

On Mon, Mar 14, 2016 at 9:29 AM, Robert McCullough <robert@mresearch.com> wrote:

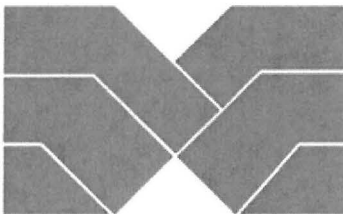
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Request of Jeff Cole to address Council regarding Washington High School
Community Center (Communication)

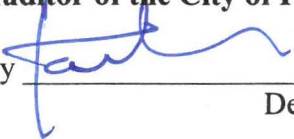
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