

May 15, 2019, City Council Hearing

Go Blazers!

Portland wants to be a Winner. Portlanders want to be a part of a progressive City that blazes a trail to fight Climate Change. People move here from other parts of the US for the great outdoors, weather, historic downtown, bikes, transit, pedestrian orientation and environmental goals.

The Trailblazers, Timbers, Thorns, Diamond Baseball and the citizens of Portland are ready to make an impact and help us become a first-tier City, but we lack the proper planning process to do so. Citizens have the desire to discuss big ideas and plan in small groups if given the chance by leaders.

Just five months ago the City adopted the massive Comprehensive Plan. It sets a general plan for growth, but will need constant refinement. When there is a need to refine a part of the plan, residents and business people need to be involved as a task force, project team or community involvement committees to address and direct major transportation and development projects. Hearings and open houses for new a bridge, greenways, freeway widening and Rose Quarter projects is not community involvement.

Examples are many: The proposed Sullivan's Bridge over I-84 had only two open houses. A Community Involvement Committee was never formed, so a viable connection to the future Sullivan's Gulch Trail was never planned. Without a CIC, it took a lot of pressure from the Soul District Business Association to get PBOT to listen to the black community before PBOT made the right decision to make NE 9th Avenue the least destructive community greenway. The Green Loop is marching along by City Department heads without neighborhood and business association support. Nor does it have a CIC. ODOT's I-5/RQ Lane Widening Project has an Environmental Assessment that only fools would accept. It needs an Environmental Impact Statement Study and a CIC to review the results. I appreciate that Commissioners Eudaly and Hardesty are in support of this smarter planning approach to this half billion dollar disaster in the "hood."

Lastly, and most importantly, we need to expand the Albina Vision Group with with Rose Quarter area stakeholders who will study the district between MLK Jr. Blvd. and the Willamette River and I-84 to Russell Avenue. This expanded group and the City need not be shy about including in its plans a new Rose Quarter Transportation Hub with a Cascadia High Speed Rail Station, North Willamette Greenway and Rose Quarter to Gorge Trail corridors.

Teamwork makes for a winning Trailblazer team, just as Portland can be a winning city in its inclusive planning efforts only if the City passes the ball to its citizens to play as equals on the team..

Brad Perkins, Citizen Activist

**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION REQUEST
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM**

Council Meeting Date: May 15, 19

Today's Date April 4, 2019

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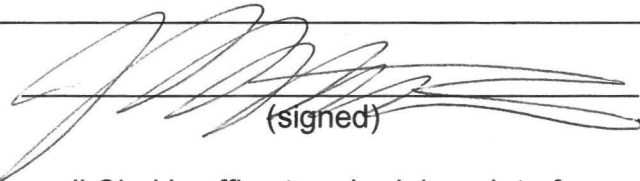
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Reason for the request:

Sullivan's/Rose Quarter to Gorge Trail

Rose Quarter/Trailblazers/Escorted ~~HR~~

Cascadia High Speed Rail


(signed)

- Give your request in writing to the Council Clerk's office to schedule a date for your Communication. Use this form or email the information to the Council Clerk at the email address below.
- You will be placed on the Wednesday official Council Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Requesters are limited to one scheduled communication per calendar month. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting. Communications allow the Council to hear issues that interest our citizens, but do not allow an opportunity for dialogue.

Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.

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Request of Brad Perkins to address Council regarding Sullivans, Rose Quarter to gorge trail, Rose Quarter, Trailblazers, Cascadia high speed rail (Communication)

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2. Fish		
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