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Please, please do not destroy our historic, contemplative South Park Blocks. I oppose this current proposal.

These blocks are not intended for all the proposed active uses and changes, including biking lanes and removing the mature elm trees. The activity would drastically alter the peaceful experience one gets from walking within these quiet, shady blocks. What about the many residents in apartments and condos lining either side of the blocks who were attracted to the area because of the nature of the parks strip? And what about the Portland State University students who study in the blocks because they often are conducive to quiet study and reflection?

I'm 73 and a lifelong Portland resident and have loved the blocks from childhood. They provide a unique urban respite and possibly spiritual walking experience. The children's playground at one end and the temporary farmer's markets two days a week make sense as amenities and should not be used as some kind of evidence for a need for more permanent active uses to be established here.

Please, let's maintain this downtown oasis and let each tree live out its lifespan.

Sincerely,
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