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Dear Mayor and City Leaders!!

Why has Parks sat on the SPBMP for almost a year and now without any opportunity for REAL public input they are rushing this plan through the city council. What is Parks afraid of...why no public input from downtown residents??? Is it because South Park Blocks Master Plan is driven by developer money and Parks with no regard to the purpose of the park, the preservation of the much-loved Elm trees, and the historical purpose of the park to provide green space and trees in the middle of the hardscape of downtown PDX. The flowery language in the SPBMP is disingenuous and FAKE. Time for real public hearings!!!!!!!

Our city has MANY needs—WHY NOT spend the **46 Million tax payers dollars on real park equity in PDX neighborhoods** that desperately need green space, play ground equipment, and picnic areas. For example, Commissioner Hardesty says frequently that there is no park in the area of PDX where she lives. Invest the 46 Million Dollars for a park in a area where it is desperately needed. This is NO time to spend money in the SPB. What the SPB really needs is an ongoing budget for preserving tree health and maintenance.

The photos provide a graphic illustration of what will actually happen to the SPB if the Green Loop is implemented. This is an abomination of our much loved SPB.

Stop the SPBMP. Allocate and spend our scarce city resources wisely—Please!

Time to listen city leaders to your constituents!!!

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