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I ask that this statement be placed on record regarding the proposed Master Plan for the Park Blocks:

I just found out that a "Master Plan" for the Park Blocks is in the offing. I was surprised to find out that the plan would remove many of the existing trees and create a great deal of additional hard space.

Portland, over the years has lost much of its green and open spaces to development and the Park Blocks represent a last bastion of open greenery for the residents downtown. Any "development" of those blocks would be an attempt to fix something that isn't broken. Certainly maintenance of the blocks is needed ongoing and hope that the plan will turn into that rather than a development plan that will see the loss of trees and the addition of hard space.

I ask that you vote "NO" on this drastic plan and hold further hearings to develop a plan to maintain the current spaces.

Thank you

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