

Marcy Houle [newmoonfarms@gmail.com]

Hi, Susan:

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Thank you for your help and your flexibility! Yes, I will confirm that I will be there, with Catherine, on November 20th, to formally present our Forest Park petition to the City Council.

From: Catherine Thompson [mailto:thomsoca@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 1:48 PM

To: Parsons, Susan

Cc: Marcy Houle

Subject: Re: Restore the Health and Safety of Forest Park

since Marcy cannot make it in October and we have been working together on this for so long, I'd like to postpone until the date in November. Thank you Sue for your patience and flexibility.
Catherine Thompson

Hello Sue,

Marcy Houle and I would like to formally present our petition to City Council. We, along with hundreds of other petitioners, are asking City Council to direct the Parks Department to follow the Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan and to protect pedestrians in Forest Park from the hazardous activity of illegal cycling on pedestrian only trails.

our petition states:

Forest Park has been identified as a unique urban wilderness environment protected by land use law, as stated in the Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan. For the past 70 years Forest Park has been carefully managed with preservation and restoration of native resources as the highest priority. As a result, today Forest Park has more native species than any other city park in the nation. Scientists have determined that Forest Park has more interior forest habitat than any other city park in the world. However, nationwide this habitat and many of the species it supports are threatened. The Management Plan plan calls for passive use that does not degrade the natural resources and requires that trail management support safe use by all user groups.

WE PETITION Mayor Hales, City Commissioners Fish, Novick, Fritz and Saltzman and Director of Portland Parks Abbate

-TO UPHOLD THE GOALS OF FOREST PARK NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 92% OF PARK USERS ARE PEDESTRIANS. BICYCLES ARE ILLEGALLY TAKING OVER PEDESTRIAN-ONLY TRAILS IN FOREST PARK, CAUSING SAFETY HAZARDS AND DAMAGING TRAILS. PORTLAND PARKS AND RECREATION RESOURCES MUST BE PRIORITIZED TO ADDRESS THIS THREAT TO USER SAFETY. LAWS GOVERNING BICYCLES IN FOREST PARK MUST BE ENFORCED. NO NEW TRAILS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED UNTIL EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT IS IN PLACE. ACTIVITIES THAT THREATEN USER SAFETY OR HARM THE HEALTH OF THE PARK MUST BE PROHIBITED.

We look forward to presenting the signed petition to City Council on October 30th.

Sincerely,

Catherine Thompson

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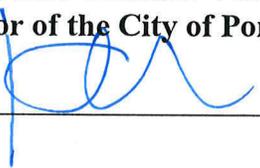
Request of Marcy Houle to address Council regarding petition to uphold the goals of Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan (Communication)

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