

NEWS BRIEFS

Candidate Amanda Fritz qualifies for \$144,815 in public funds

According to Andrew Carlstrom, the City of Portland's elections officer, on January 18 the Auditor certified Amanda Fritz as a Campaign Finance Fund candidate for the May 20, 2008 Primary Election.

Fritz, candidate for Commissioner No. 1, achieved 1,037 verified qualifying contributions from Portland registered voters during the qualifying period. In addition, Fritz has filed for office by perfected nominating petition. The Auditor has determined that Fritz has complied with all applicable provisions of City Code Chapter 2.10.

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Amanda Fritz (courtesy photo)

Finance Fund revenues during the primary election period. Candidates for Commissioner are limited to spending no more than \$150,000 during the primary election period except for in-
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Shriner and Prometheus building projects undergo design review

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

Two major southwest development projects underwent design review by the Portland Design Commission last month. In each case, the commission expressed encouragement, but sent the projects back for additional work.

The Shriners Hospital for Children is seeking to add a three story, 7,600 square foot addition to its existing 66,000 square foot structure on Southwest Sam Jackson Parkway.

The institution would eventually like to add three more stories, architect Kent Duffy said, but it does not have the financing for this and has no timeline for the proposed second addition.

This left the commission in a quandary, with some members saying they would favor different architectural approaches based on whether the second addition was imminent. "This will have to stand on its own," commission member Mike McCulloch said.

Commission members said the project had improved since a previous hearing, but still needed more work. One member, Jeff Stuhr, said that the connection between the old and new portions of the building looked like "a mistake." Another hearing was set for February 7.

The commission also reviewed a 25-story, 211-unit condominium project in the South Waterfront. It is part of a six-acre development by the Prometheus Corporation on the south end of the district, and is bounded by Southwest River Parkway, Bond Avenue, Lane and Lowell Streets.

The building has floor plates of 13,000 square feet each, and in comparison to some of the "point towers" under construction in the district it struck planner Kristen Minor as "chunky and squat."

It also has access to its 211-space underground garage via Southwest Lane Street, which is a "universal street" where pedestrians share the road with cars without benefit of sidewalks. This alarmed some members.

There were some dissenters. Commission member Tim Eddy said it would be good to see more variety in the district's architecture. "We seem to be creating a row of the same size, same height dominoes," he said. He urged the Prometheus team to provide variety in their projects.

Both commission chair Lloyd Lindley and member Jeff Stuhr said that European and Asian countries have shared pedestrian-auto streets that work well. The commission did have more of a consensus on two other issues – the project's blue-tinted glass walls and its connection to the Willamette Greenway.

Stuhr said that other large towers using tinted glass "seem so opaque and dark" when built. He said the commission would need to see the proposed materials. Member Paul Schlesinger agreed, although he said he welcomed a change from the clear and green glass used in other projects.

Commission member Andrew Jansky said that the project "seems to be turning its back on the river," and feared that it would make a future Greenway trail seem like "an exclusive place" where the public isn't welcome. The project will be reviewed again on March 20.

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