

Multnomah neighbors prepare for housing project at Sears Armory site

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The Multnomah Neighborhood Association is looking for a few good people. The July 9 City Council vote in favor of affordable housing for the Sears Armory site means it's time to organize a citizen's advisory committee, said chair Randy Bonella. These 10-15 people will insure neighborhood interests are represented during site design. "They need to have a long horizon," Bonella added, noting this will be a three-or-four-year project.

The group will work with Community Partners for Affordable Housing

(CPAH) on issues like parking, traffic, pedestrian safety, and the distance between buildings and the property line. Bonella hopes the advisory council will bring community suggestions to CPAH and regularly report issues and progress at neighborhood association meetings.

Since the Department of Defense (DOD) decided to decommission the Sgt. Jerome Sears United States Army Reserve Center at 2730 S.W. Multnomah Blvd., several possibilities for the property were suggested. While the Multnomah neighborhood's first choice was an emergency response center, the Portland City Council decided on

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Volunteers needed for police bureau's citizen academy

The Portland Police Bureau is seeking citizens interested in attending the 2008 Citizen Police Academy scheduled to begin on September 30, 2008.

Upon completion, participants will have a better understanding of the Police Bureau and the role of law enforcement in the community. This academy provides both the instructors and participants with a valuable opportunity to interact and discuss wide variety of issues affecting community relations.

The curriculum includes firearms training, patrol vehicle operations, scenario-based training, and police technology. Participants will also attend classes to learn more about policies and procedures, the internal affairs pro-

cess, criminal investigations, drug/vice investigations and criminal law.

Other classes include presentations from specialty units such as the Special Emergency Reaction Team and the Explosive Disposal Unit.

Interested participants should have a history of community involvement and either work or live in the City of Portland. Eligible participants must also complete and pass a criminal background check.

The Academy will begin September 30, 2008, and conclude December 16, 2008. The academy includes ten week-day classes (Tuesday evenings) and one or two weekend classes (Saturday) for a total of 38 hours.

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Randy Bonella and Susan Herrera at the Multnomah neighborhood meeting, August 12. (Post photo by Polina Olsen)

Stephens Creek enhancement project closes Greenway Trail

Construction began August 8 on a City of Portland project to restore salmon habitat at the confluence of Stephens Creek and the Willamette River in southwest Portland. The construction has closed access to the Willamette Greenway Trail between the Macadam Bay Moorage and Butterfly Park until mid-November.

Bicyclists and pedestrians who use the trail are being directed to the east sidewalk of Southwest Macadam Avenue. Commuting trail users are encouraged to use the Springwater Corridor Trail on the east bank of the Willamette as an alternative route.

According to Linc Mann, spokesman for the Bureau of Environmental Services, the project will remove a decommissioned sewer pipe, return the Stephens Creek stream channel to its natural form, restore native vegetation, and install large wood to improve refuge habitat for endangered salmon. The work is expected to be complete sometime in November.

The Portland Parks & Recreation City Nature division owns the 3.5-acre project site, which is part of a 35-acre complex of publicly-owned natural area parks known as the South Portland

Riverbank.

The project is funded by the Bureau of Environmental Services, Port of Portland, the Nature Conservancy through Portland General Electric, and the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership through the Bonneville Power Administration. More project information is available at www.portlandonline.com/bes.

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All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

The Constitution of the United States was drawn up by a convention of 55 members, representing 12 of the 13 states. It met in the city of Philadelphia and was presided over by George Washington. The convention was called to meet May 14, 1787 but a quorum was not secured until May 25th. Its work was completed September 17th.

Congress at its first session adopted, on September 25, 1789, ten amendments to the Constitution, popularly known as the Bill of Rights. They were ratified in 1791. The eleventh amendment, construing the judicial power of the U.S. was ratified in 1798. The twelfth amendment setting forth in detail the method for electing the president and vice-president, became effective in 1804.

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