

Community Life

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National Trust is holding a series of meetings throughout Portland to collect information from residents who are interested in or concern about historic preservation. The Southwest meeting will be held Tuesday, November 18 at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. For more information call (503) 231-7264 or visit www.visitahc.org.

20 Eavesdropping on Life: An Evening of Storytelling with Syd Lieberman Syd shares his hilarious and touching take on growing up in Chicago, Thursday, November 20 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Recommended for adults. Admission is \$10, tickets available at Capitol Hill, Hillsdale libraries, Annie Blooms Books in Multnomah Village. For more information visit www.multcolib.or/events/tales.

Hillsdale Town Center

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people to park where they don't belong," she said.

There was consensus that parking in general was an issue. Paloma Clothing owner Mike Roach said that the Farmer's Market might work better if parking was available closer. "I think some people say, 'I haven't bought everything I want, but I can't carry any more to the car,'" he said.

Sheehan said the district may be the victim on work days of commuters who park all day while traveling to and from downtown by bus. Others suggested installing a permit parking system. Pro-time parking was another suggested approach in which curb lanes are used for travel during peak hours, for parking at other times. Seifert questioned whether this concept's parking prohibitions could be enforced. "I think you'd have to have a tow truck standing by to make it work," he said.

The area also has problems with pe-

destrian access, especially on Southwest Capitol Highway. One resident said, "I live on Vermont, and I find Hillsdale a great place to learn, shop and eat, but it's not friendly to people who walk. Sometimes I say, 'I'll just stop at Seasons and Reasons and call it a day.'" Baack said that funding for improvements, with a local match, may be available shortly.

Several people asked what the Portland School District's plans for Rieke School were. School Board member Ruth Adkins, who attended the meeting, replied, "We're committed to rehabbing or replacing all of our existing buildings; we just haven't decided on the timing."

Adkins suggested using the Safer Routes to School program to address pedestrian access issues, and said the district would provide more bicycle parking facilities to any school that requested them.

Sheehan said that there were not and never had been plans for high rise

development in Hillsdale. However, Rawlowski did call for residential development slightly higher than what now exists as a way to provide more affordable housing. "Some of the people who make this place successful can't afford to live here," he said. Adding another floor would accomplish a lot."

Sheehan added, "People who want to own their own home but don't want a large yard don't have many options in Hillsdale. You need more housing for families, but also more chances for people to age in place."

Seifert called for the under-grounding of utilities when the opportunity arose. He also suggested encouraging towers with future development to give the area a sense of identity. "In Europe, hill towns have towers, and that's what Hillsdale is," he said.

Rawlowski commented that the spirit of the town center is reflected in current development. "We would want to strengthen that and not lose it when the new things are put in place," he said.

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