

Architects discusses master planning process for former Sears Armory

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Paul Falsetto, a representative of the architecture firm of Carlton/Hart, discussed the master planning process for the former Sears Armory site (Southwest Multnomah Boulevard near 25th Avenue) at the November meeting of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association.

The Sears Armory was recently handed over from the U.S. Department of Defense to the Portland Office of Emergency Management.

Falsetto said plans include an emergency command center, fueling station, maintenance and repair facility, de-icing equipment and supplies, NET training and storage, warming shelter. Emergency supplies such as water and food could also be stockpiled.

City bureaus are weighing in on a variety of uses for the site including supplies for the POEM, water bureau, maintenance bureau, transportation bureau, fire bureau, police bureau, etc.

Bryan Ackler raised a concern about raised a concern about "piles of gravel" being seen from Multnomah Boulevard. Falsetto said this was noted and that the architects understood that this was the gateway to Multnomah Village. Mitigation could include trees and other landscaping to protect the "viewscape."

Randy Bonella noted that American Red Cross and other emergency organizations could use the main building for classes and meetings.

Someone asked if a community garden was something that the neighborhood was interested in on the site. A pocket park was another suggestion. A creative play area (with building materials) was another suggestion. A playground was another idea.

A streetscape named Multnomah Village

At the same MNA meeting, Stephen Sykes of the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services gave an update on the Multnomah Village Streetscape (and Stormwater) Project. Plan is construction for 90 days between March and May. Lower lot of Multnomah Center will be paved and planted after the Multnomah Village project is completed.

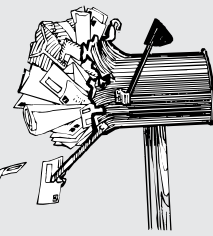
Parking will be diagonally along the north side of Capitol Hwy. Deciduous trees will be planted with dual benches underneath each tree. Concern about sap dripping onto parked cars was raised.

Tree roots cracking sidewalks was also raised. Standard sidewalk paving will be utilized. Businesses will be open during construction and parking along one side or the other will also be available.

Parking will be redirected to the lower lot of the Multnomah Center during construction. While the plan is 90 percent complete, there were suggestions for a Benson bubbler drinking fountain and horse rings along the curbs if possible.

Editor's Note: See Erik Vidstrand's news story on Page 1.

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Reporter got his facts wrong in story about NCM

Thanks for Lee Perlman's article on the grand opening of NCM's new Helfgott Research Institute and Community Education Center ["Naturopathic college opens new downtown research facility, laboratory" November 2012].

While we loved reading the article, there were a number of factual errors—including the headline—that I'd like to bring to your attention.

NCNM's full name of our college is National College of Natural Medicine; it has not been just a naturopathic college since 2006 when we changed the name from the National College of Naturopathic Medicine, since we offer graduate programs in classical Chinese medicine, research, as well as in naturopathic medicine.

- The name of the college is incorrect in the text and the caption.
- The size of the new facility is 8,390 square-feet, not 19,200 square-feet, as stated in the second paragraph.

• The entire name of the new facility is NCM's Helfgott Research Institute and Community Education Center; it is not the Helfgott Research Center, as noted in the caption.

• Charlee's Kitchen is not a "food preparation area," but a *teaching kitchen* for our graduate students—and also folks in the community who take our new nutrition and cooking classes.

• The degree program we offer at the Helfgott Research Institute is a Master of Science in Integrative Medicine Research.

• NCM's research dean spells her last name as Zwickey, not *Swickey*.

I hope this note will help straighten out any misunderstandings in the future. If you can correct these errors in your next issue, we would appreciate it.

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Editor's Note: The Post regrets the errors in the original story and stands corrected.

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