

Terry Hofferber Moore devoted her life to improving public policy

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Terry Hofferber Moore spent her life on all sides of the public policy table, beginning as an activist to get laws changed, or a staff position to help change them, and completing her career as an elected official to finally vote to make positive changes to people’s lives.

Moore died Friday, June 13, 2014 from heart failure and even in ICU this past month was mentoring the young residents to become involved and to “carry the torch” to improve the lives of people. She was 64.

Born on December 4, 1949 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Moore spent her early years with her family in Montana and Idaho, as her father worked for the U.S. Forest Service.

Moore was injured in a tobogganing accident in her freshman year at Carlton College in Northfield, Minnesota and was confined to a wheelchair for the rest of her life. Shortly after the accident, Moore and her family relocated to Portland, Oregon, to begin anew.

Settling in Portland, Moore became an advocate for accessibility, advocating for sidewalk ramps on downtown city streets, elevators in buildings, and accessible buses and trains.

Her change in mobility did little to slow her down as she completed her last year at Portland’s Lewis and Clark College in France, receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree. She then traveled extensively in France while teaching French and Spanish at Barlow High School in Gresham from 1973 to 1976.



Moore began her political career as administrative assistant for what was then called the Office of Planning and Development. Richard Hofland, a retired city financial planner, remembers having to carry her up and down stairs to their office since the renamed Portland Planning Bureau offices in the 1970s had no elevator. She moved to Albuquerque, New

Mexico with her husband, Will Moore, in 1982. Upon returning to Portland two years later, heard that MAX light rail cars would have steps and that sidewalk lifts would be established only at a few stops.

She testified at the TriMet board advocating for accessible, state-of-the-art European-style low floor cars and helped establish these as the standard for the future. She returned to her job as secretary to the Portland Planning Commission for another nine years.

Moore served as a Metro councilor from 1992-1995, working closely with citizens, business organizations, cities, schools, special service districts, and regional planning and transportation staff to develop and adopt the Region 2040 Growth Concept, and led regional affordable housing, transportation capital projects, waste management, and parks and trails acquisitions.

She was the citizen outreach coordinator with the Portland Bureau of Planning from 1995-1999 during the contentious Southwest Community

Plan process. In 1995 she was elected to the board of directors of the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District serving until 2003 and was elected chairman for the last four years.

From 1989 to 2008 Moore was a leader in the Raleigh Hills-Garden Home Neighborhood Association, working on the street design task force, and the Oleson Road Reconstruction Project PAC.

She and her husband most recently have worked to put the “garden” into Garden Home with tree and flower plantings, hanging baskets, and street median gardens as part of the Garden Home Crossing Committee.

Moore is survived by her husband, Will Moore of Portland, her mother Dorothy of Beaverton, her sister Connie of the San Juan Islands, Wash., and her nieces Megan Jones of Tallahassee, Fla. and Kimberly Jones of Moscow, Idaho. The family suggests contributions be made to The Nature Conservancy.

Barbur Boulevard traffic

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direct and hopefully smooth out likely bottlenecks.

“This would have been considerably worse had nothing been done. We would like to particularly thank Louis Waldrip of PBOT and Shelly Romero of ODOT for their quick work addressing the traffic concerns.”

This road work comes right before the 38th annual Hillsdale Blueberry Pancake Breakfast on Sun., July 27.

“We can’t pull off this breakfast without lots of volunteers,” stated Jo-Anna Dirk, owner of Salon Dirk. “We almost didn’t have the breakfast

a few times in the past due to low volunteer turnout.”

Dirk has volunteered to be the delegate to Venture Portland, sole provider of grants to Portland’s neighborhood business districts.

This year, the owner of Cocina Verde, Noe Garnica, offered to donate his cooking equipment for the event. Rick Seifert continues to donate his time for the successful annual book sale which is taking place at the Watershed Building.

“We raised \$5000 last year for the Hillsdale Foundation,” Seifert reported.

Update at press time: According to

Jo-Anna Dirk, the “carmageddon” that was predicted for June 20-24 never came for some reason. It appeared that Barbur remained open past Capitol Highway for part of the weekend.

“Traffic flow could be affected during the next closure and expects the community’s patience,” Dirk said. “It doesn’t hurt to be fully prepared.”

The project website www.barburbridges.org will be updated regularly with the latest information. For any communication needs or questions, please contact Susan Hanson, ODOT Community Affairs, 503-731-3490, Susan.C.Hanson@odot.state.or.us

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