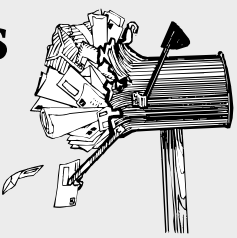


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Did a city planner belittle a Multnomah Village CAC?

I am looking for a reference to a public meeting at least a year ago regarding the city of Portland's planning for

Multnomah Village. Specifically I want to cite the statement by the Planning Bureau representative that no matter what the Multnomah Village Citizens Advisory Committee recommended, the city and he were going to do what they were going to do anyway.

If you can point me in the right direction I would appreciate it. Thanks.

Gary Rydout

Hillsdale Foundation invites project ideas for funding

The Hillsdale Community Foundation is looking for local projects to fund.

The foundation, supported largely through its annual book sale, has used its money to install and maintain plantings along Capitol Highway, to help buy computers for Wilson High School, to pay for bicycle racks and other bike amenities in the Hillsdale town center and to provide seed money for the Hillsdale Main Street Program.

The foundation is looking for new ideas and proposals to enhance the community. Projects could be funded up to \$5,000.

Proposals may assist one or all of the following: the Hillsdale business community, Hillsdale institutions including the schools, Hillsdale organizations, and residential "clusters" within the neighborhood. Those in surrounding neighborhoods may indirectly benefit as well.

If you or your organization has an idea or project to put forward, submit it in 500 words or less to Rick Seifert

at wfseifert@gmail.com. You can call me at 503 245-7821 with questions.

Rick Seifert
Hillsdale

New playground planned in conjunction with new field at Rieke School

Mary Rieke Elementary School has always been a big part of the Hillsdale community.

We are in the process of funding, designing and building a new playground at the school.

Since the school is part of a larger community, the proposed name is "The Hillsdale Community Playground at Rieke Elementary."

The plan is to be ready by September 2017, coordinating with the new turf field being installed by Portland Parks and Recreation on the old Rieke School field.

It would be great if *The Post* could do a story on the playground to get the community excited about this great project.

Paul Higgins
Co-chair
Rieke Elementary Playground
Committee

Don't hate "monstrosities" just because they're big and expensive

Two articles in the November 2016 edition of *The Post*, by two different writers, apply the same repulsively derogatory term to larger than average private residences.

Both KC Cowan ["City fines property owner \$21,600 but allows giant cedar trees to be cut down"] and Chris

Dearth ["Open Forum: Middle housing could provide new generation with alternative to McMansions"] describe larger homes as "monstrosities".

Where are these people dreaming up this stuff? What could there possibly be about a house larger than the neighborhood average that could qualify it as a monstrosity? Have we really debased our language to that extent?

It is both amusing and infuriating that some of the very people who continually hector us about accepting diversity are the same ones who object to diversity in our landscapes.

It seems we are obliged to embrace significant variance in cultures and ethnicities, but we aren't allowed to accept that a neighborhood might have a broad range of home styles and sizes.

The fundamental question that arises, and it's doubtful either writer could produce a cogent answer, is simply this; what harm, exactly, is being done by the presence of a million-dollar home at one end of the block and a \$300,000 home at the other?

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"Quilts to Remember" is the theme of the Multnomah Historical Association display at the Multnomah Arts Center. Each quilt displayed includes a story and background about each quilt. While all are of interest, the most unusual and interesting is a reversible quilt made entirely of umbrella silks over 50 years ago by Morris Schlaifer, a retired tailor. The exhibit will be on display through January. (Photo courtesy of Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen)

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