

Construction Plans Discussed

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of this study will help us determine if we want to pursue work on one or more of the sites.

"The study may show us that neither of the two city-owned sites is feasible," she continued. "If we determine that the sites may support development, we will start a public engagement process, alongside other more detailed feasibility analyses."

Spring Garden Park design settled

Portland Parks and Recreation has decided to accept the Project Advisory Committee's recommendation of a concrete pad and seating wall at Spring Garden Park.

There was months-long public involvement that included many stakeholders, a review of survey results, and an additional community meeting to understand concerns about options for a proposed amphitheatre at Spring Garden Park.

A second option involved no concrete

pad but kept a seating wall. The third option, which was most preferred by recent lobbying and surveys, was the removal of the concrete pad and seating wall, leaving a grassy bowl with boulders and trees.

"We understand that some neighbors will be pleased by this decision, and some neighbors will not be pleased," both Fritz and Parks Director Mike Abbate wrote the neighbors.

A resident who lives within ear shot of the future amphitheatre was not pleased.

"We're all disappointed," said Ken Boltz. "It seems like they never intended to change what they were doing and wasted our time and money."

A name change was also brought up. A letter from Commissioner Amanda Fritz states that the bureau will conduct its adopted process for naming of parks.

"While I suspect many will support continuing the 'Spring Garden Park' name," Fritz wrote, "I will be open to considering other suggestions."

"Whatever your preference regarding



A fueling center is planned next to the former Sears Armory office building. (Post file photo by Erik Vidstrand)

the designs, we hope that everyone will keep perspective of the enormous value that the park will hold for neighborhood residents."

Construction will begin in spring

2017 and open by end of the summer.

The entire letter posted to the park bureau's website and other information can be found at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/67420>.



Snapshots



(Clockwise, from top left) A city snowplow makes its way through Multnomah Village on Dec. 16, (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand). Kent Thompson is riding his scooter in the snow on Southwest 52nd Avenue on Dec. 15, (Post photo by Leslie Baird). A transformer explodes at Southwest 28th and Multnomah Boulevard due to ice in early December, (Photo courtesy of Stuart Ellis). Trees came down on Moss Street and weren't removed for three days. This photo was taken on Dec. 10, (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand).

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