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City conducting site visits to discuss how project may affect property frontages

CAPITOL HIGHWAY PROJECT

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In early January, the Multnomah Neighborhood Association’s Capitol Highway subcommittee met to review the city’s proposed 30 percent design and additional project work. The list included a strong preference for a continuous sidewalk on the east side of the corridor, continuous bicycle paths on both sides, extensive tree preservation, and crosswalks at all transit stops. Members were adamant about the use of stormwater treatment methods that rely more on regional facilities rather than on-corridor services within rights-of-way. “The extensive use of 24 proposed on-corridor stormwater facilities, or bioswales, should be minimized or eliminated to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists,” said

subcommittee chair Chris Lyons. “Many of these bioswales are six to eight feet long and will cause obstructions along the corridor.” Lyons said the preferences would be forwarded on to the bureaus of environmental services and transportation. “While the neighborhood compromised on a multi-use path on the west side of the corridor,” Lyons said, “more separation of facilities is needed on the east side of the corridor to ensure safety and functionality. This would help reduce both the project costs and footprint.” The committee supports a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path on the west side as designed. However, the east side downhill bicycle lanes should completely be separate from the highway and made as straight as possible to minimize hazards. “The current design is akin to Multnomah Boulevard bike lanes, which many do not like,” Lyons said. “The city’s current design



Capitol Highway connects Multnomah Village and the Barbur Transit Center, but lacks sidewalks, bike lanes and stormwater facilities. (Photo courtesy of Portland Bureau of Transportation)

includes hazardous conditions for bicyclists.” According to Lyons, Capitol Highway has approximately 30 sharp corners, 40 driveways, seven streets, and adjacent parking and bus stops within the one-mile corridor. The group wants to keep on-street parking minimal but the city must work with property owners on a specific basis to ensure individual parking needs. Adjacent property owners will be (Continued on Page 3)

THE COUNTRY STORE

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Eagle Seafood and Meat opens in French Quarter

The fresh fish cart at the Multnomah Village French Quarter has a new owner. Daniel Eagle bought the business last November and includes meat from Pat ‘n’ Tams farm located near Pendleton in Stanfield, Oregon. Located right next to Parsons Farm Stand, Eagle showed off items such as Spanish octopus, Canadian lobster tails, and Washington oysters. Eagle just began featuring chicken products from Marion Acres, an artisan sustainable farm in Hillsboro. Eagle, who has a law degree from Rutgers and has yet to take the bar in Oregon, was in the restaurant



Daniel Eagle displays Spanish octopus and fresh tuna at his new food cart. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

business years ago. “I’m excited to offer fresh, quality food and reasonable rates,” Eagle said. Parsons is closed until spring but several new food carts are starting to pop up at the old automotive center joining several businesses inside the New Orleans’ themed gathering space. Eagle Seafood and Meat is located at 3530 SW Multnomah Blvd. and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon until 6 p.m. Multnomah Village gift shop closing after 27 years Nadine Rowland Lefkowitz is calling it quits. She has owned Topanien Global Gifts located in the heart of Multnomah Village for 27 years.

“Topanien was the ride of my life for over a quarter of a century,” Lefkowitz wrote in an online post, “but all good things must come to an end. I am closing our fair trade, multicultural village store and [taking] a new path.” The Craft Factory, the children’s art workshop located directly upstairs, will be using the old Topanien space as an addition to

their workshop. “We’ve always had fair trade objects in our store,” she told *The Post* on First Friday. “We pay our artisans the money they deserve to support their families in the countries.” Topanien features such items as wall hangings, candles, pillows, wind chimes, CDs, and other curios from Mexico, Poland, Thailand, India, Nepal, Haiti, and Zimbabwe. Lefkowitz has been traveling back and forth between Ashland and Multnomah for many years. She has been helping her daughter’s business and plans to remain there. When asked what she would miss most about her business, she replied, “My staff, and other business owners,” she said. Her longest serving staff, Mara Camplan, began in January 2001.

Regarding Multnomah Village, Lefkowitz said, “Keep it local and work out the parking problem!” The liquidation sale will



Owner Nadine Lefkowitz (left) poses with employee Mara Camplan inside Topanien. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

go on until the store closes. Topanien is located at 7832 SW Capitol Highway and open daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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