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## Portland needs City Plan volunteers

The City of Portland is seeking approximately 150 volunteers to serve on citizens' committees which will help develop the Central City Plan (CCP) over the next two years.

Donald J. Stastny, chairman of the 15-member Citizen Steering Committee (CSC) which is overseeing development of the plan, said that about eight research advisory committees and six district committees will be formed by October. About 150 people will be selected to serve on the various committees, he said.

"The research committees will be devoted to working with City Bureaus on functional issues — such as housing, economic development or transportation — while the district committees will focus on the six planning areas within the central city," Stastny said. "Most likely," he said, "the committees will function for about two years."

Plan Manager Dean S. Smith said that 3,000 application forms were mailed Tuesday to individuals and organizations on the CCP mailing list. Additional application forms are available from the CCP office, 796-7270.

Smith said that a subcommittee of the Steering Committee will review all applications. Citizens may indicate an interest in one or more issue areas or districts in one application form.

The CCP recently completed the largest public input campaign in the city's history, receiving comments from about 10,000 citizens in Design Event One. Smith said that about 2,500 of those individuals had expressed a continuing interest in the Central City Plan.

One of the first tasks of the citizens' committees, he said, will be to review the findings from the massive public input effort and help in the initial study of issues raised by the public. The committees will then help in the formation of goals and options to be reviewed by the public next spring in Design Event Two, Smith said.

## Fund-raising benefit for Leel\*Light scheduled



LOIS LEWIS

(Photo: Kris Altucher)

by Nathaniel Scott

A fundraiser benefit has been scheduled to help Leel\*Light celebrate its fourth anniversary at the King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 N.E. 7th Avenue, Friday, August 23, at 7 p.m.

Floyd Cruse and his dark Star Ragga Band will headline a host of performers including pianist Janice

Scroggins and rhythm and blues stylist Mary Reynolds.

In addition to the musical aspects of the benefit, finger foods, and refreshments will be served and poetry will be read by Barbara LaMorticella, Lois Lewis, Linda Hunter and Nathaniel Scott.

The artists are performing free and all donations are tax deductible.

Leel\*Light, a non-profit organization, was founded four years ago by Lois Lewis, who also has authored four volumes of poetry and two chap books of children stories. The non-profit organization teaches creative expression through writing and reading poetry and fictional literature.

In addition, Leel\*Light also teaches Tae Kwon Do, a form of the martial arts.

Lewis has been writing poetry since she was 12 years old and began training in the martial arts 14 years ago. She has been a black belt holder for the past nine years.

Lewis said the purpose of the benefit is to let people know Leel\*Light exists and also to encourage people to get involved in whatever creativity they may have.

Lewis believes any discipline can be carried over into all areas of life. "People who don't write [often] discover they have other creative expressions," she said.

Lewis became interested in the martial arts because of her joy of learning. "It's a good physical conditioning and a side benefit is discipline," she said. "These combinations create total confidence."

Lewis holds a Bachelor's degree in business administration with a certificate in teaching from Portland State University. She has taught in the Portland public school system and has performed her poetry on radio, television, at colleges and universities and various other places. And Leel\*Light productions has performed at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, Cable Access TV, Old Wives Tales Restaurant and Portland Community College's Cascade campus.

In addition to the benefit on August 23, Leel\*Light's Tae Kwon Do pupils will be tested for belts on Monday, August 19 a 5:30 p.m. at the King facility. The public is invited.

## Juvenile Services moving

The North Portland branch of the Adult and Family Services Division will move to a new location on Friday, August 9. The office will move from the current location at 7201 N. Interstate to a new building at 814 N. Hayden Meadows Dr., near East Delta Park.

The office will provide regular service for food stamp and welfare clients through August 8 but only emergency help on August 9. Branch

manager Dic Rova expects the office to be fully functioning at the new location on Monday, Aug. 12.

The office, one of six in Portland, provides food stamps, welfare and job-finding assistance to about 8,000 people in the north Portland area.


Phone numbers and mailing address for the office will remain the same after the move. The office can be reached on the Tri-Met number eight bus.

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