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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Group to Host Anti-Displacement Forum

Forum offers strategies to keep from being pushed out of your neighborhood by new development, rising costs

The Housing and Community Development Commission invites the public to come and share about involuntary displacement issues in your neighborhood at an upcoming Anti-Displacement Public Forum. The event will take place Wednesday, Feb 28, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Midland Library Meeting Room - 8055 E. 122nd Ave. The Anti-Displacement Forum will allow county residents to learn more about involuntary displacement, its effect on housing and business, and efforts being made to reduce displacement in our neighbor-

hoods. At the public forum there will be time set-aside for the general public to testify about their individual experience with displacement policy options.

A number of individuals and organizations plan to attend to offer information and resources to those who have questions and wish to get involved in anti-displacement workgroups throughout the region. "With the rise in property values, how can we as a community create and maintain neighborhoods that literally have room for everyone without pushing some people out?

We would like to hear residents' ideas for how public investments can meet this challenge," says Peg Mallory, member of the Housing and Community Development Commission. "The Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) is a citizen commission that is the County primary public forum on affordable housing issues for Portland, Gresham and Multnomah County. HCDC will greater information at the forum and use it to advise elected officials and policy-makers about anti-displacement policy.

'Piedmont Place' Lines Up Support

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In addition, the consultants must work with the site's rare CM zone. This zone allows commercial and retail activity in buildings up to 45 feet tall, but requires that at least 50 percent of any project be housing.

So far, the consultants have put together three plans for the site. All call for 10 row houses, and 10 lofts above garages, facing Garfield. The garages would be accessed by an existing alley running north and south through the site. On the east side of the property, facing Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, would be retail buildings with surface parking lots and condominiums over garages. Plan Two would also have these features, but would enlarge the alley to create a new street, and also create a new east-west street

meeting MLK. In Plan Three, this street would be replaced by a public plaza surrounded by firs or other tall conifer trees, possibly as a complement to a restaurant. A straw poll at a recent meeting showed residents equally divided between plans Two and Three.

Some residents liked Plan Three's proposed plaza. Others feared it would be uninviting, given MLK's noise, and would become a deserted space given over to trash. SERA's Paul Jeffries said that a low wall could screen much of the noise. Some public plazas, such as adidas' Harry Jackson Plaza, fails to work "because there's no reason to go there," he said. Others felt it would be better to provide benches and "quiet retail" to the new central street.

So far there is debate about what sort of retail would succeed in the plaza, and what would be desirable.

Consultants say possibilities include an insurance or mortgage brokerage, a chain store such as Radio Shack, or a sit-down restaurant.

Some nearby residents say they don't want anything that would bring too much traffic to the area, and especially night time activity.

In contrast, one man said that a business that is closed and "dead" after 5 p.m. "doesn't add anything to my enjoyment of the neighborhood."

Dorsey hopes the project can play a role in revitalizing the north end of the boulevard. In recent years the new State Farm Insurance Office, and Alberta Simmons affordable housing project with its ground floor retail, have moved in to the north. To the south there is Stellar Coffee, and an expanded Safeway and new Walgreen's due at Northeast Ainsworth Street.

Open House to Showcase Community Programs

Have you done anything about your New Year's resolutions yet?

Housing Authority of Portland and the NE One Stop center will try to help you achieve your personal goals by explaining some of the programs available to all commu-

nity residents during an open house at Goalpost, 8932 N. Woolsey Ave., on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 4 - 8 p.m.

This event is an opportunity to meet professionals and instructors in job services; MS Office 97. computer classes; self-sufficiency programs;

drug and alcohol counseling; crisis intervention; community health, small business development and the Evening Trades Apprenticeship Program. You are welcome to bring your resume or business card. Employers will conduct "a mini job fair" throughout the evening.

Goalpost is accessible to wheelchair users. The #4 Fessenden bus stops at the main entrance and ample parking is adjacent to the building. Should you have additional questions, please call Sylvia Franks at 503-802-8350 or e-mail Sylviarf@hapdx.org.



Area kids enjoy a day at the lake as one of the many activities of Portland's Hyalite program.

Activities for Kids Need Mentors

Hyalite needs volunteers with good skills in mentoring youth ages 12 to 17. The non-profit organization works with area kids on several learning and recreational activities. They include word processing, river raft-

ing, horseback riding, acting, recreating the Lewis and Clark adventure; radio and television documentaries of African Americans during the Civil War, and the migration west. Hyalite is supported by the Jackson Founda-

tion, The Regional Arts and Cultural Council, Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust, and the KBOO Foundation. Potential volunteers are asked to send a resume to PO Box 10596, Portland, OR 97296 or call 503-220-8282.

SEI Students Honor Elders

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., students at the Center for Self Enhancement will provide dinner, entertainment, love and appreciation to seniors from neighboring retirement and nursing homes. The dinner will be free of charge for all the senior citizens in attendance thanks to sponsorships from local businesses.

Tony Hopson, president of SEI, will be on hand at the event to support his students as they learn the value of "giving back."

"Given that this is Black History Month, it is appropriate and necessary that our students not only learn about historical figures in black his-

tory, but learn to appreciate the treasure they have here in their own community," Hopson said. Students are involved in every aspect of this event including raising funds for the dinner from local businesses and inviting guests. Students will also be in charge of preparing and serving dinner at the banquet.

SEI staff are excited about the life lessons students will take away from being involved in this event, and will continue to strive and make "community services" a vital part of their academic program.

Founded in 1981 by Tony Hopson, SEI is a non-profit organization committed to helping Portland's inner-city

youth make positive choices to achieve their full potential. Located in north Portland, SEI provides young people with constructive options for personal success to help them avoid the pitfalls of drugs, gangs and violence. Today, SEI serves 1,200 school-age youth with services in 11 Portland public schools in north/northeast Portland as well as in after school and summer programs in the new Center for Self Enhancement. SEI has been recognized as a national model of youth violence prevention by the U.S. Center for Disease Control and was ranked in the top 100 of President George Bush's Thousand Points of Light.

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