

PCC Expansion Brings Opportunity to Community

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Neighborhood Association and has held three community-wide forums. The input has been very valuable. I believe the campus now has an improved product that meets both the needs of the campus and the residential neighborhoods.

The expansion project calls for up to four new facilities and a building addition in this Phase One plan.

Proposed is a new physical education building, located on Killingsworth and Kirby, next to Jefferson High; a humanities center on the corner of Albina and Killingsworth; an advanced technology center at the southeast edge of the campus; a science addition to Jackson Hall; and to the west a humanities building on the corner of Albina and Killingsworth and a public services training building on Albina and Jessup. The commercial strip on Killingsworth between Borthwick and Mississippi will remain intact.

The college is currently in the process of purchasing approximately 24 properties that represent four different blocks of property near the campus. The relocation is going smoothly – approximately 60 percent complete, all through voluntary sales of property. The college hopes to have the process completed by early June.

Frankly, change can be difficult and chal-

lenging, for the neighborhood and for the college. However, it is gratifying to learn that a number of the residents and several businesses that have worked with our relocation experts are very satisfied with their new homes or properties.

The college expects to hear from the city in mid-April whether the expansion plan meets city and neighborhood needs. Parking is always difficult in an urban area. However, the plan does a good job of reducing the problem. The college is proposing 257 new off-street spaces, which would bring the total to 681 spaces.

The mission of the campus is to provide lifelong learning and workforce training to citizens of the Portland metro area. The campus has strong ties and, in fact, is imbedded into the community itself. Cascade is diverse racially, culturally and by income and social status. The campus is student-focused.

We believe the education students receive from PCC makes the community part of the portfolio the student takes with them. Cascade is, and in the future will be, a part of the revitalization of the surrounding community. We are proud to be part of the renaissance of north and northeast Portland and are committed to enduring community partnerships.

Dr. Mildred Ollee is the executive dean for the Portland Community College Cascade Campus.

PCC Should Help Restore Albina Christian Ministry

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law add another 20 percent, bringing it to \$610,000 and would offer another \$100,000 for moving, renovation, restoration, modifications, legal costs, etc.

If we refused, we could get our own appraisal. When it came in beyond their low price, they would not add the 20 percent, which would not give us ample funds for simple restoration to ministry and whole-

ness.

We unhappily signed and are now faced with the horrendous task of moving, renovating and modifying the new property to restoration for our ministry.

Is it too much to ask that we get proper assistance for simple restoration of our ministry within the community where we belong?

Bishop Samuel M. Irving is senior pastor at the Albina Christian Life Center, 5522 N. Albina.

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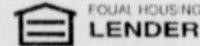


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