

Harold Williams

continued ▲ *from page 2*

He was Labor Relations Manager for the State of Oregon Executive Department from 1979 to 1984 and served as a consultant to the Oregon Youth Authority from 1995 to 2006.

Williams was a past president of the Portland-area African American Chamber of Commerce, chair of the African American Committee of Community College Trustees, and a widely known motivational speaker.

He worked on Portland Mayor Tom Potter's Charter Review Commission and acted as a consultant to the Portland Development Commission in its efforts to expand minority and women-owned business contracts.

Williams was known for his promotion of alternative programs for at-risk students. He was successful in expanding classroom space for mentorship programs for students of all ages.

New Front for Jefferson

continued ▲ *from page 3*

pects the project to be complete this June.

Keeping the Carlton Hart Architecture as its designers, PDC is waiting on bids for construction.

Committee members spent eight months simplifying Flipper's idealistic, yet perhaps outdated designs.

The area destined for change includes two triangular sections on the campus corners of North Kerby and Commerical.


Instead of tall shade sails, which people thought would obscure public view of the historical school, revised designs call for a lower, more transparent fence on both sides. The fence will be made of cast iron and separated by brick to match the

North Portland Library adjacent to the school.

As it sits now, Jefferson's track is higher than the sidewalk. According to the new design, the area between will be terraced with low-maintenance plants to protect the soil from erosion.

A small retaining wall will permit students and people walking by to sit and rest, like Flipper had envisioned. Both sides will have a grass space big enough for a class to be held outside.

Finally, the northwest corner will showcase Jefferson High School's new identity with silver lettering on brick, three flags—state, federal and Jefferson's—and a shiny new plaque, a memorial tribute to Carl Flipper.



Honoring **Honoring Black History**

The Trail Blazers have placed this ad to honor the memory of Charles Washington, the long-time publisher of this publication and a tireless community advocate.

make it better

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS

Open Letter to Our TriMet Passengers and Community

TriMet management's recent threat to cut our passengers' service is unacceptable. We plan to do our part and negotiate a labor contract that is good for both our community and our families. But, our willingness to sacrifice will be for nothing unless someone starts to control management's spending.



Transit worker retirees: good neighbors active in our community

OUR PASSENGERS ARE THE PEOPLE WE SEE NEARLY EVERY DAY. We look forward to their kind words, great stories and being a small part of their lives. They need transportation to work, school, day care, medical appointments, grocery stores, family and friends. It is just not acceptable for management to spend millions on new furniture, downtown offices, unnecessary remodels, ever-growing train tracks, mirror-less train cars, dangerous buses, snoop surveillance systems, razzle-dazzle electronic gadgets and wasteful rail service while, at the same time, threatening to leave our passengers stranded.

We care deeply about our families, friends, passengers and community.

We want to do right by each and every one of them. You can help by staying informed and speaking out.

FINALLY, TRIMET RETIREES DESERVE OUR RESPECT AND GRATITUDE. Many of them worked many years and yet their pension checks total less than \$1000 per month. These retirees gave their passengers loyal, faithful and caring service. Today, that same love of people has turned many of them into excellent community volunteers. It is unbelievable that a manager—someone who earns twice what our Governor earns, who received a \$6,450 raise, whose widow is promised lifetime health insurance and who is guaranteed a fat severance paycheck—thinks he has a moral right to criticize the very men and women who built TriMet.

Sincerely,
THE PEOPLE WHO KEEP PUBLIC TRANSIT ROLLING

LET YOUR VOICE COUNT!

 **LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK**

LEARN MORE AT
TRANSITVOICE.ORG