

Freedom

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other acts sponsored by Rakz Entertainment.

The celebration honoring the emancipation proclamation is free and open to the public and goes until 6 p.m. Visitors will have plenty of space to spread out and are welcome to bring blankets, chairs, and other picnic accessories.

Affordable Housing

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gramming model of The Miracles Club Apartments, a similar building on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, specializing in culturally competent recovery support for adults who want to live in an alcohol and drug-free building, officials said.

“Even as the economy is rebounding, we know there are deep, persistent disparities in housing access and economic opportunity,” said Housing Commissioner Dan Saltzman. “Miracles Central is important and timely because it increases affordable housing and it also fills a need for the kinds of culturally specific services and programs that can help us begin to address some of these disparities.”

“Miracles is proud to continue its partnership with Central City Concern through this project,” said Michael Booker, Miracles Club interim executive director. “Central City Concern has extensive experience in combining housing and services and we look forward to our collaboration.”

In addition to capital funding, the Portland Housing Bureau is contributing the land toward the project. When complete, it is expected to provide 47 units of affordable housing, including 28 apartments affordable to lower-income households earning up to 50% of the area median income (\$25,750 for an individual).

Central City Concern and Miracles Club will use the building’s ground floor for program-related services, including meetings and counseling. On-site staff will help tenants with life-skills, employment readiness, and eviction prevention, and work closely with tenants to develop action plans that may include steps like workforce development or education.

“Adding units of desperately needed affordable housing has been on our radar for a number of years,” said Central City Concern Executive Director Ed Blackburn. “We are proud to count Portland Housing Bureau as a major funder on this project.”



An artist's rendering shows the Viking Pavilion and Education Center coming to the Portland State University campus.

Viking Pavilion in Building Phase

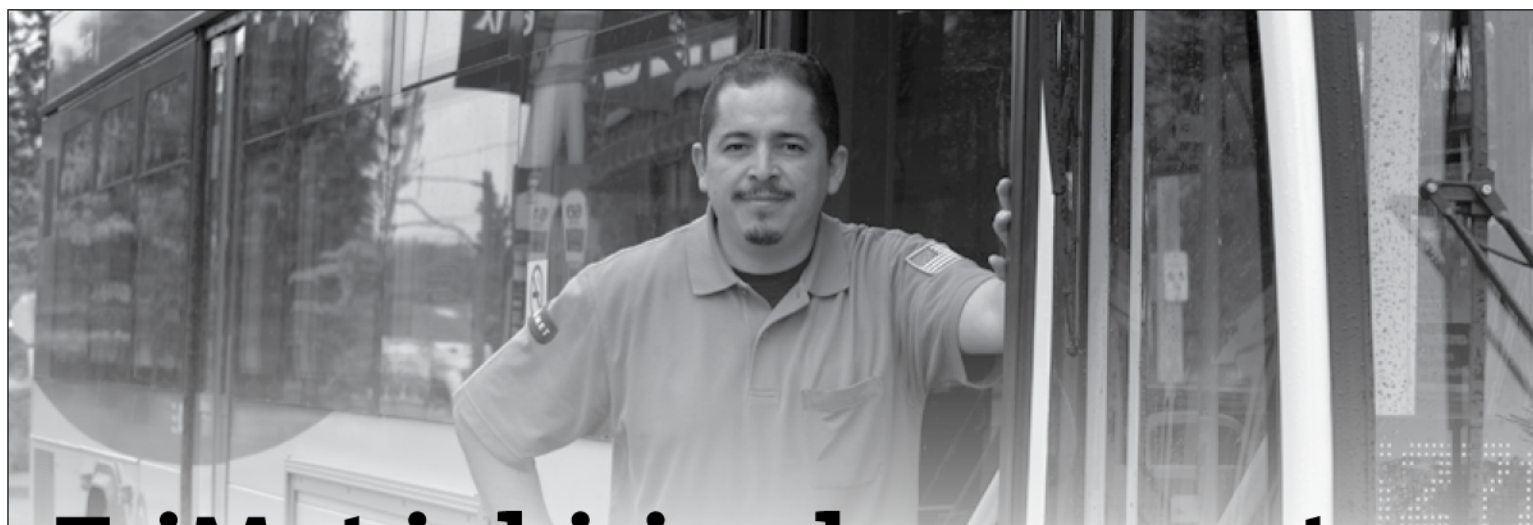
Portland State University has finalized a contract to build the Viking Pavilion and Education Center at the south end of the PSU campus. Groundbreaking is scheduled for January with completion expected by early 2018.

The building will be a massive renovation of the Peter W. Stott Center, which has served as a health, physical education and

athletics facility since it was built in 1966. The new building will have 30,000 square feet of studying, tutoring and classroom space. It also will have a new 3,100-seat pavilion for public events, including lectures, concerts and athletic games.

The contract with Fortis Construction, Inc. was approved May 22 and is worth approximately \$32 million, officials said.

Preconstruction services have begun. The building will be used by both PSU and Oregon Health and Science University, much like the Collaborative Life Sciences Building on Portland’s South Waterfront. OHSU is contributing \$7.5 million to the project. Another \$24 million will come from state bonds. The remainder will be provided by private donations.



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