

Housing and Health

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together the Housing is Health initiative, the culmination of years of leadership and relationship building.

The two-story health care facility will serve 3,000 people each year with recovery and mental health services, as well as targeted primary care services. The clinic will include a pharmacy and 52 units of respite care, including 10 units of palliative care. Additional housing will include 90 units of transitional housing and 34 permanent homes.

During last week's ground-

breaking ceremony, community member and Central City Concern client Mike Holevas described his journey from high school science teacher to addict, to a person in recovery working toward wellness and self-sufficiency. He once bought drugs on the very corner where the Blackburn Building will be.

"This corner now can be the site where thousands who are suffering—and believe me, we suffer—can come for transformation, healing; families will be restored," he said. "I'm so proud to be part of something that will bring hope and healing to thousands of people

like me."

Additional speakers included representatives from the Housing is Health initiative's six hospitals and health organizations, including, Adventist Health Portland, CareOregon, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals; Oregon Health Sciences University, Providence Health and Services; and Legacy Health.

"The Housing is Health collaboration is an excellent example of health systems recognizing the impact housing has on an individual's health," said Dr. Rachel Solotaroff, Central City Concern president and chief executive officer. "They've united for improving health outcomes as well as the common good of our community."

Affordable Housing Plans for Kenton

Property sits next door to light rail line

TriMet has selected Reach Community Development to develop more than two acres of land in the Kenton neighborhood for affordable housing, the second major affordable housing project the transit agency has sponsored on the Interstate Yellow Max light rail line of north Portland.

The community housing organization will construct approximately 200 affordable housing units with the anticipated groundbreaking next fall. The project is supported by \$10 million in property taxes reserved for the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area and awarded by the Portland Housing Bureau. REACH proposes to leverage the city's investment with four percent Low Income Housing Tax Credits and state issued tax-exempt bonds.

The site, located at the corner of North Argyle Street and Denver Avenue, meets TriMet's goal of maximizing density to support increased transit ridership and fully activate the area surrounding the station. The first site on the Yellow Line developed for affordable housing was the Patton Park Apartment building on Interstate Avenue near the Killingsworth Street MAX Station, a building that provides 54 units for low-income residents.

"We're excited by the opportunity to have more housing, especially affordable housing near good transit service," said TriMet General Manager Neil McFarlane. "It's truly a win-win for the community."

Reach has started to engage the Kenton community to obtain feedback through public meetings.

"This is an opportune site to develop housing that will connect people to the amenities that support success and foster community," said Kurt Creager, Director of the Portland Housing Bureau.

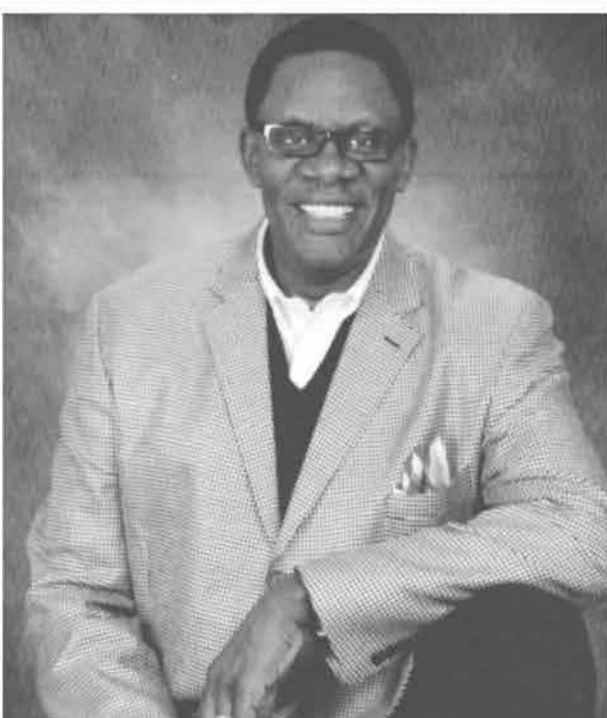
Black Leaders: Open Tubman

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A February 2016 test for Cadmium showed "there were no detectable levels of either cadmium or arsenic reported for any of the

air and soil samples;" and radon testing was completed in 2016 with the conclusion being "no radon levels met an action level, no further action is required for 10 years."

Air pollution from I-5 and claims that the school could slide into the freeway were both brought up to delay Tubman's original opening in the 1980s, Herndon said.



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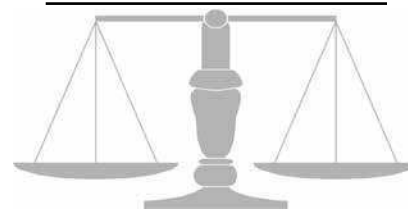
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