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acknowledges that racial disparities can lead to economic injustice, obesity, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, and other education health and social problems," says organizer and founder Imani Muhammad, past winner of The Skanner News Drum Major for Justice Award.

Workshops include:

— The Real Gangsta's of Rap, for youth and adults, by Jasiri X

— Soulfly Groovement, for youth, by Erica Brannon E-Rocca; an exercise dance

The annual event is in memory of 14-year-old Davonte Lightfoot, who was shot to death on North Killingsworth Street in January of 2007

workout various styles from the African Diaspora;

— Holistic Approach to Health, for youth, by Royal Harris; providing "health literacy" tips on learning more about your health;

— Made a Mistake?...So What, for youth, by Emanuel Price of Second Chances Are For Everyone (SCAFE),

focusing on community support services to reduce the rate of recidivism, while rebuilding & transforming lives as we help them transition into a healthy life, and society;

— Being Calm and Focused Under Stress, for adults, by Dr. Jay Klusky; introduces the participants to two exercises: Breathing and Positioning. This workshop will also use "Ki Training" as a teaching tool.

— Undoing Institutionalized Racism, for youth, by Mireaya Medina, Portland Peace Program; participants will share what they have learned about race, poverty, and how to organize to create change. Participants will learn about how racism affects us mentally, emotionally and physically.

— What is Money...Really?, for adults, by Kaon-Jabbar East El; participants will learn the difference between money and debt; abusive practices of collection and debt collectors; the difference between approved money and debt

notes.

— Human Rights Education Workshop, for youth, by teen leader Karla Dana; the workshop aims to teach youth to operate peacefully in a way that will encourage leadership among their peers and help them make healthy decisions; also participants will learn about human rights and the

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effect for displacement."

About 10,000 African Americans have left traditionally Black neighborhoods in North and Northeast Portland because of gentrification, Gilliam said.

"This doesn't disqualify Colas from any projects in the future and hopefully we can work with all minority contracting firms to make sure that money spent by city goes to benefit those that need it the most."

Tony Hopson, PAALF co-chair and executive director of the education nonprofit Self Enhancement Inc. urged reporters and the public to read up on the impact of gentrification and racism in Portland. Hopson cited the Urban League of Portland's 2010 State of Black Oregon report, the recently released Communities of Color report on Portland's African American community, and the other communities of color reports.

"We are here today to move the action down the field," he said.

Former Sen. Avel Gordly said she is a 67-year resident of Portland.

"Gentrification is the forced removal and population replacement from land, of one group of people by another," Gordly said. "Gentrification is a process, not just an

event. It is intentional and planned, with specific policies, programs and development decisions, used to accomplish the objective of moving one group of people out, and another group of people in. Specifically in Portland, this resulted in the forced removal of African Americans and other low-income groups from inner North and

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Northeast Portland to the outskirts of the city, while middle- and upper-income Whites moved in.

"The City of Portland and the Portland Development commission have a history of broken promises and backroom processes that have resulted in the gentrification of African Americans and our community has suffered."

Maxine Fitzpatrick, executive director of housing nonprofit PCRI, laid out the group's demands, which she called simple,

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the full board unanimously approved the hire of Monica Beemer (well-known/loved from Sisters Of The Road) and Michael Mic Crenshaw (literally the most respected hip-hop artist/activist in town) as the new radio station co-managers! They are two of the most amazing people in Portland (and the planet), and a perfect fit for the job. Check 'em out!"


Bristow also announced that the Federal Communications Commission has approved the station's operating license for

the next seven years.

Beemer, who left Sisters of the Road's chief position after helping the staff create a collective management structure last year, is also co-chair of the U.S. Assembly to End Poverty; a former member of the National Coordinating Council of the Poor Peoples' Economic Human Rights Campaign; and a founding board members of the Western Regional Advocacy Project.

She has been honored for her work by the Red Cross' Red Dress Society.

Lift Up



Lift Up America, the Portland Trail Blazers and Tyson Foods, Inc. distributed 30,000 pounds of frozen chicken last Thursday, donated by Tyson to the Oregon Food Bank at the Rose Quarter. The donation marked the first distribution event involving a Portland sports team with Tyson's KNOW Hunger national campaign. More than 270,000 Oregonians per month eat meals from emergency food boxes.

responsibility of youth in creating a brighter future through educating others in their rights as laid out in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

— Self Defense and Health, for youth, by

Carolyne Haycraft; Prevention in Strength Programs for girls and boys will present two coed workshops for youth 13-15. The focus will be on building successful relationships that are safe, fun and healthy.

necessary and possible:

1. A full accounting of tax increment financing (urban renewal) in the Interstate Urban Renewal and Oregon Convention Center areas, to include all funding recipient names and amounts.

2. Creation of a Vanport small business assistance fund to support small businesses in the neighborhood of the development site.

"PDC has taken too long to fulfill promises to many of us and they should actively undertake restorative policies in order to make right on those promises," Fitzpatrick said.

3. A legally enforceable community benefits agreement —negotiated by an independently controlled community body —to ensure the employment of African Americans and other community members.

Fitzpatrick also said the group hopes that affordable housing will be built on the site and made available to displaced former residents.

Cyreena Boston, PAALF co-chair said the group believes, "development in the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area and by extension, all development, should serve the needs of the diverse communities that live in it, especially low-income people,

people of color and immigrant communities.

"These communities must be central to the decision making process about the development and management of their neighborhoods.

"Beginning this month, PAALF will host community visioning sessions that will bring together neighbors and community members who have been displaced to determine what outcome they would like to see for this property, and other city of Portland owned vacant lots -- be it housing, a grocery store, retail space or a community center."

The controversial development drew fire after the Portland Development Commission announced it had sold the land to developer Majestic Realty for \$2.4 million less than its appraised value. Protesters also disagreed with the city's claim that the neighborhood is a food desert that needed a grocery store.

In a statement, Mayor Hales and the Portland Development Commission said they intend to work with both supporters and opponents of the plan to find a development plan that works.

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