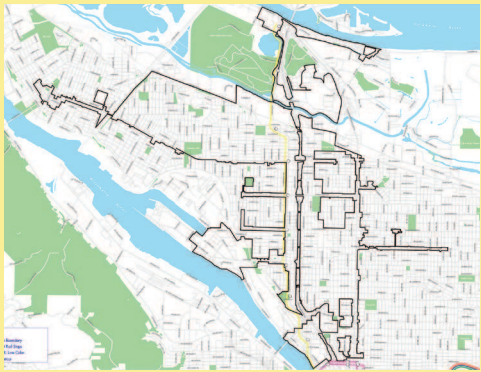


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The PDC is mulling how to spend \$32 million allocated for development in N/NE Portland.

Development Plan Focuses on Prosperity for Black Residents

Draft of N/NE Plan allocates money for culturally relevant spaces, multigenerational wealth

By Arashi Young
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The large community center next to the New Song Church was filled to capacity. Tables overflowed, chairs in the back of the hall were all occupied as well. More than 140 community members came to weigh in on how to spend \$32 million dollars in

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BLM IN SCHOOLS



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Garfield High School history teacher Jesse Hagopian moderates a panel of Black Student Union members representing a middle school and several high schools during a Black Lives Matter Forum/Show/Rally at Washington Hall Oct. 19. Hundreds of people gathered to celebrate a historic day of solidarity, after more than 2,000 educators in the Seattle School District wore Black Lives Matter T-shirts to schools all over the city last week.

Seattle Educators, Students Rally, Talk

More than 2,000 Seattle teachers wore Black Lives Matter T-shirts Oct. 19

By Susan Fried
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On Oct. 19, in a historic demonstration of support for Black students, some 2000 Seattle educators wore Black Lives Matter T-shirts in schools all over the city. Small rallies were held before school and during lunch and many of the teachers used the day as an opportunity to talk about

race and social justice in their classrooms.

Jesse Hagopian, a history teacher at Garfield High School and a leader in the movement for racial equity in Seattle Public Schools, talked about the day at a rally, forum and show held at Washington Hall on Wednesday evening.

“This has been transformative, today,” he said. “This is the first time in the country that an entire district of educators has

stood up and voiced that Black Lives Matter.” Hagopian went on to say that he viewed this as a beginning of a movement he could see spreading nationwide.

The rally at Washington Hall included a forum where students representing several Black Student Unions talked about what could be done in the schools to improve the lives of students of color. Several of the students expressed a desire to be

treated fairly by teachers and staff and to have better access to honors programs offered at their schools.

The action taken by Seattle educators was endorsed by the Seattle Education Association, the Seattle council PTSA board, the Social Equality Educators, and the Seattle NAACP. In addition, over 200 scholars from around the country issued their support in a collective statement of solidarity.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey Visits Portland for Laptop Event

Multnomah County, Comcast partner to distribute 143 laptops to families in need

By Christen McCurdy
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Retired Olympian Jackie Joyner-Kersey visited Portland Monday to talk about closing the city’s digital divide — and for 143 Portland families, that divide got smaller.

Self Enhancement, Inc. hosted an event Monday afternoon to promote Comcast’s Internet Essentials program, which offers no-contract Internet access to low-income families — along with in-person, printed and

online training opportunities to familiarize users with computers — that culminated with 143 families going home with free laptops. None of the families had been notified they’d be leaving with a laptop.

“When you talk about the digital divide, you’re bridging that gap and also giving young people and families a level playing field — and that’s what we all want, is a level playing field,” Joyner-Kersey told



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Pictured here are Self Enhancement Inc. founder Tony Hopson (left), retired track and field star Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith and Nicolas Jimenez, senior manager for Comcast’s Internet Essentials program.

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Internet Essentials customers — who qualify if they have children who are eligible for free or reduced lunch or if they live in subsidized

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