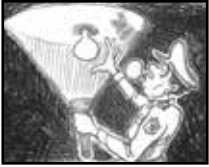


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Pesticide prevails over volunteer group at Pearl park



Above: Tanner Springs Park, designed as a model for ecological sustainability, is being maintained with a notorious pesticide.
Left: A naturalist leads a training on dragonflies/damselflies in 2018.
Photo by Michele Shapiro

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

It was a match seemingly made by Mother Nature—a park exquisitely recreating the prehistoric wetland and Friends of Tanner Springs Park, the avid, environmentally attuned volunteers caring for the park.

The partnership was commemorated in an agreement signed by Portland Parks & Recreation and Friends of Tanner Springs Park Volunteer Coordinator Michele Shapiro.

The current Portland Parks Founda-

tion website boasts:

“Friends of Tanner Springs started with a chat over hiking boots, which led to stewardship opportunities at Tanner Springs Park and hasn’t missed a step since 2015.”

Seven years and 7,000 hours of volunteer labor later, comity has collapsed. Shapiro and her team walked away over PP&R’s insistence that Roundup, the maligned broad-brush pesticide, is the best answer to the park’s maintenance needs.

Using Roundup in an ecological showpiece struck some as crude hypocrisy.

One NW Examiner reader called the paper to express her incredulity.

“If the park is so ecologically pure that they don’t even want dogs in, then why in the world would they put Roundup at Tanner Springs?” she asked.

Shapiro, an Oregon State University Extension Service certified master naturalist who has held positions with three

nature preserve institutions, found the comment apt.

“You don’t need a science degree to understand that,” she said.

Introducing a possible carcinogen to the park was particularly grating to Shapiro.

“I just got cancer two months ago,” she said last fall. “We [FoTS] have several cancer survivors. For me, it’s nonnegotiable.”

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Parking advisers say they were promised more

Is city taking the ‘bigger half’ of meter revenues in Northwest District?

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

The 2013 city ordinance authorizing parking meters in the Northwest District included a carrot: Half of the meter revenue “profits” would be spent on local transportation improvements selected by neighborhood representatives.

Nine years later, benefits to the community are scarcely visible while the substance of local control grows increasingly elusive.

The Northwest Parking District Stake-

holders Advisory Committee and Portland Bureau of Transportation officials are engaging in candid discussions about deflated expectations, exchanges that merely describe without closing the chasm.

“[The] autonomy that I thought that we had earlier ... we seem to have lost,” Mark Stromme, a member of the SAC, said at a December meeting of the committee. “We’ve been folded under PBOT’s umbrella.”

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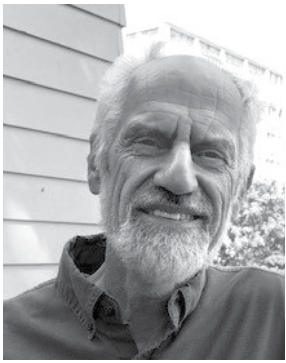


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Private security filling public vacuum

Portland residents feel increasingly unsafe. Our city has grown embarrassingly dirty, lawless and out of control, and few will argue otherwise.

We turn first to the Portland Police Bureau and hear a consistent message, whether from the top brass, union leadership or officers speaking to community groups:

The bureau is drastically short of staffing and funding. Disturbingly long waits for response or failures to respond at all are the inevitable consequence of limited resources. Everyone in blue seems to recite the bureau’s staffing level and how it ranks per capita with other cities.

Officers are so demoralized by their workload and lack of support from elected officials that they are leaving in droves, retiring or transferring to more sympathetic jurisdictions. Replacements are extremely difficult to find because few want this job due to the aforementioned problems.

In order to get bodies in uniform as soon as possible, recent retirees are being lured back with bonuses and bigger pensions. To get new recruits into the profession, education and criminal background standards are lowered. That these pipelines will produce less qualified and reliable officers than those currently in service seems indisputable.

While police officers and administrators complain about the extra burden imposed by social conditions roaring out of control—homelessness, untreated mental illness, addictions, etc.—they disparage efforts to lighten their load with programs such as Portland Street Response.

Citizens who ask how they can help are advised to tell elected officials to increase funding and expedite criminal prosecutions. We need to get back to how things were, in other words.

These are not winsome arguments. They suffice only against the feared alternative—the abyss of chaos, vio-

lence, crime, injustice and disorder affecting the daily lives of Portlanders.

Portland voters may support additional police funding under such circumstances, but they are not happy with the state of local policing. In late 2020, 82 percent voted to tighten accountability over police misconduct.

Although I supported the police accountability referendum, I hold no great hope that it will turn things around.

Still, I am hopeful, and for a reason that would not have occurred to me a few months ago: the professionalism of former cops. Police officers and commanders whose idealism was not quashed by years in uniform have moved to the private sector to demonstrate that there is a better way. Some have created a private security model that emphasizes positive relations with the public and de-escalation of confrontation. Some are working in think tanks and consultancies promoting

similar values.

Echelon Protective Services, with business and institutional clients in Old Town, Downtown, Goose Hollow and Slabtown, patrols on foot night and day, working to build trust with homeless people by handing out warm clothes, cigarettes and coffee vouchers. They offer assistance in finding shelter for those ready to accept it. Old-style security companies putting uniforms on uninspired workers or hiring heavily armed mercenary types still exist, but this new way appears to have legs.

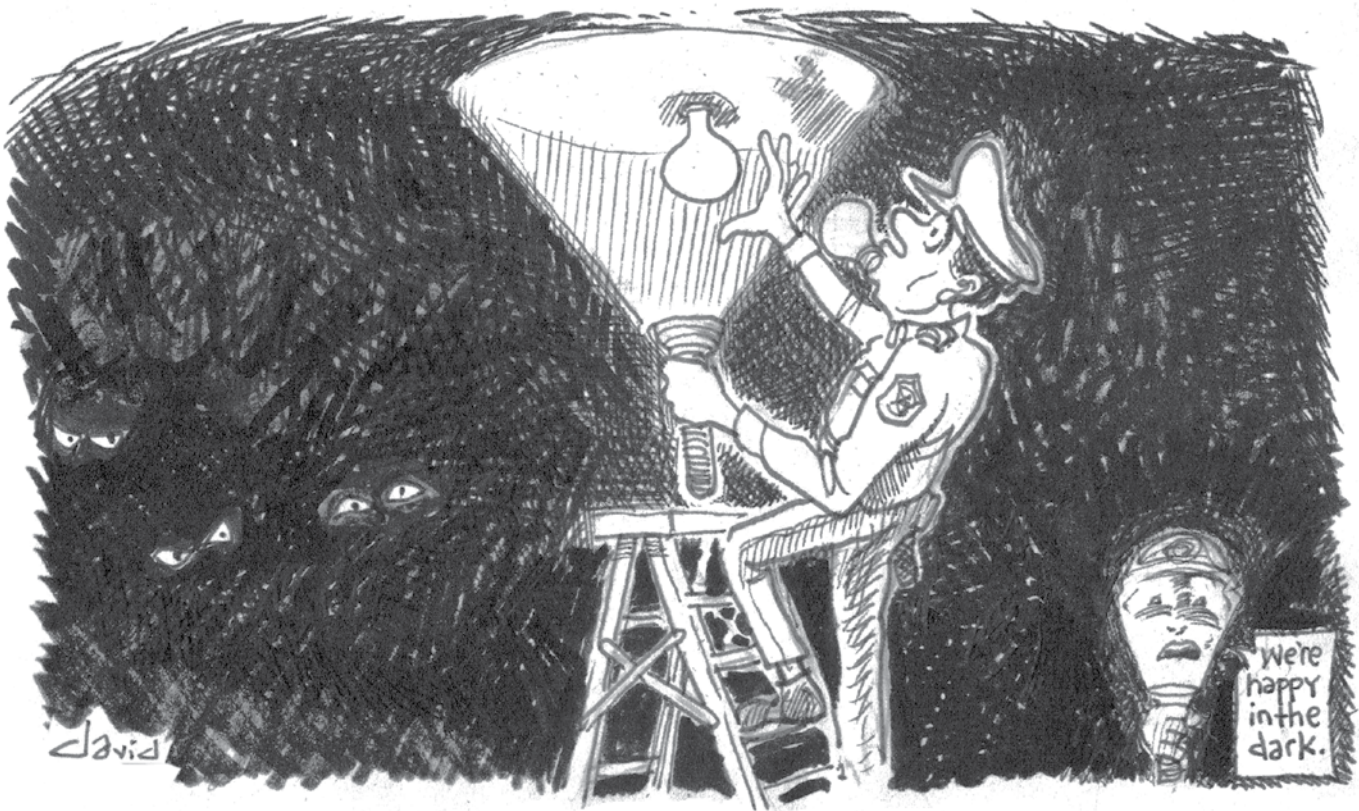
Law enforcement scholarship increasingly sees the goal as peacekeeping. That was, after all, the promise of community policing in the 1980s and 1990s. But the phrase has become so overused and under-practiced that it now draws only cynical eye rolls.

Private security employees outnumber official police officers in Oregon several times over. Citizens, institutions and businesses may bemoan the trend, but

they will put their money on people providing prompt action in the time of need if calls to 911 go nowhere.

Can our police system coexist with the ambitious new form of private security? That cannot be assumed. The Portland Police Bureau and Multnomah County District Attorney provided damning information on Echelon and other private security firms for a three-part investigative report by Oregon Public Broadcasting in December. Somehow the over-extended law enforcement system found time to get a subpoena to investigate the removal of camps on sidewalks, complaints that guards used excessive force and other allegations of a level that haven’t gained police attention for some time.

When innovations and fresh ideas are seen as a threat to official authority, we are describing a brittle system incapable of reform. History has not been kind to such institutions. ■



How many Portland Police officers does it take to screw in a light bulb? One, and 1,000 to tell you it’s not enough.

Readers Reply

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Pronoun agnostic

I am regularly misgendered. Clark Hays writes [Letters, January 2022] that, “It should bother them.” But the truth is that it doesn’t bother me one bit. I just don’t care. People can call me “sir” “ma’am” or whatever else suits them. I never correct them, I just smile and have a normal nice interaction.

I also have no intention of being forced to “state my pronouns” in any public context whatsoever. It’s not something I plan to give any thought to. As a pronoun agnostic, I have never given it any thought and don’t plan to. I don’t think the requirement to state one’s pronouns has any place in a democratic public meeting.

Jason Collins
NW Glisan St.

Creepy vibe

My adult daughters were back home in Portland for the holidays. Perusing the January 2022 edition, my eldest asked, “What’s up with the NW Examiner’s creepy propaganda vibe?”

John Warner
Pearl District Neighborhood
Association board member 2014-22



Janet Altman



Janet Kathryn Altman, who attended Lincoln High School, died Dec. 30 at age 54. Janet Doerfler was born Nov. 1, 1967, in Portland. She graduated from the University of Portland. In 1991, she married Jason Altman. She managed the lunch program at her children's school, Pilgrim Lutheran. She worked as a caregiver for dementia patients and served as a Eucharistic minister to Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center patients. She and her husband taught Sunday school at Beaverton Foursquare Church. She is survived by her husband, Jason; son, Zachary; daughter, Lauren; parents, John and Sally Doerfler; sister, Jill Shoen; brother, Mark Doerfler; sister, Elizabeth Leighton. Her son, Aaron, died in 2014.

Rodger Eddy



Rodger Delmar Eddy, a longtime Northwest Portland resident, died Jan. 20 at age 92. He was born on Dec. 22, 1929, in Portland. He graduated from Grant High School in 1948 and received a degree in journalism from the University of Oregon in 1952. He worked as an investigative reporter and advertising manager for the Gresham Outlook and later managed the Sandy Post and Parkrose Enterprise before founding the North Willamette News in Aurora in 1964. After retirement, he served on the boards of the Northwest District Association and Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center. He founded the Northwest chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club. He married Janet Christine Godey in 1959. He is survived by his wife, Janet; daughters, Cecily Spencer, Melanie Robinson and Angela Sandino; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Una Loughran

Una Patricia Loughran, the general manager of BodyVox for 19 years, died Jan. 7 of cancer at age 59. She was born on June 12, 1962, in Portland and grew up in Beaverton. She graduated from St. Mary of the Valley High School in 1980 and received a bachelor of arts degree in music from Lewis & Clark College in 1984. She worked in development for the Oregon Shakespeare Theater, beginning in 1988, and at Portland Center Stage, beginning in 1995. In 1999, she joined Eyestream Interactive,

an online marketing firm. She joined BodyVox in 2002. She served on the board of Arts Northwest. She served as cantor for more than 40 years at several local Catholic churches. She is survived by her father, Seamus Loughran; brothers, Fergus, Sean and Dermot. Her sister, Siobhan Taylor, died last August.

Eddie Basinski



Edwin Frank Basinski, who played 11 seasons with the Portland Beavers, died Jan. 8 in a Gladstone care facility at age 99. He was born in Buffalo on Nov. 4, 1922. He received a mechanical engineering degree at the University of Buffalo in 1944. A classically trained violinist, he played first chair for the Buffalo Symphony Orchestra before signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1944. He played two seasons with the Dodgers and one for the Pittsburgh Pirates before joining the Beavers. He was voted the "Most Famous Beaver" and in 2006 was inducted into the Pacific Coast League Hall of Fame. After leaving baseball, he worked 31 years as an account manager for Consolidated Freightways. He was also a popular banquet speaker known for his storytelling. He is survived by his son, Dave; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two ex-wives and his son, Jeff.

Sally Hart



Sally Shannon Hart, who grew up in Northwest Portland, died Jan. 13 at age 92. Sally Colwell was born March 8, 1929, in Portland. She attended St. Helens Hall, Lincoln High School, Oregon State and the University of Washington before receiving her elementary education degree from Lewis & Clark College. She taught second grade at Grout Elementary School. She married Hal Hart in 1951; he died in 2007. The Sally Colwell Hart Patient Lounge at Discoveries in Sight Research Laboratories is named for her. The Pettinger-Colwell-Hart Family Scholarship Fund benefits Lincoln students. She is survived by her daughters, Shannon Hart, Lois Scales, Susan Hart, Dorothy Grasle and Kathleen Hart; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Joan Gamble



Joan Marie Gamble, who attended Catlin Gabel School, died Jan. 6 at age 90. She was born Jan. 6, 1932, in Portland. She earned her bachelor's degree at Smith College in Northampton, Mass. In 1956, she married Blake Hering. She was a financial supporter, fundraiser and for many years she volunteered her time in support of the House of Umoja of Portland. She was a member of The Town Club in Portland for more than 50 years as well as an active member of the Portland Garden Club, where she taught flower arranging and became an accomplished national flower show judge. She was a member of the Multnomah Athletic Club. She is survived by her children; Heather Wiener, Cameron Hering, Kimberly Hering, J. Blake Hering Jr., Brooks Hering and Hillary Ellis; and nine grandchildren.

Jean Thorpe



Jean Thorpe, who attended Catlin School, died Jan. 9 at age 88. Jean Lawrence was born and raised in Portland. She attended Stephens College in Missouri. She became an X-ray technician at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center. She married John Thorpe in 1964. She was a longtime volunteer at the Northwest Pilot Project, Meals on Wheels and the Washington Park Rose Garden. She was a lifelong member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. She was predeceased by her husband, John. She is survived by her brother, Bill Lawrence; son, Steven; and daughter, Erica Staley; four grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Susan Miner



Susan Miner, a longtime Northwest Portland resident, died Nov. 20, 2021, of cancer at age 74. Susan Richardson was born in Fort Bragg, N.C., and lived in Denver and Salem while growing up and attended Oregon State University. She married William "Rick" Miner in 1965, and they moved to San Francisco. In 1976, she moved to Garden Home. She worked in the consumer services division of Nike until her retirement in 2006. She volunteered for the Boys & Girls Aid Society, Girl Scouts, schools, food pantries and homeless shelter organizations. Her husband, Rick, died in 2013. She is survived by her daughters, Jennifer Kollmer and Kendra Biller; brother, Kirk Richardson; and three grandchildren.

Death Notices

KAYE GILL PATTERSON CAIRNEY, 76, attended Lincoln High School.

LILLIAN OKAZAKI, 96, attended Lincoln High School.

WILLIAM EUGENE PIERSON, 93, member of the Multnomah Athletic Club.

ROBERT E. 'BOB' BAUER, 86, member of the Multnomah Athletic Club.

PATRICK E. YOUNG, 104, resident of NorthWest Place.

BEATRICE (VINCENT) DICK, 97, attended Lincoln High School.

MARY BETH (LARPENTEUR) HEALY, 85, member of the Multnomah Athletic Club.

CAROL (MYHRAN) REIMERS, 86, graduated from Lincoln High School in 1954.

EUGENE E. HANSON, 90, graduated from Lincoln High School.

JOHN H. VAN BUREN, 70, graduated from Lincoln High School in 1970.

JANET (WOODS) LIVESAY, 88, attended Lincoln High School.

AUDREY M. KORDIC, 86, a resident of Northwest Portland.

KATHRYN (RICHEN) WASSAM, 98, member of Multnomah Athletic Club.

JACQUELYN ARCHER, 88, graduated from Lincoln High School.

FR ANDREW LETTEN, 97, served an Eastern Orthodox mission church in Northwest Portland.

MARGARET (PATTEN) EATON, 81, a student and teacher at Catlin Gabel School.

MILTON "LEE" STEINER, 84, a graduate of Cathedral Grade School and Lincoln High School.

JOHN ELWOOD "BUD" CLARK JR., 90, former mayor and longtime Northwest Portland resident.

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Ankeny Plaza fountain removed without notice or review

Policies to preserve public art need strengthening



Southern side of Ankeny Plaza restrooms in 2009. Portland Archives A2009-009.85



Left: Close-up of Ankeny Plaza fountain taken in 2001.

Below: Gargoyle detailing



The restrooms have been vandalized and closed.

BY WILLIAM J. HAWKINS III

In the last four years, Portland’s public artworks have been subjected to ever-accelerating threats, including demolition. The first of these to be demolished is the once-elegant fountain in the south end of the North Park Blocks known as Ankeny Plaza.

The fountain was constructed in 1920-21 as the terminal piece of a central court flanked by two brick lavatory buildings. The fountain’s basin was fed water from a large satyr-like head, set into the decorative brick and cast-stone balustrade garden wall. The handsome sculpture and buildings are attributed to talented architect Jamieson K. Parker.

Portland Parks & Recreation has not maintained this public square. The lavatories were vandalized and eventually closed. In the last few years, Green Loop Director Keith Jones called the park “abandoned” by PP&R. Having secured \$269,000 of city funds in 2021 to make

the changes possible, Jones championed moving the Alder Street Food Carts to the square’s perimeter. As a part of the work, the 100-year-old fountain and most of its garden wall were demolished without review, respect for local laws or public involvement.

This fountain at Ankeny Plaza is not the last public artwork being considered for removal and possible demolition. The city’s policies and process for the oversight and maintenance of its artworks must be strengthened. Any process to consider removal of public art must be open, with a strong public involvement component. Otherwise, Portland may see additional memorials for demolished artworks.

Mr. Hawkins is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

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Above: Volunteers celebrate first planting at Tanner Springs in 2015. Alice Brocoum (L-R), Lena Stoney, unknown, Robin Akers, Judy Conley, Michele Shapiro, Mike Street, Gail Massoll, Bruce Stephenson and Fran Edgecomb. Photo by Roger Mangrum



Above: Fall planting in 2015. Photo by Roger Mangrum
Left: Volunteers meticulously weed the edge of a path in 2015. Photo by Judy Conley

"Pesticide prevails" cont'd from page 1

Shapiro felt the bureau's general alert regarding the new practice last September broke an understanding that such decisions would be discussed with her organization before implementation.

"If there is a reason to spray, we want to be notified ahead of time," she told the Examiner.

Shapiro called PP&R two days after

the spray alert expecting dialogue, but received only written justification for the action taken.

"In the case of Tanner Springs," wrote Nichole Linehan, pest management coordinator for PP&R, in a letter to FoTS board member Elaine Pratt, "an area of the park received a targeted application on Sept. 3, 2021, limited solely to the weeds growing in the crack crevices of the pavers, in the shrub beds and around the irrigation valve boxes.

"An employee who is licensed as an applicator by the state of Oregon applied a diluted amount of herbicide to the leaf tissue. This targeted approach minimizes the amount of product used."

"We have also investigated many of the various alternative products, organic and otherwise, but found that they were generally much more toxic for both people and the environment and not effective," Linehan's letter concluded.

violates the spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding.

"Recent events and interactions with the new horticulturist lead us to believe our goals and those of PP&R are diverging. Spraying herbicides as the first choice maintenance regime, non-native plant additions, missing signage and blocked communications do not constitute benefits to our relationship or a healthy park."

Shapiro, Pratt and another board member resigned, effectively dissolving the FoTS board.

"Three board members that spearheaded our grant search, writing, stewardship coordination, and media have all resigned from Friends of Tanner Springs due to the lack of support from PP&R and remaining resigned for health reasons," Shapiro said. "The board dissolved. The remaining volunteers are planning to meet with PP&R to find common ground to continue stewardship of the park."

The assurances did not go over well.

"You don't need to spray if you have people pulling weeds," she said. "Their slogan is 'Healthy Parks, Healthy People.' That's not true."

Shapiro said Roundup "kills all beneficial bacteria in the soil," leeches into waterways and killed moss the volunteers were attempting to grow on pathways.

"There really is no good reason to use it," she said.

Shapiro wrote PP&R a letter Sept. 17.

"I am writing to voice our concerns regarding the change implemented along the basalt pathways by Portland Parks & Recreation on Sept. 8, 2021. We hold that this change, made without prior notice or consultation with us,

"You don't need to spray if you have people pulling weeds."
— Michele Shapiro, Friends of Tanner Springs board chair

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Friends of Tanner Springs Park won a NW Examiner Community Award in 2019. It was received by board members (L-R): Michele Shapiro, Judy Douglas, Nancy Faulk, Gail Massoll and Barbara Bushong. Photo by Julie Keefe

the Examiner it would happen in early 2022, though no date has been set.

Meanwhile, four or five FoTS members are still volunteering.

“Since my cancer surgery is scheduled for January,” Shapiro said, “I reached out to the PP&R volunteer coordinator, Steve Pixley, to see when the meeting would be. According to him, PP&R doesn’t believe there is an existing problem to be resolved. In essence, they are sweeping everything under the rug, since there are volunteers working in the park, and dismissing the years of relationship the group had with them. There has been no discussion of the misuse of Roundup at Tanner.”

One of the volunteers from the start of Friends of Tanner Springs was Bruce Stephenson, a professor at Rollins College, near Orlando, Fla., who moved to the Pearl District in 2015 to immerse himself in and study his new hometown. Last year, Lexington Books published his “Portland’s Good Life: Sustainability and Hope in an American City.”

About five pages were devoted to Tanner Springs Park.

“Tanner Springs opened to much acclaim. In 2007, the New York Times described it as ‘a sort of cross between an Italian piazza and a weedy urban wetland with lots of benches perched beside gently running streams.’

“Tanner Springs remains a laboratory that will determine if restored nature can thrive in the heart of a city.”

Regarding the recent turn of course, Stephenson was troubled.

“Friends of Tanner Springs epitomizes the dedicated, informed citizen volunteers who have maintained the natural aesthetic of Portland’s parks for the past century. Tanner Springs is a special place where nature is being restored in a crafted organic fashion—where volunteer labor negated chemical solutions. Moreover, securing a stand of wild nature enlivened the neighborhood as the Friends generated social capital that extended throughout the Pearl.

“What a poisonous loss”, Stepheson said.

Mike Houck, founder of the Urban Greenspaces Institute, has worked on environmental issues in the metropolitan region since 1980. He has also been a champion of Tanner Springs Park since before its construction in 2003. Though not involved in the current controversy, he offered this statement:

“One of the best features of Tanner Springs is the extensive public involvement in the park design. This remarkable square block of nature attracts great blue heron, osprey, song birds and an impressive diversity of native plants.

“It’s flourished in large measure thanks to the impressive years-long efforts of local volunteers. Whatever Portland Parks needs to do to insure the volunteers’ continued good work, including use of integrated pest management, should be a priority.” ■

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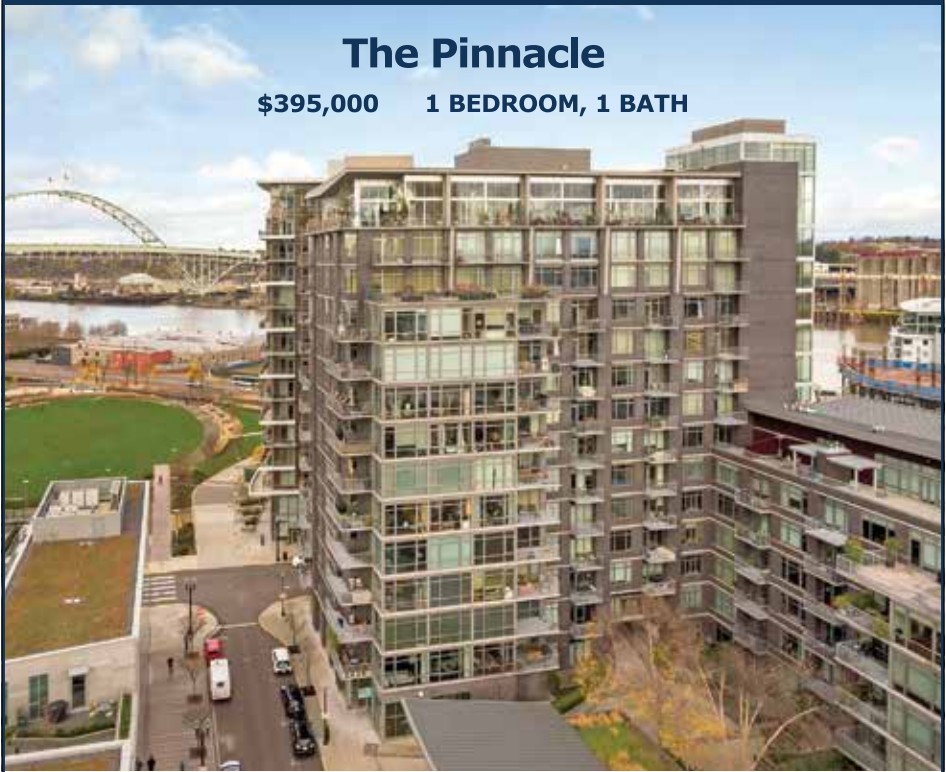


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The Fields Bar & Grill endures with support from community

BY JOHNNIE MAZZOCCO

If you ask Jim Rice what has gotten him and his sports bar, The Fields Bar & Grill, through the past two years, he will tell you it's community. The residents of the Pearl. And his team.

Since buying The Fields in 2019, Rice has experienced the tribulations of the COVID pandemic, riots at his front door and perpetual vandalism without reason.

Less than a year after he took ownership, he had to close as the state ordered a halt to indoor dining. He had all perishable food bagged up and doled it out to workers before letting them go. Only takeout service continued.

As revenues dropped from about \$4,000 to \$400 per day, he was "torn to pieces" and wondered if the business would survive.

With enough on hand to pay his kitchen staff for a few months, he "rolled the dice" and used the time to renovate. Doing the work himself, he took out the Lotto area near the front door and put a group gathering space in its place.

He used Paycheck Protection Program funds to cover rent and pay workers to paint, install new ceiling panels and make other interior updates.

In June 2020, he reopened under a 25 percent capacity mandate, which was not enough to meet operating expenses. He geared up for the fall, adding more TVs and expanding patio seating under large umbrellas. That approximately doubled revenues, still a far

cry from normal.

In November, the second COVID shutdown came, and another 25-percent capacity cap was imposed in February 2021.

Rice was targeted by black-clad rioters last summer due to his consistent and vocal presence in the media. On one troubling night chronicled in the NW Examiner, patrons and neighbors congregated in front of the restaurant's windows, scheduling their presence in shifts to form a human shield preventing rioters from breaking windows throughout a long night.

Rice stuck around to quell the anger as the threat subsided, even inviting a few inside for earnest conversation.

Still, windows were broken. A stranger offered \$500 cash toward repairs. Rice still gets emotional when he speaks of the community's support.

With a new appreciation of his debt to the community, Rice has stepped up to co-chair a new business support committee of the Pearl District Neighborhood Association. As businesses continue to struggle, he believes networking with each other and community residents—and bringing a unified message to City Hall—offers the best hope for the future.

His co-chair is Judie Dunken, who also heads the PDNA Livability and Safety Committee.

"He is positive and strong and just keeps persevering," Dunken said of Rice. "He has integrity and is a very good businessman." ■



Above: A grateful message tells the story. Jim Rice is proud of the weathered sign at his back.

Photo by Johnnie Mazzocco



Right: Suspect captured on The Fields Bar and Grill's surveillance camera on November 1. (Courtesy: Jim Rice)



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A "Standup" Lady

She had been seen at the Nob Hill Bar & Grill for some time now, yet she had kept to herself. That is why it came as a surprise when she volunteered to be raffled off as a Valentine's Day date for some lucky customer.

Ticket sales were brisk. It seems a lot of the regulars had been eyeing this mysterious lady.

Ron likes the fact that she rarely spoke and he never shut up. A match made in heaven.

Holly and Jenn bought tickets, since they needed a shortstop on their softball team.

Jerry purchased a ticket, since his last date was in a fruitcake.

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Street dining structures on thin ice

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Langbaan and Smith Teamaker have full-scale buildings in the street.

COVID-era dining structures in parking lanes have finally gone too far—even for the Portland Bureau of Transportation.

Under the Healthy Businesses Program, PBOT has promoted private use of the public right of way by waiving fees, regulations and inspections in order to help restaurants and retailers survive the pandemic. But the recent appearance of two four-sided buildings in the district with windows and doors has strained tolerance.

“We will move to much stronger enforcement,” said Rani Boyle, who heads PBOT’s development, permitting and transit team.

Boyle also said fees may be imposed on such installations, though imposing even modest costs might cause some businesses to drop out.

Boyle addressed the Northwest Parking Stakeholders Advisory Committee, which has complained about poor-quality structures that eliminate parking stalls, block visibility near intersections and obstruct sidewalks.

Referring to a photo of the “train car” in front of the soon-to-be Langbaan restaurant on Northwest 23rd Place, SAC Chair Rick Michaelson asked, “Would this site be approved?”

“It seems extremely unlikely that we would approve

essentially buildings in the right of way,” Boyle replied, noting that PBOT “may ask them to remove it.”

The bureau will “move to much stronger enforcement,” in contrast to the “very light touch” involving reminders but no fines or penalties, she said.

Still, SAC member Karen Karlsson has doubts about PBOT’s enforcement policies and practices.

“I don’t trust you guys,” she said.

Karlsson mentioned a covering over the sidewalk by a Northwest 23rd Avenue restaurant, compounded by furnishings on the sidewalk, is so obstructive that pedestrians frequently walk in the street.

Boyle said she knew of the case. “We reached out to them many times,” she said.

Removing the installations or fining the business has not been options, however, because it would be “politically sensitive,” she said.

Boyle said the Healthy Businesses Program has been popular, judging from an unpublished survey of about 500 respondents solicited near dining facilities in the right of way.

SAC member Don Singer, whose family owns many commercial properties in the Northwest and Pearl districts, said all retailers benefit when restaurants flourish and many more businesses would have failed without this program ■.

Cycle Town Coffee Roasters

Cycle Town Coffee Roasters, a local wholesaler operating in the former Smith Teamaker building at 1626 NW Thurman St. the past year, has added a retail coffee shop. The company features high-quality coffee beans air roasted in small batches and delivered on bicycle.

Sunshine Noodles

Chef Diane Lam opened Sunshine Noodles in the former XLB space at 2175 NW Raleigh St. in December. Lam launched her home-style Cambodian concept with a pop-up shop on North Mississippi Avenue last summer. She will also serve infused liquors, draft cocktails, wine and beer.

Screen Door

Screen Door closed its 1131 NW Couch St. restaurant for two weeks around the holidays due to COVID-related staffing shortages. On Jan. 8, the restaurant reopened with a requirement that all customers present proof of vaccination.

Négociant

Négociant, a gourmet wine shop and delicatessen will open at 655 NW 21st Ave. this month or next. The shop is owned by Sami Gaston and Chris Turner, who also have Bar Diane in the same building at 2112 NW Irving St., unit 105. The store will stock hundreds of wines, and the deli will feature ready-to-eat sandwiches, cheeses, soup, salads, charcuterie, fresh fish, shellfish and meats.

Tini’s Mini Craft Cocktails

Two-ounce cocktails featuring Dregs Vodka are served at Tini’s Mini Craft Cocktails, which opened last month at 1650 NW 23rd Ave. Dregs founder Mike Nierengarten started the company in 2019 with a pledge to donate 100 percent of profits to local charities supporting low-income youths. So far 40 local charities have received donations.



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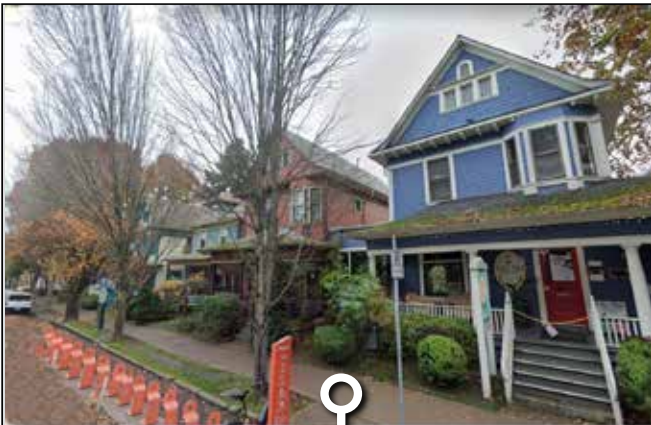
CRACKERJACKS

Local developer Gregg Opsahl and his Nascent Collective LLC have purchased the former Crackerjacks Pub & Eatery at 2788 NW Thurman St. and remodeling work has begun. Preliminary plans presented to the city involve a roof deck, seismic upgrades and internal reconfiguration to add storefront windows at the corner.



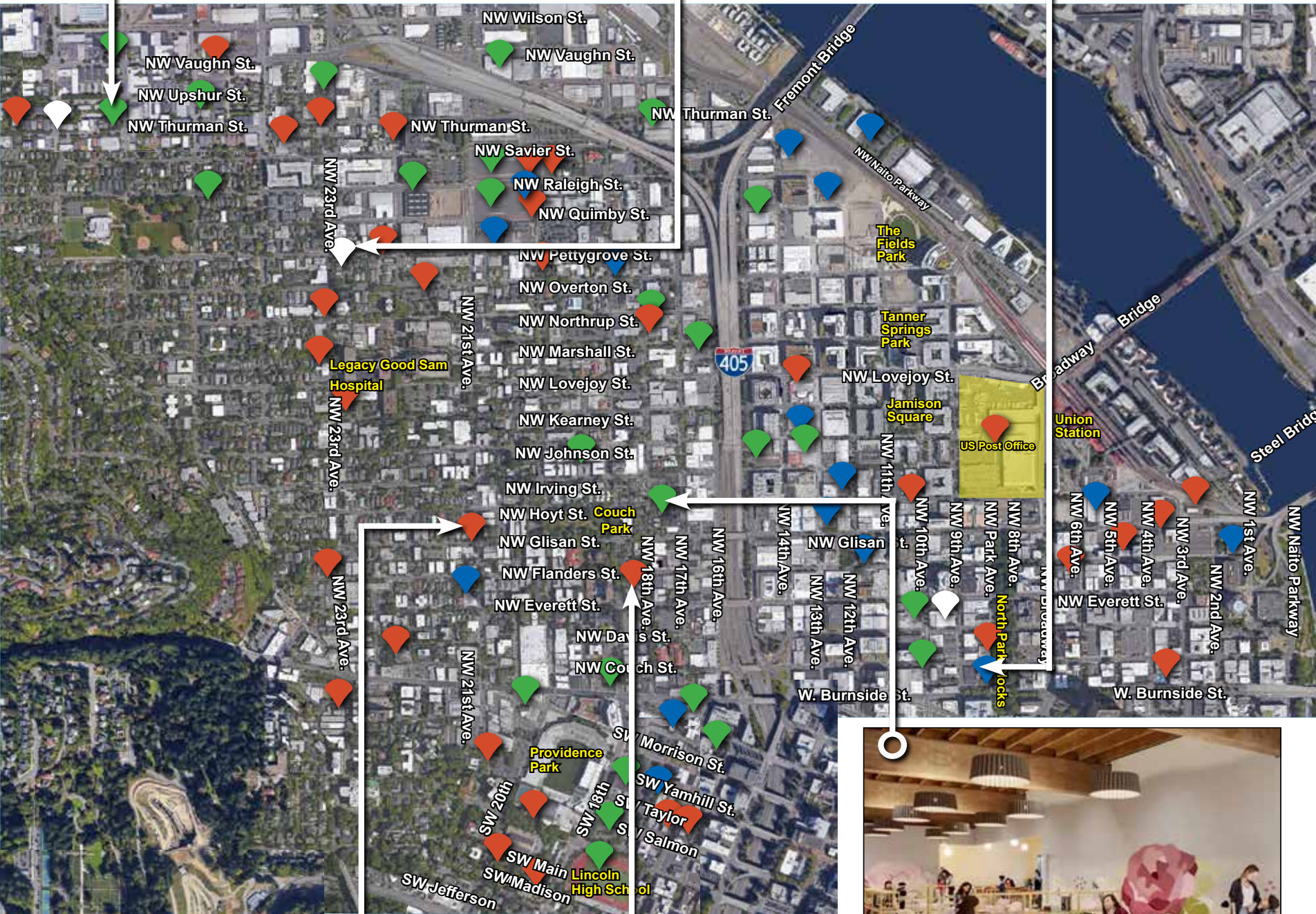
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Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center has accepted a tentative sales offer on the eastern side of Northwest 23rd Avenue between Northwest Overton and Pettygrove streets. In 1991, four early 20th century houses were moved to the property to form a five-house retail ensemble. An adjacent house in residential use at 2267 NW Overton St. is also part of the parcel.



CHOICE CAMBRIA HOTEL

Developers of the Choice Cambria Hotel on the North Park Blocks stopped engaging with the Pearl District Neighborhood Association, which had substantial criticism of previous designs for the six-story structure. "In an unfortunate and unprecedented move," wrote PDNA Planning and Transportation Committee Co-chair Reza Farhoodi, "the project team has chosen to bypass our committee entirely and have already scheduled their design review hearing for Jan. 27 without giving us an opportunity to provide additional feedback."



SILVER DOLLAR PIZZA

Plans to add two residential levels above the Silver Dollar Pizza building at Northwest 21st and Glisan streets are under review by the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission, which will hold another public hearing on Feb. 28. The commission and the Northwest District Association have questioned the blank space above the existing retail windows, which would be more prominent with the replacement of a mansard roof with smaller awnings.



NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD CULTURAL CENTER

The nonprofit board of the Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center, 1819 NW Everett St., will hold its annual membership meeting Tuesday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m., via Zoom. Topics will include a tentative offer from a Las Vegas-based private developer to purchase the property for \$4.75 million and a property tax dispute with Multnomah County. Residents, property owners and business owners of six surrounding neighborhoods are eligible to become members. Visit nnccpdx.com for information.



ROSE HAVEN

Rose Haven, a shelter for women, children and gender nonconforming people facing trauma and homelessness, has signed a long-term lease for the former World Cup Coffee building at Northwest 18th and Glisan streets. The nonprofit institution has raised \$2.6 million toward a \$3 million goal to remodel the property, aiming for a March 8 grand opening.



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Also see the development map maintained by the Goose Hollow Foothills League: goosehollow.org/images/GooseHollowDevelopmentMap.pdf

Press ban returns briefly as staff calls shots

NWNW staff and board allies privately override chair's December decision

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

My unprecedented exclusion from the public meetings of Neighbors West-Northwest—presumably resolved in December—became an on-again, off-again affair last month.

Rick Kneuen, elected president of the NWNW neighborhood coalition in December, declared the original banishment in October invalid at a special board meeting on Dec. 21. Kneuen advised directors who disagreed with his ruling to seek authorization from their neighborhood associations before reviving further discussion on the matter.

Absent any such activity or warning, however, I was not allowed in the Jan. 12 meeting. Thirteen minutes into the Zoom call, I was finally let in, immediately after a motion overturning the October exclusion resolution had been adopted.

The ongoing “war with the press” was triggered by my September 2021 NW Examiner story asserting that

coalition staff members “have taken charge of the neighborhood coalition program” and initiated personal attacks against their critics.

The January imbroglio was evidence that staff indeed run the organization, strategizing privately with board members who share their goals.

Rescission of the October resolution was not on the January agenda, but Stan Penkin, who introduced that resolution, asked for permission to speak on the topic. He read a prepared statement concluding that it is “time to get past our divisions of recent months and come to peace with Allan Classen.”

Without discussion on the merits of the policy reversal, the board voted 10-1 for adoption. The lone dissenter was former President Richard Barker.



Former Neighbors West-Northwest president Richard Barker cast the lone vote against ending the exclusion of NW Examiner Editor Allan Classen from meetings.



Stan Penkin introduced a motion to rescind his earlier resolution banning the NW Examiner.



“I am more engaged, striving to exert greater oversight and seeking advice from recognized experts.”

**—Rick Kneuen,
Neighbors West-Northwest
president**

Kneuen said he did not realize I had been kept out of the first portion of the meeting. After conversations with Executive Director Mark Sieber and Program Manager Anastasia Zurcher, the host of NWNW Zoom meetings, Kneuen learned that both staff members believed he had acted improperly and overrode his ruling without telling him they were doing so.

Asked to comment on this summary, Sieber wrote, “I defer to Rick on this matter.”

Zurcher did not respond.

“What I have learned is that Mark sought advice from a board member with whom he has had a working relationship for several decades,” Kneuen told the Examiner. “The advice Mark received (regarding parliamentary protocol) was mistaken. I have spoken to each party, clarified both my stance as well as the correct parliamentary procedure supporting my stance, and have clarified expected

lines of communication.”

“Frankly, the fault isn’t Mark’s,” Kneuen told the Examiner. “He was following a process ingrained over years. That I am more engaged, striving to exert greater oversight and seeking advice from recognized experts, is a shift. We are all learning how to communicate most effectively.”

The Examiner invited board members to comment on the procedural breakdown. Only Barker did so.

“No employee overstepped his/her/their roles/bounds,” he wrote. “No factual evidence has ever been presented demonstrating that our employees have overstepped his/her/their roles/bounds. They were following the resolution as it stood at the beginning of the meeting and were correct in doing so.” ■

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"Our job is to give a candid account on what the neighborhood feels is important and what the priorities should be, not to repeat back to PBOT what we think PBOT's priorities already are."

**—Nick Fenster,
Stakeholders Advisory
Committee member**

"It started to feel at that point that the city was deciding what we should be doing," SAC member Karen Karlsson added, referring to the juncture when it became apparent to her that PBOT was guiding the community's share of funds toward its own purposes. "We no longer had a role other than reacting to what PBOT thought we should be doing. That's how I think some of this frustration began."

PBOT officials know the natives are restless. They created a three-part "reflection series" to explain the history of what is known as Zone M, which encompasses the vast majority of the Northwest District.

"I feel that there's some distrust between us," Kristan Alldrin, the city's parking coordinator, affirmed in December. "We learned that there are some things that PBOT staff and the SAC are not on the same wavelength about, and we want to have an open conversation with you."

Alldrin was not the only PBOT manager at the December SAC meeting.

"I feel like we're not on the same page," PBOT Division Manager Chris Armes said. "We're just acknowledging that there are things that need to get sorted out for this group to continue in a way that we can further the goals of the SAC."

Changing terms

While PBOT officials claimed nothing has fundamentally changed since the SAC was formed, city initiatives in the past two years have overturned basic assumptions about the partnership.

The advisory committee was formed with equal representation from the two organizations that had butted heads over parking issues in the district since

at least the 1990s: the Northwest District Association and the Northwest Business Association. Each was allotted four seats on the committee, and there were also five at-large positions. Members were officially confirmed by the commissioner of PBOT, but it was understood that the two associations could choose their own representatives, who could serve as long as their associations wanted them.

In 2020, the Office of Civic & Community Life took charge of bringing the SAC in line with other

city advisory bodies by insisting on term limits and excluding the SAC from input on at-large appointments. PBOT and Civic Life seated Alexandra Zimmerman, who had been active in NWDA, as an at-large member against strong objections by Rick Michaelson, the SAC chair since its formation in 2014. He said it tipped the balance between residential and business interests upon which the 2013 ordinance was based.

When Michaelson's lengthy letter of concerns was ignored, he resigned. Karlsson, who had also been on the SAC since the beginning, also resigned.

A partially conciliatory letter from PBOT's Northwest Parking District liaison Rae-Leigh Stark caused them to return to the committee, but relations between the citizen advisers and the transportation bureau remain tense.

Karlsson, a former PBOT planner, believes the seeds of discontent grew from a political compromise made by former City Commissioner Amanda Fritz to get the Northwest Parking Plan adopted.

"Originally, this group was supposed to be a TMA [transportation management association] so we would have had more autonomy and independence," Karlsson said.



Cultural Center Annual Membership Meeting Slated for February 15, 2022

The Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center (NNCC) will hold its annual membership meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Because of COVID related restrictions, the meeting will take place as a Zoom hosted teleconference in a manner similar to that used for the 2021 membership meeting. Members of record as of January 16, 2021 who wish to attend the meeting will need to register in advance. Please watch our web site www.nnccpdx.com for more information about this meeting and the advance registration process.

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“Our goal is broader than just finding alternative transportation.”
—Karen Karlsson, Stakeholders Advisory Committee member

The Lloyd District TMA, now called Go Lloyd, was a model for such an organization. Go Lloyd is a public/private partnership whose members control its budget and staff.

“At the last minute,” Karlsson said, worries over the historic business-residential split in the neighborhood led to an advisory committee as an interim measure but always with the thought that a TMA was the ultimate goal.

The SAC’s first project was a study of parking and transportation patterns and possible programs to address them.

“We contributed 50 percent of the cost of a study that the city was supposedly going to do,” she said. “Only later did we find that it was a study about alternative transportation. How do we improve bikes? How do we improve pedestrian safety? It had nothing to do with any other kind of transportation.

“Our goal is broader than just finding alternative transportation,” Karlsson said. “That is strongly a piece of it, but it’s not the whole thing.”

COVID-related factors have reduced parking revenues in the past two years, but before that, the revenue stream approached \$2 million a year, most of which went unspent as the SAC approved research to better understand the district’s parking patterns before investing in remedies.

Some on the SAC worried that the mounting surplus was an invitation to PBOT to direct funds toward its priorities in the district.

SAC business representatives, in particular, wanted funds allocated toward creating more parking resources, including the possibility of building parking structures. Meanwhile, PBOT focused first on reducing parking demand on the theory that only then would it be possible to estimate the need for permanent parking facilities.

The most controversial traffic-suppressing program has been NW in Motion, a separate PBOT project but one subsidized with \$600,000 in SAC-controlled money.

Other programs underwritten by the SAC include:

- Subsidizing rides on TriMet, Bike-Town, Portland Streetcar, e-scooters and car sharing.
- Replacing 42 public trash cans with

- larger ones.
- A fund to create or enlarge long-term bike parking facilities.
- A study of pedestrian lighting installations.
- Enabling owners of off-street parking facilities to operate them as paid public parking.
- Temporary curb extensions at 16 intersections.
- Restrictions on parking in the district for Timbers games and other large events at Providence Park.

Armes sees such policies, including removing parking near intersections to improve visibility, as improving safety.

“I would interpret it differently,” Michaelson said. “We [PBOT] want to make it hard for people to drive here and therefore that reduces demand because people aren’t going to want to drive here.”

Zimmerman, for whom PBOT broke protocol to install her on the SAC, favors NW in Motion and PBOT’s general direction. She does not own a car

and said limiting auto routes has made walking and biking safer.

“There is a reason behind it that we don’t talk about as much,” she said.

She is also comfortable with letting PBOT control the agenda.

“My understanding of how an advisory body works, just in general, is that we have the same goals and priorities as the city, and we advise the city. We don’t necessarily dictate the purpose of the group or the work plan,” she said.

SAC member Nick Fenster disagrees.

“We speak for the neighborhoods,” he said. “We advise the city. The city does not advise us.”

Fenster acknowledges that the city can ignore that advice. Nevertheless, raising independent ideas is the SAC’s reason for being.

“Our job is to give a candid account on what the neighborhood feels is important and what the priorities should be,” he said, “not to repeat back to PBOT what we think PBOT’s priorities already are. I don’t see what the purpose of that would be.” ■

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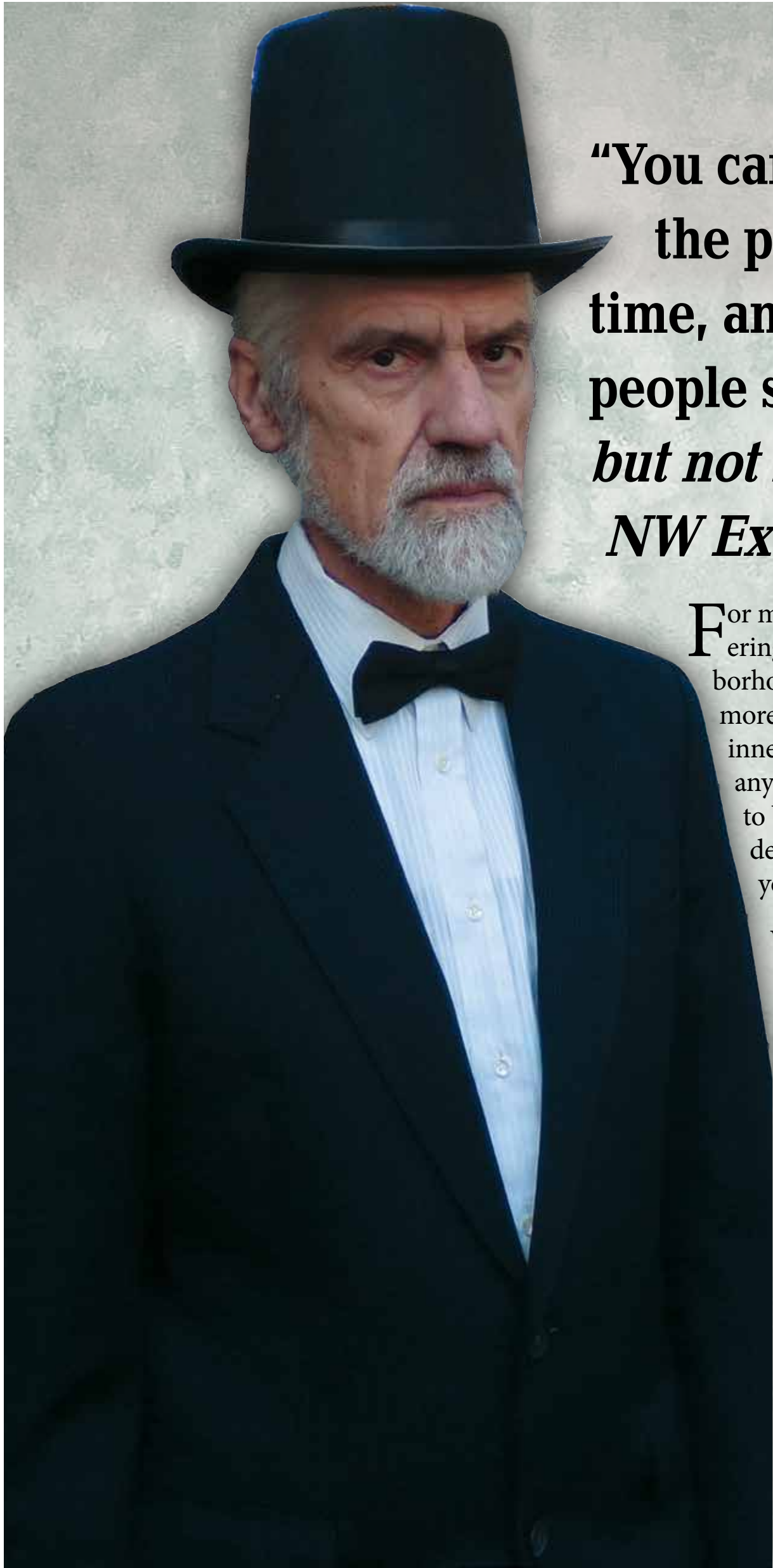
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Snapshots



Bud Clark canoed on the Willamette River in 1985 after his election as Portland mayor. City of Portland Archives, A2010-011

Northwest District resident John Fial does not accept Portland Parks & Recreation's closure of the Lower Macleay Park trail until all work on the Balch Creek Trash Rack is completed in March. Work began last August. "The trail could easily" have been opened before New Year's Day," Fial said, "with ample space to separate pedestrians from the absolutely minimal amount of work that remains." He highlighted in red a temporary route for a path.



Center for COVID Control was about to open a popup shop in the Empress Condominiums building at Northwest 16th and Burnside streets last month, one of four in Portland and perhaps 300 in the United States, before the company shut down in the face of a Federal Bureau of Investigation inquiry into fraudulent testing and misuse of \$140 million in federal funds.



Two burglars broke the glass in the front door of the William Temple House Thrift Store on Northwest Glisan Street on Dec. 31 and stole about \$100 of merchandise. Repairing the door cost the agency thousands of dollars, according to WTH Executive Director Carrie Hoops.



State Sen. Betsy Johnson and Rep. Brad Witt secured a \$810,000 grant to build a pedestrian trail extending the Willamette River Greenway in Linnton. The riverfront property owner must grant access for the trail, but the city of Portland is responsible for its construction.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation designed the corner of Northwest Wilson Street and the newly constructed 30th Avenue to make right turns onto 30th difficult. The new street connects US 30 traffic with the residential corner of the Northwest District, a route prohibited for about 40 years by a traffic diverter on Northwest 29th Avenue.



Pearl Rotary Club honored Lincoln High School senior Lark Zabel as student of the month for January. She has been president of the National Art Honors Society, Period Club co-president and a leader in the Asian Student Union. She has also played on Lincoln's soccer, lacrosse and tennis teams. Zabel helps prepare meals for downtown homeless people at the Clay Street Table.

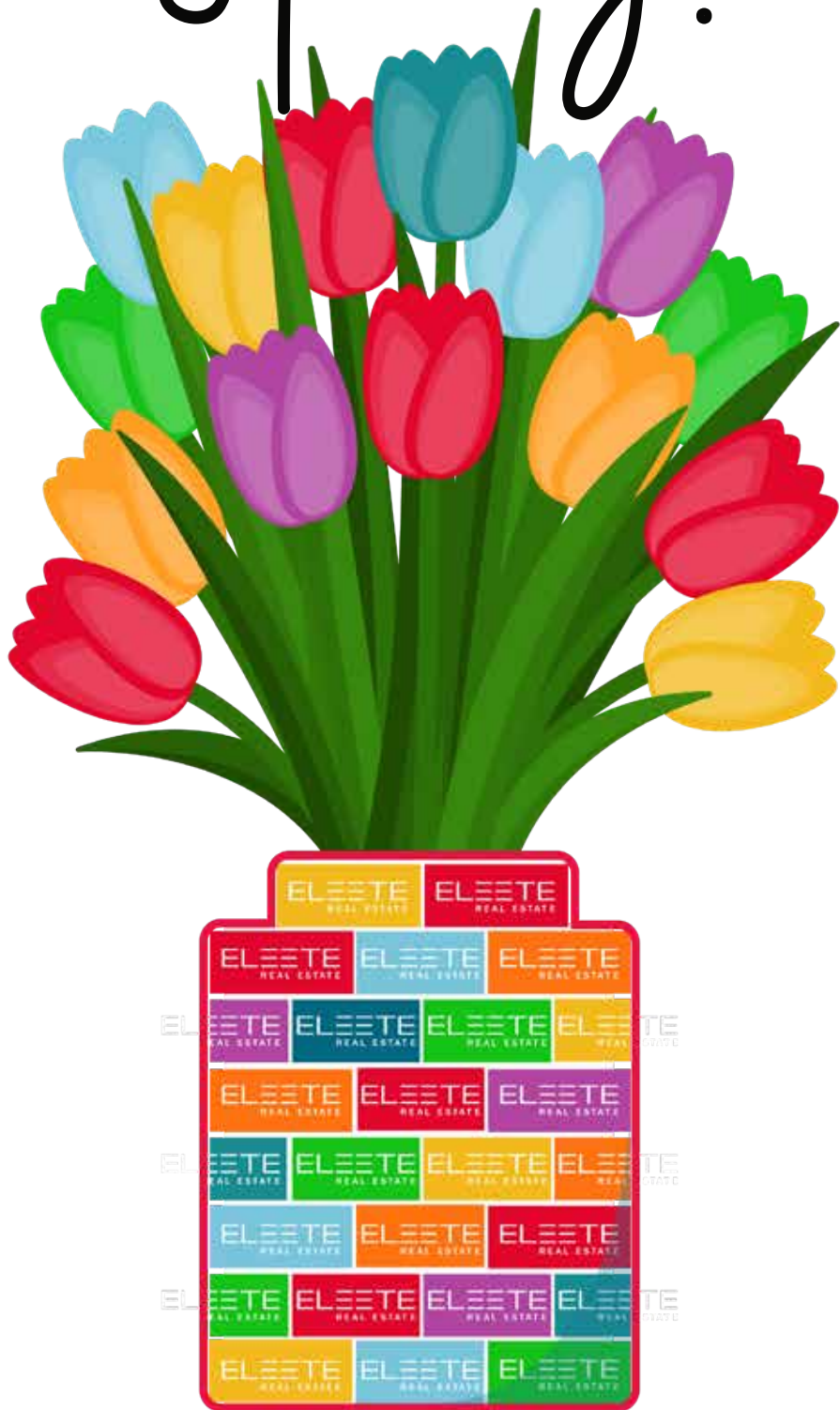
Williams-Sonoma closed its store at Northwest 23rd and Flanders streets, where it had been the only occupant since the building was erected in 2005. The adjacent Pottery Barn and Bed Bath & Beyond stores, subsidiaries of Williams-Sonoma Inc., remain open.



The Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability will hold two virtual open house events on a draft plan regarding the Montgomery Park to Hollywood zoning and transit plan. They will be held Tuesday, Feb. 8, 5-6:30 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 10, 7:30-9 a.m. For details, visit Portland.gov/bps/m2h/events.

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HERE ARE OUR 5 STEPS TO GENERATING MULTIPLE OFFERS ON YOUR HOME

- 1. Home Preparation and Staging Plan
- 2. ELEETE Intelligence Price Modeling
- 3. All Fronts Dynamic Multi- Media Exposure
- 4. 5 Day Showing Period to Produce Offers
- 5. MULTIPLE OFFER REVIEW – SELECT YOUR BEST BUYER

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