



BOARD REPORT January 2009

PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT

- ❖ Along with Parkrose Administrative staff, Mary Larson and Becky Nino, food service vendors toured several school sites in response to the food service contract for the district. Being fortunate to attend the 2008 School Board Convention has proven to help me better understand the contract process and the particular vendors vying to provide services. Once again, Parkrose maintains a strong leadership role and has high quality companies who want to work with us.
- ❖ The Parkrose School Board is in the process of reviewing, renewing and considering the many policies which help govern the district. Parkrose residents are encouraged to follow the progression of policy reviews over the next six months. The School Board appreciates the outstanding work of Board Secretary Apryl Jump for scheduling this important review.

PARKS, OPEN AND GREEN SPACES

- ❖ New Park Bureau Commissioner, Nick Fish, has been invited to attend an upcoming meeting of the East Portland Parks Coalition which meets the first Thursdays at 6:30 PM

East Portland Neighborhood Associations Meeting Room
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- ❖ East Holladay Park, located south of Halsey Street will be receiving upgrades to its Dog Park and a park trail.
- ❖ The February 5th East Portland Parks Coalition meeting will have a guest speaker discussing trails within the region.

GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

- ❖ The long sought-for park for the Urban heart of Gateway has ended with the purchase of the former Bingo/JJ North property on 106th and Halsey Streets. A cooperative

agreement between the City of Portland and the Portland Development Commission allowed for the purchase, one which will support residents as the area continues to build up.

- ❖ The Regional Arts Council has been spearheading the art destined for the Oregon Clinic site within the Urban District. Our subcommittee met in December to determine the four finalists under consideration.



EAST PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

- ❖ East Portland Neighborhoods within the Parkrose School District are:
 - Sumner (Central/Northeast Neighbors)
 - Argay (Valerie Curry, Chair)
 - Parkrose (Mary Walker, Chair)
 - Parkrose Heights (Carol Williams, Chair)
 - Hazelwood (Arlene Kimura, Chair)
 - Russell (Bonnie McKnight, Chair)
 - Woodland Park (Alesia Rees, Chair)To find out which neighborhood you live in, just contact the neighborhood office at 503.823.4550 and the office staff will help.

AIRPORT FUTURES GROUP

- ❖ The process to research the next phase of long term planning for the Portland International Airport and the surrounding communities continues. As the representative for the neighborhoods of East Portland, I continue to examine the competing interests. Providing stewardship of Portland resources remains a major consideration for members of this group.

REGIONAL INITIATIVES AND BUDGET CONCERNS

Parkrose School District Board and Administration continue to assess the District's budget amid statewide concerns of a reduction in school funding. Vacant positions on the District's Budget Committee exist, so I encourage all residents who wish to participate in the process to fill out a budget committee application, or attend budget committee meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
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Board of Education
Parkrose School District # 3

