



# Parkrose School District

## BOARD REPORT

### PARKS, OPEN AND GREEN SPACES

- ❖ The East Portland Parks Coalition, which I chair, meets the first Thursday each month at the East Portland Neighborhood Association meeting room, 1017 NE 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The November meeting introduced David Yamashita, Designer with the Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation as guest. Mr. Yamashita displayed designs of the three Master Plans for East Portland Parks discussing the challenges and opportunities in their designs: Beech, Clatsop Butte and Parklane.

*The Coalition agreed to collaborate with Parkrose School District's efforts to bring a City Council Meeting to Parkrose and introduce East Portland Parks Master Plans at that event.*

- ❖ **ParkScan** is a new, pilot project of on-line reporting for park concerns and complaints. More information will be available as the system is implemented next month.

### GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

- ❖ Members of the Committee, Linda Robinson and Arlene Kimura of the Hazelwood Neighborhood Association testified before Metro regarding the completion of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard Project on October 30<sup>th</sup>. I was honored to provide written testimony at the event held at Metro HQ.
- ❖ Members of the community, media and government attended the 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Street Re-dedication on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a pleasure to welcome back original Gateway PAC members such as Dick Cooley and Kenny Asher.
- ❖ Along with Linda Robinson and Gateway Vice Chair Jackie Putnam I testified before Portland City Council on the importance of the purchase of the (former) JJ North/Bingo site (NE 106<sup>th</sup>) for park uses. City Commissioners were receptive to the proposal and will consider the site in upcoming council deliberations.

### EAST PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

- ❖ As a member of the Small Grant Selection Committee I look forward to examining the many wonderful grant applications this week. A new Selection Committee ruling prohibits me from advocating for those

applicants for which I have a vested interest. Previous Parkrose grant projects were successful-on time and on budget.

- ❖ TriMet will be making service changes to its transportation system. The Hazelwood Neighborhood Association is hosting TriMet representatives on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> where these changes will be presented to the neighborhood. Impacting Woodland Park, I have been invited to attend this meeting to determine necessary actions.

### **AIRPORT FUTURES GROUP**

- ❖ The Public Involvement and Sustainability Subcommittees met on October 29<sup>th</sup> to review the advisory models of various airports across the country. The research will support the next steps in determining the leadership model for Portland Airport Futures and the path to creating such a group.

### **REGIONAL INITIATIVES**

Hosted by the Parkrose School District a Legislative Reception was held November 18<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with the Oregon School Boards Association, Region # 14.

The sponsors of the event include Centennial, Corbett, David Douglas, Gresham-Barlow, Portland, Parkrose, Reynolds, Riverdale School Districts and both Mt. Hood and Portland Community Colleges.

This event provides the community the opportunity to address our educational concerns directly to our elected representatives.

### **BUY LOCAL**

As a resident of Parkrose I would like to take this opportunity to wish health and happiness to all this season. I support and encourage shopping at those businesses within our community.