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Portland Parks & Recreation Estimated Repair Costs of Chapman & Lownsdale Squares

(Portland, OR) – Portland Parks & Recreation has determined a preliminary, working estimate for the cost of restoring historic Chapman and Lownsdale Squares in downtown Portland. After careful surveys by PP&R staff and contractors, the working estimate for necessary work and repairs is **\$85,850.00**. This figure is the best estimate at present. The costs are detailed in the table below.

An additional \$45,000 in PP&R labor and material costs was incurred during the duration of camping in Chapman and Lownsdale Squares. These costs were specifically related to managing the encampments and the resulting clean-up efforts. Occupy Portland protestors camped out at the parks -- which are not designed for camping or long-term use -- for a period of about six weeks, beginning in October 2011.

City professional staff in ecology, turf, and structural engineering assessed the damages and needs for repairs. Arborists, plumbing contractors, electricians, risk management employees and other experts also evaluated the condition of the downtown squares. PP&R workers did not encounter any evidence of obvious soil contamination. Long-term impacts on trees will not be known until this spring or later.

Now that Portland Parks & Recreation has a preliminary working estimate, staff will create a timeline for the restoration project. More information on the timeline will come as it becomes available. The squares will remain fenced for the safety of the public to facilitate the restoration work. Once the parks are reopened, grass areas will remain fenced until the turf has recovered.

Wherever possible, PP&R will leverage the work of volunteers and donated professional services to restore the squares. PP&R's valued non-profit partner, the Portland Parks Foundation, has set up a fund to help with the restoration costs. Those interested in donating to the Restore Our Historic Squares Fund may easily do so at: <http://portlandparksfoundation.org/historic-squares>

To date, Umpqua Bank has made a generous, \$25,000 donation to the fund. Nearly 100 private contributors have donated \$8,000. Many citizens have expressed a willingness to help with restoration costs. The Portland Parks Foundation fund is the best way for the public to contribute toward the full estimate of \$85,850.00.

Restoration costs for Plaza Blocks after Occupy Portland: Repairs Needed due to Occupation		
Asset	Repair task	Estimated Cost
<i>General Park</i>	Repaint restroom interiors, exterior trim at Chapman and Lownsdale	\$ 2,200.00
<i>General Park</i>	Steam clean surfaces - restroom interiors, benches, poles	\$ 3,000.00
<i>Park Benches</i>	Replace 2 benches, repair 7 benches	\$ 16,500.00
<i>Bollards and chain</i>	Replace 5 bollards, one chain section	\$ 4,000.00
<i>Paths</i>	Power wash paths	\$ 1,600.00
<i>Restrooms</i>	Soda blast exteriors to remove graffiti	\$ 1,100.00
<i>Turf</i>	Rake to remove leaves and debris	\$ 600.00
<i>Turf</i>	Install erosion control	\$ 1,000.00
<i>Turf</i>	Winter - fill low areas, hydro mulch, lime, fertilize, seed, enzymes	\$ 8,100.00
<i>Turf</i>	Spring - fine grade, slice seed, top-dress	\$ 3,800.00
<i>Shrub beds</i>	Prune to correct damage, replace damaged plants, fertilize, mulch	\$ 4,000.00
<i>Trees</i>	Inspect, monitor	TBD
<i>Trees</i>	Place soil to cover exposed roots	\$ 750.00
<i>Restrooms</i>	Chapman - Clean sewer, inspect, repair as needed	\$ 600.00
<i>Restrooms</i>	Chapman - repair sewer as needed (Potentially up to a \$7,000)	TBD
<i>Restrooms</i>	Chapman - tile and grout repair	\$ 700.00
<i>Restrooms</i>	Chapman - Re-install door, jamb, and frame	\$ 2,500.00
<i>Restrooms</i>	Refurbish octagonal windows includes frames, re-glaze	\$ 2,300.00
<i>Restroom</i>	Lownsdale - Remove/ replace 3 destroyed toilets, one pedestal sink, repair plumbing in walls, wall mounted braces, floor attachments.	\$ 28,000.00
<i>Restroom</i>	Lownsdale - Repair door lock	\$ 100.00
<i>Restroom</i>	Lownsdale - Tile and grout repairs	\$ 1,800.00
<i>Art</i>	The Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC) to assess, recommend, implement repairs (cost paid by RACC)	TBD
<i>Memorials</i>	RACC to assess, recommend, implement repairs (RACC cost)	TBD
<i>Fencing</i>	Temporary fencing	\$ 3,200.00
SUBTOTAL		\$ 85,850.00

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