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Got \$1 and an idea for Ankeny Square? Portland Parks & Recreation wants to hear it

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Do you walk past Ankeny Square, admire the empty space and envision what it could go there?

If so, Portland Parks & Recreation wants to hear your ideas.

Portland Parks & Recreation is looking for partners or vendors to "active" Ankeny Square by holding activities or events there, the department announced in a news release Thursday. The square is located in the city's historic North Park Blocks at Southwest Ankeny Street and West Burnside Street between Southwest 8th and Southwest Park avenues.

Proposers of winning ideas will pay utilities and \$1 a year, for up to two years, to rent space in the park. Proposals will be accepted until April 20 at 4 p.m.

Portland Parks & Recreation is hoping to gather "creative ideas" for what could occupy the space, whether that's retail operations, cultural events, food carts or public information booths, the department said. A few rules-- the proposals must have a business plan, be financially sustainable and show how the activity or endeavor would positively impact the park and neighborhood. Proposers must include a cover letter, business plan and concept site plan with their applications, which can be no more than 10 pages long.

Portland Parks & Recreation gave credit to neighbors and surrounding businesses for propelling the idea to boost activity at Ankeny Square. The city is currently working on cleaning up and preparing the space and buildings.

More information about how to prepare proposals and apply is here. An optional pre-submission meeting will be held Friday from 1 p.m. to 2 pm. at the square. An evaluation committee will review and score proposals.

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Comp Plan amendments to be heard Thursday

By Jim Redden

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Portlanders will have a chance to comment on the City Council's priorities for how the city should grow on Wednesday.

That's when the council will hold its first public hearing on the amendments proposed by Mayor Charlie Hales and the commissioners to the recommended Comprehensive Plan update. The

state-required land use planning document will help guide how Portland develops over the next 20 years.

The update recommended by the Planning and Sustainability Commission includes such concepts as concentrating high density housing in designated urban centers and along major transportation corridors. Amendments submitted by the council call for more medium density housing near parks and transit stations. They also support a number of specific projects, such as additional Portland Streetcar lines, and including zoning changes for hundreds of individual properties.

The first hearing is 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, in the Portland Building Auditorium, 1120 S.W. 5th Ave.

A second hearing on the amendments is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1221 S.W. 4th Ave.

The council is scheduled to vote on the amendments on Thursday, April 28. The final vote could happen in May.

A previous Portland Tribune story on the amendments can be read at tinyurl.com/jqz9g8t.