

The Portland Tribune

City Hall Update: Strip Club to Become Affordable Housing

By Jim Redden

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Also, the city says when in doubt trash it and the City Council approves the Portland Art Museum's controversial pavilion.

Mayor Ted Wheeler announced last Thursday that the first new project financed by affordable housing bond funds will be built on the site of the former Safari Showclub at 3000 S.E. Foster Road. Portland voters approved the \$258.4 million measure at the November 2018 general election.

The Portland Housing Bureau bought the 50,000-square-foot parcel in September with short-term rental funds. Although the exact size and cost of the project have yet to be determined, construction is expected to begin in early 2019.

"The bond gives us the resources to build and preserve an additional 1,300 units of affordable housing in Portland," Wheeler said. "Our strategic framework focuses on creating housing opportunities for families and individuals impacted by racism, housing discrimination, homelessness and displacement."

City: When in doubt, trash it

Following China's announcement that it will no longer buy contaminated recyclable materials from America, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability reminded Portlanders what can and cannot be recycled — and urged them to throw away anything they are unsure of.

In a posting on its website, BPS said the following common items cannot be recycled: plastic bags, diapers, propane cylinders, coffee cups/lids/pods, rigid plastics including "clamshells," plastic containers under 6 ounces, prescription medicine bottles, latex gloves, disposable utensils, produce baskets, plastic lids and caps, plastic bottles that have come in contact with motor oil, pesticides and herbicide bottles, Tupperware, Rubbermaid, other reusable dishware, freezer and refrigerator boxes, hardback books, light bulbs, drinking glasses, flower vases, ceramics, broken glass.

Museum pavilion approved

The City Council on Wednesday voted 3-1 to approve a controversial plan by the Portland Art Museum to build a three-story glass pavilion across a public space between the two buildings it owns on the South Park Blocks.

Although the museum says the public will still be able to pass between the buildings for free most hours, many people testified against the plan during a three-and-a-half hour hearing the week before.

Museum officials said the \$50 million project named for abstract artist Mark Rothko will create a new entrance and better protect the sculptures that are now outdoors. Commissioner Amanda Fritz voted no and Commissioner Dan Saltzman was absent.

The Daily Journal of Commerce

Portland Sewer Projects to Come up for Bid

By Chuck Slothower

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Two competitive solicitations for construction of \$10.2 million in sewer rehabilitation projects are scheduled for approval by the Portland City Council on Wednesday.

The Montavilla North Sewer repair project involves the replacement of 15,700 feet, or roughly 3 miles, of sewer line in the Northeast Portland neighborhood.

The project is estimated to cost \$6,225,000 and is part of a larger effort to replace failing sewer lines. The lines in the North Montavilla area are on average more than 80 years old, according to a draft ordinance prepared for the City Council.

A parallel project in the South Montavilla area for 6,500 feet of sewer replacement is estimated to cost \$4 million.

The Bureau of Environmental Services and engineering consultant Brown and Caldwell have prepared plans for rehabilitating or replacing the deteriorated sewer pipe, including sewer manholes and service laterals, according to the ordinance.

The project is likely to impact traffic on Southeast Washington and Division streets, and near 82nd Avenue.

The Skanner

Lowenstein Trust Board of Directors Presents Dr. Leroy Haynes and Dr. T. Allen Bethel With Lowenstein Trust Award

By The Lowenstein Trust

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The Steve Lowenstein Trust Board of Directors announced Dr. Leroy Haynes and Dr. T. Allen Bethel as the 2017 Lowenstein Trust Award recipients at Portland City Council's Dec. 13 meeting.

For more than a decade, Reverend Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Senior Pastor and Presiding Elder at Allen Temple CME Church and Reverend Dr. T.A. Bethel, Senior Pastor at Maranatha Church, have actively initiated and supported local efforts to address community needs. As committed social justice and social change advocates, both have inspired others to collaboratively create a more equitable society – one march, one meeting, one food basket, one prison visit, one decent pair of shoes at a time.

Pastors Bethel and Haynes have served as advisory members for the City of Portland and Multnomah County, offering their experience, insight, understanding and wisdom on issues of racial justice, violence and gang issues, gentrification and minority contracting. Each pastor has actively worked to end inequities in the criminal justice system and bring about reform. Their

dedication includes working with prisons to support families, reduce recidivism and assist former inmates in their return to a constructive community life.

Even during re-building following a fire, Allen Temple's homeless assistance program continues to operate. Homeless individuals have access to clothing and other essentials for everyday life and more importantly, receive support for self-stabilization efforts. These services include job interview preparation, training programs and housing application assistance. Allen Temple also partners with the Oregon Foodbank to provide meals to struggling community members.

Pastors Bethel and Haynes also actively support efforts to address health care inequities by providing HIV/AIDS education, outreach and support. In particular, Pastor Bethel has advocated for a healthier community by supporting environmental protection and strengthening public investment in urban parks for everyone.

The Lowenstein Trust is part of the legacy of Steve Lowenstein and his inspiring model of public service. In his will, Steve provided for an annual financial award for those individuals who make enduring contributions to help the underprivileged in the City of Portland. Steve's sense of purpose, integrity and perseverance was a model for many working on human rights and social justice. A life-long civil rights advocate, Steve served in the Peace Corps after law school in the early 1960's, was a founding director of Oregon Legal Services and authored *The Jews of Oregon – 1850-1950*, a groundbreaking history. At the time of his death in 1990, Steve had served for six years as Chief of Staff to former Portland City Commissioner Mike Lindberg.