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**NOVEMBER 23, 2004**

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

#### **FASTLOOK AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Pg 2	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Executive Session
Pg 2	6:00 p.m. Tuesday the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will host a public meeting to hear the Morrison Property Task Force recommendations and public comment on the County's Morrison property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of SE 20th Avenue and SE Morrison Street which includes the Morrison Building and its parking lot
	<b>Thursday November 25 Board Meeting Cancelled due to Thanksgiving Holiday</b>
	<b>No Board meetings are scheduled between December 20-30, 2004</b>

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Tuesday, November 23, 2004 - **9:30 AM**  
Multnomah Building, Sixth Floor Commissioners Conference Room 635  
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- E-1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Will Meet in Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h). Only Representatives of the News Media and Designated Staff are allowed to Attend. Representatives of the News Media and All Other Attendees are Specifically Directed Not to Disclose Information that is the Subject of the Executive Session. No Final Decision will be made in the Executive Session. Presented by Agnes Sowle. 15-30 MINUTES REQUESTED.
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Tuesday, November 23, 2004 - **6:00 PM**  
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will host a public meeting to hear the Morrison Property Task Force recommendations and public comment on the County's Morrison property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of SE 20th Avenue and SE Morrison Street which includes the Morrison Building and its parking lot. The property is adjacent to the Lone Fir Cemetery. Following the presentation by the Task Force, members of the public will have the opportunity to provide testimony before the Multnomah County Commissioners. Testimony is limited to three minutes per person. Fill out a speaker form available in the Boardroom and turn it into the Board Clerk. The Boardroom will be open one hour prior to the hearing.



## MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 11/23/04  
Agenda Item #: PH-1  
Est. Start Time: 6:00 PM  
Date Submitted: 11/08/04

**BUDGET MODIFICATION:** -

**Agenda Title:** Public meeting to hear the Morrison Property Task Force recommendation and public comment on the county's Morrison property

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.*

<b>Date Requested:</b>	November 23, 2004	<b>Time Requested:</b>	90 minutes
<b>Department:</b>	Non-Departmental	<b>Division:</b>	Commissioner District 1
<b>Contact(s):</b>	Matthew Lashua		
<b>Phone:</b>	503-988-5220	<b>Ext.</b>	85220
	<b>I/O Address:</b> 503/600		
<b>Presenter(s):</b>	Susan Lindsay – President of Buckman Community Association, Mary Ann Schwab – Community Activist, Doug Butler – Director Facilities & Property Manager		

### General Information

**1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**

Requesting the Board's presence for an evening meeting hearing to hear the Morrison Property Task Force recommendation; Facilities & Property Management's response to the recommendation and public comment.

**2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.**

The Morrison Property Task Force was chaired by Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey and was directed by the Board of Multnomah County Commissioners to develop options for disposition of the Morrison property. The county-owned property is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of S.E. 20th Avenue and S.E. Morrison Street and includes the Morrison Building and its parking lot. The property is adjacent to the Lone Fir Cemetery.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

Information hearing only. There are no fiscal impacts at this time as the Board won't be

taking any action.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

There are prior cemetery designation, historical, and easement issues surrounding the building and property that require resolution. The Board of County Commissioners must decide how the property is to be disposed of before these issues can be resolved.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

Citizen involvement has been, and continues to be, an essential part of the decision making process for this property. The Task Force was comprised of community members from the Buckman Neighborhood Association, Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery as well as business partners such as Metro, and other business and community leaders.

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**Required Signatures**

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**Department/  
Agency Director:**



**Date:** 11/08/04

**Budget Analyst:**

**Date:**

**Department HR:**

**Date:**

**Countywide HR:**

**Date:**



# Media Advisory

## **MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON**

November 8, 2004

Contact: Matthew Lashua, Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey's Office, 503-988-5220

Althea Milechman, Public Affairs Office, 503-988-6805

### **Public meeting on Morrison property set for Tuesday, November 23**

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will host a public meeting to hear the Morrison Property Task Force recommendations and public comment on the county's Morrison property. The public meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, November 23, 2004  
6:00 pm  
Multnomah Building  
Board Room  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.  
Portland, Oregon 97214

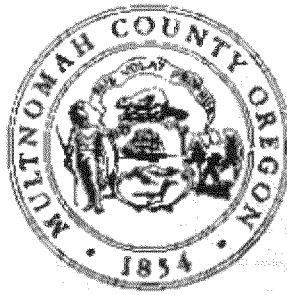
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Following the presentation by the Task Force, members of the public will have the opportunity to provide testimony before the Multnomah County Commissioners.

Individuals with a disability requiring special assistance, please call 503-988-6800 or TTD 503-823-6868. Persons requiring an interpreter, please call at least 48 hours in advance.

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# *Morrison Property Taskforce Recommendations*

*Presented to the Board of  
Multnomah County Commissioners  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004*

2001-01-01

# *Morrison Property Taskforce Members*

Brian Carleton – Carleton-Hart Architecture PC

Nancy Chase – representing METRO

Richard Engeman – representing Oregon Historical Society

Susan Lindsay – President, Belmont Community Association

Rebecca Liu – President, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

Paul Loney – representing SE Uplift Neighborhood Program

Mirra Meyer – representing State of Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

Steve Oswald – representing Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery

## **Multnomah County**

Maria Rojo de Steffey – Chair, Multnomah County Commissioner, District One

## **Multnomah County Technical Advisors**

Lynn Dinger – Multnomah County Facilities & Property Management

Matthew Lashua – Office of Multnomah County Commissioner Rojo de Steffey,  
District One

Althea Milechman – Multnomah County Public Affairs Office

# *Morrison Property Taskforce Recommendation*

The Morrison Building and the Property surrounding it is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of S.E. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and S.E. Morrison Street and was originally part of the Lone Fir Cemetery. In 1952, the property was partitioned in order to build the Morrison Building. When the Lone Fir Cemetery was transferred to METRO in 1997, the Morrison property was retained by the county. The land the Morrison Building sits on still retains cemetery and historic landmark status.

It is the recommendation of the Morrison Property Taskforce that the Morrison property be re-dedicated to the Lone Fir Cemetery for cemetery uses.

The Taskforce recommends the county provide a six month period while a community-driven plan is developed. This plan will present a concept design and finance strategy for the property, including demolition of the Morrison Building and site improvements.

The county will continue to provide technical assistance to the committee. A sub-committee of the task force will report their work and findings to the Board of County Commissioners in six months time.



# *Morrison Property Taskforce Background*

## **Lone Fir Cemetery Historical Notes**

The following is the result of a file search of Multnomah County records. The early information was gathered from historical records and is not presented as an exhaustive statement of transactions or the development of the Lone Fir Cemetery. The legal record is accurate, according to county records from 1899 to present day.

1. **1855** – Colburn Barrell, Jr. dedicates 10 acres of his land for a cemetery. Mr. Barrell has acquired the land from Seldon and Hiantha Murray “for cemetery purposes forever”. The cemetery was named the Mt. Crawford Cemetery. ***This information comes from a “History of the Columbia River Valley”, by Fred Lockley, S.J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1928. The original 10 acres appears to include lots in the northwest corner of the existing Lone Fir Cemetery.***
2. **1865** – Mr. Barrell added 13 acres to the original 10 acres.
3. **1866** – Mr. Barrell added 7 more acres to Mt. Crawford Cemetery.
4. **1866** – Mr. Barrell sold Mt. Crawford Cemetery to B.P. Cardwell, Levi Anderson and B. Pittock The new owners changed the name to Lone Fir Cemetery
5. **1899** - Sale of right-of-way from Lone Fir Cemetery Company to City & Suburban Railway Company (Book 258, page 370)
6. **1928** – Lone Fir Cemetery Company sells cemetery to Multnomah County for \$10.00 (Book 1158, page 101)
7. **1931** – Lone Fir Lot Owners organized (Morning Oregonian, 4/28/31)  
***Located in master file.***
8. **1949** – Letter from H.J. Syverson, Superintendent [Roads] stating that “the remains of deceased Chinese were removed from Lone Fir Cemetery as of July 21, 1948, in accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into by Multnomah County and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association.”

9. **1952** – City of Portland grants a revocable permit “to Multnomah County to construct, use and maintain a two-story office and shop building on county-owned property (Lone Fir Cemetery), waiving the provisions of the Planning and Zoning Code, and declaring an emergency.” ***The key point is “The permit hereby granted does not run with the land and is personal to Multnomah County and may not be sold.....” The permit was for the purpose of waiving the zoning code***
10. **1960** – City of Portland grants Multnomah County a permit to construct a two-story addition to the Morrison Building. (Ordinance No. 111959)
11. **1976** – At the County’s request the City of Portland designates Lone Fir Cemetery as a Historical Landmark. (Ordinance No. 142469). ***No restrictive covenants in ordinance, however the Historical Landmark code pertains to the property.***
12. **1990** – Memorandum from Harold Holub to Paul Yarborough, Director Multnomah County DES. This is a memorandum with no supporting information. ***Point 1. no restrictions or reversion clauses exist. 2. the County building occupied part of the Lone Fir Cemetery, 3. the cemetery designation had not been vacated (removed). Point 2 was true at the time, but has since been altered.***
13. **1997** – County requests a minor partition of 1.088 acres from the Lone Fir Cemetery site. City of Portland grants request and designates Lot 2 as CM, Mixed Commercial and Residential. (LUR 97-00 414 MP). ***No restrictive conditions were placed on this approval.***
14. **2002** – Multnomah County Board of Commissioners directs the sale of the Morrison Building. (Resolution 02-032)
15. **2002** – First American Title Insurance Company issues a Title Report that identifies an issue with easements at the West end of the property. Although the easements are an issue for the County the Title Company will issue a policy on the site in question. ***No restrictions or reversion clauses were identified in the Title Report.***
16. **2004** – Multnomah County Board of Commissioners directs the convening of a task force:  
“... to assess the feasibility of all disposition options and devise a plan for disposition of the Morrison Building property that will enhance the Buckman neighborhood and be in the best interest of the County.”

**Multnomah County Commissioner Rojo de Steffey will lead the Task Force and appoint the members. This Task Force will report their findings to the Board of County Commissioners by September 2004.**

# *Morrison Property Taskforce*

## *Multnomah County Facilities and Property Management Internal Briefing to the Chair and Commissioner Rojo de Steffey*

By Lynn Dingler 11/3/03

In 2002 the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners directed Facilities & Property Management (FPM) to sell the Morrison Building at 2115 S.E. Morrison. This action was carried out as a part of FPM's 1998 Strategic Plan. Included in the Plan was a summary of strategies to "mothball" the building due to its being highly inefficient to operate and escalating maintenance costs. As of October 31st the Morrison Building occupants have all been moved to other County facilities and the building mothballed.

Findings from a Title search have highlighted one issue, an old easement on the west side of the property. Staff research has identified two other issues with the property, a "Historic Landmark" designation and a "Cemetery" designation. Also, there is an issue with METRO having access through the property to the Lone Fir Cemetery. Each one of these issues is solvable.

*West Side Easements:* There are three easements for the same 20' x 100' parcel on the west end of the property. A records search by the First American Title Insurance Company found no address or tax record of the named parties and no heirs could be located. First American Title Insurance Company is prepared to issue a policy for the site that will effectively resolve this issue.

*METRO:* METRO is requesting two easements across the property for the purpose of efficient access to the Lone Fir Cemetery. The first would be at the West end of the property and would complete an existing easement. The second easement would provide access from SE Morrison at the East end of the property. METRO has used these access points for a number of years and FPM is working with them to develop acceptable terms for granting these easements.

*Historical Landmark Designation:* The City Historical Landmark Office has confirmed the entire site is designated as a historical landmark. When County building site was partitioned it (County) did not formally remove historic or cemetery designation from the building site as would have been expected. The site is discreet from Lone Fir Cemetery and all remains were removed in 1949 prior to construction in 1952 of the existing building. The process for historical

designation removal is a Type III land use process and will take approximately 120 days if there is no appeal of the Hearings Officer's decision.

*Cemetery Designation:* The Morrison Building site was partitioned in 1997 but was not removed from the cemetery list at the time. There are state laws pertaining to the "decommissioning" of a cemetery site. The Board of County Commissioners is the granting body and Multnomah County, as the property owner requests the process for bringing the request to the Board of Commissioners.

### **Community Concerns**

Human remains at the development site: Two groups have been discussed as possibly having remains under the Morrison Building.

*Chinese Community* - During the early part of the 20th Century the Chinese community used the current location of the Morrison Building to hold their dead until the remains were sent back to their home province in China. In 1949 all the remains were removed prior to the City issuing a permit for the construction of the Morrison Building.

*Asylum Inmates* – Some concern has come from the Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery that residents from the then called "mental asylums" were buried at the site, and were not been disinterred prior to the construction of the Morrison Building. The METRO cemetery office has offered a verbal opinion that all residents of the "asylums" were buried under their own name in plots further east. We are seeking written confirmation

*Cemetery preservation* – Citizens who have represented themselves as members of Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery have stated their concern for the cemetery if the county site is developed. Mostly they have talked about set backs, blank walls and a general disregard for the history of the cemetery.

Chair Linn, Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey and METRO President Paul Bragdon met several months ago to discuss how to make redevelopment an asset to the cemetery. They agreed to a public discussion prior to issuing a Request for Offer (RFO).

### **Concerned Groups**

City of Portland	Pioneer Cemetery Commission
Buckman Neighborhood Association	METRO
Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery	Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

**Conclusion**

- There are no restrictions or reversionary clauses applicable to the County property.
- The existing record shows that all human remains have been removed from the Morrison Building site.
- There is no legal requirement to provide cemetery support or space.
- The Morrison Building site is still designated a historic landmark and a cemetery site.
- Multnomah County may legally sell the property.

# *Morrison Property Taskforce*

## *Brief History of The Lone Fir Cemetery*

*By Steve Oswald, Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery and Taskforce  
Member*

Lone Fir Cemetery is an integral part of Portland and has been since the earliest days of the founding of our city. It is a history rich with citizens coming together, forming a community and accomplishing a common ideal. In learning the history of this jewel within urban Portland, we come to understand more about the city and its fascinating past. We may even learn more about ourselves as Portlanders and our need to come together to form a community and preserve the Lone Fir Cemetery.

Lone Fir Cemetery began with land donations in the early 1850's and has grown as a repository to some of Portland's famous, and infamous, residents. Histories and stories about them are plentiful and fill volumes concerning the exploits of people in Portland's history. The Oregon Historical Society and the Multnomah County Library have extensive collections. The following is a brief summary of how Lone Fir came to be.

Lone Fir Cemetery began as a ten acre parcel of land included in a purchase by Colburn Barrell. The land contained the grave of Emmor Stephens, one of Portland's first residents. When Barrell bought the land, an agreement was made stating it could only be used for burials. A few years later Barrell's friend and business partner, Crawford Dobbins, was killed in a steamboat explosion. Barrell buried Dobbins and another victim of the accident near the existing grave on the land. In honor of his friend, Barrell named the area Mt. Crawford.

As Portland's population grew, so did the cemetery. Barrell divided the property into lots and sold them to local residents. Thirteen acres were added in 1865 and one year later Barrell added seven more which established the cemetery boundaries and size as it is seen today.

Although the boundaries of the cemetery have been constant since, ownership has changed hands over the years. Colburn Barrell realized the cemetery was growing past the ability of one person to manage. Barrell attempted to sell it to the city of Portland but they declined, citing the cost and considerable distance from downtown

at the time. Instead, a group of Portland residents formed the Lone Fir Cemetery Association and bought the property in 1866. Mrs. Barrell was the person who suggested the name change. Some of the residents who assumed control were B.P. Cardwell, B. Pittock and Levi Anderson. They hired a groundskeeper and the cemetery progressed and received residents as their final resting place.

In 1903, more than five hundred people contributed to erecting the Soldier's Monument in Lone Fir. Over \$3,500 was raised to erect and memorialize the participants of the Civil, Spanish-American, Indian and Mexican wars.

Lone Fir eventually fell into disrepair until it was finally sold to Multnomah County in 1928. Thanks to dedicated groundskeepers, the neglect was reversed; thickets and underbrush were cleared and grass and trees were planted until the grounds are mostly what we see today—a beautiful park setting.

In 1952 the county built what we call today the Morrison Building on the Southwest corner of the cemetery as an office space and shop. Previously, Chinese immigrants had been buried on this part of the cemetery. There were disinterred in the late 1940's and early 50's so the remains could be united with their relatives in China, at the relatives request.

Multnomah County turned over all cemetery functions to METRO in 1997 but retained the Morrison Building and related parking areas for use as county offices. It was occupied by several departments until it was vacated in 2003 due to heating and ventilation problems. The renovation costs sufficient to bring the building into compliance with present building safety codes make repairing the building not feasible.

### ***Diversity***

Lone Fir Cemetery is for everyone. This was true of its past as it is today. Families could buy plots and so be together but Lone Fir enjoys being known as a mixture of people with regard to any other factors. Tombstones exist in several languages. The graves of the rich and famous are found next to the graves of destitute patients from an insane asylum. One of the most ornate marble carvings was erected by the 'friends' of a lady of French descent who was a proprietor of a house of ill repute. It is only a few feet from the stone memorializing the 'Poet Laureate' of Oregon, Samuel L. Simpson.

These people are not the only diversity found in Lone Fir, however. One of the cemeteries important gifts to Portland is the botanical diversity it boasts within its walls. Lone Fir has one of the largest



collections of mature trees outside of Hoyt Arboretum. If it weren't for these trees, many species of birds otherwise not found in the area wouldn't live in the Buckman community. The Audubon Society considers Lone Fir to be a prime area for birding and utilizes Lone Fir during annual bird counts. Moreover, Lone Fir also has a collection of 27 strains of pioneer roses. These specimens are special in the Northwest because they are direct descendants of roses brought across the country on the wagon trains bringing the first settlers to Oregon.

It is this diversity, rich in the history of Portland and Oregon we must preserve. Let us come together as a community and find ways we can enhance the Lone Fir Cemetery. It's been accomplished in the past.

## *Morrison Property Taskforce*

### *Summary of Minutes*

The Taskforce was comprised of members who represented larger groups with interest in the Buckman community or the Lone Fir Cemetery. Also included on the Taskforce were people with technical expertise such as Brian Carlton, Carlton-Hart Architecture and Paul Loney, Land Use Specialist for SE Uplift.

The meetings were held every first Monday of the Month from April to September, with no meeting in August. Attendance was generally very good as members were passionate about the subject.

Much of the first two meetings were discussing background and history of the property and Lone Fir Cemetery. Zoning, property ownership and legal issues were raised and answered. The Buckman Plan, written in 1991 and adopted by the Buckman Community Association was also discussed. In the Buckman Plan, Lone Fir Cemetery is cited as a significant part of the neighborhood and should be enhanced. The Buckman Plan was also adopted by the City Council.

During the next few meetings, demolition of the Morrison Building was discussed including demolition costs, options and potential opportunities. The Taskforce came up with four options:

- Option #1: Sell the property as is or as a clean site

- Option #2: Hold the property and mothball the building or demolish the building and hold the land.
- Option #3: Restructure and partition the property
- Option #4: Donate the property as is to METRO

Each option was discussed at length but ultimately, the Taskforce voted for Option #4.

**Minutes**  
**Morrison Property Taskforce**

**Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004 5:30 – 7pm**

**Multnomah Building**

**501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Room 635**

*Present:* Nancy Chase -METRO, Paul Loney-SE Uplift, Ann Huges-Buckman Community Association, Brain Carleton-Carleton-Hart Architecture, Steve Oswald-Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery, Chris Crean-Multnomah County Attorneys office, Lynn Dinger-Multnomah County Facilities & Property Management, Maria Rojo de Steffey-Multnomah County Commissioner, District One, Althea Milechman-Multnomah County Public Affairs office, Matthew Lashua-Multnomah County Office of Commissioner Rojo de Steffey

*Absent:* John Barker-Belmont Business Association, Devra Staneart-Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, Richard Engerman-Oregon Historical Society, Mira Meyer-Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

- After introductions were made, Commissioner Rojo de Steffey gave background information regarding the Morrison Property.
  - Reference to Resolution # 02-032 March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002 directing the sale of county buildings:
    - Ford Building
    - Hansen Building
    - Gresham Neighborhood Center
    - Morrison Building
  - Reference to current Resolution #04-022, creating this taskforce.
- Lynn Dinger of county Facilities & Property Management provided a packet which includes information on the history of the Morrison Property and it's relation to the Lone Fir Cemetery. The discussion included:
  - Questions about a revocable building permit:
    - In 1952 a 'revocable permit' was issued to Multnomah County for the purpose of allowing Multnomah County to build the Morrison building and waive zoning codes. Any time the county utilizes the property for another purpose the county can revoke said permit; revocable only by the county. Since the lot was partitioned in 1997, the 1952 permit is irrelevant; once the property is no longer in county possession, all current zoning applies (see 1952 tab).
  - Because of past oversights, the property still has cemetery designation and historical landmark status.
- Commissioner Rojo de Steffey then spoke regarding ground rules for the Taskforce meetings:
  - Respect for each member's opinion
  - Commissioner Rojo de Steffey reminded the Taskforce she doesn't make the final decision. The recommendations will go before the

- Board for a vote. Two Commissioners have expressed their preference to support a sale at fair market value.
- Develop a solution which will be most beneficial to the Buckman neighborhood.
  - Althea Milechman of Public Affairs then led the discussion of developing criteria to evaluate each idea considered for use of the property.
    - Criteria mutually agreed upon by the Taskforce:
      - Support of Community values
      - Short-term impact (positive and negative) on neighborhood
      - Long-term impact (positive and negative) on neighborhood
      - Short-term impact on Lone Fir Cemetery (positive and negative)
      - Long-term impact on Lone Fir Cemetery (positive and negative)
      - Impact on county budget
      - Historic value
      - Cultural value
      - County liability
      - Resources
      - Complexity of proposal
      - Opportunity for partnerships on development
  - Commissioner Rojo de Steffey asked each member if they felt comfortable with the first meeting.
    - Steve Oswald, Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery, asked that a penetrating ground radar test be done on the property to rule out the possibility of bodies still on the property.
    - The group talked about the feasibility in getting this done.

### **To Do List for Next Meeting:**

- Facilities will supply Nancy Chase with demolition and building evaluation cost estimates and supporting materials.
- Facilities will supply the office of Commissioner Rojo de Steffey with more historical information and an abstract of the Buckman plan. Matthew Lashua of the Commissioner's office will mail these materials to each member.
- Matthew Lashua will follow up with absent members to deliver minutes and materials from the meeting and find out their status on the Taskforce.
- Commissioner Rojo de Steffey will contact the Chinese Benevolent Society
- Steve Oswald will research resources and potential costs/donations for a penetrating ground radar survey and report to the next meeting.
- Steve Oswald, Nancy Chase and the office of Commissioner Rojo de Steffey will bring more historical information, pictures, etc. to the next meeting.
- All Taskforce members are asked to review criteria and e-mail comments and additions to Matthew Lashua ([matthew.lashua@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:matthew.lashua@co.multnomah.or.us)).

**Minutes**  
**Morrison Property Taskforce**  
**Monday May 3rd, 2004 5:30pm – 7:00pm**  
**Multnomah Building**  
**501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Room 635**

***Present:*** Nancy Chase -METRO, Richard Engeman-Oregon Historical Society, Mira Meyer-Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, Paul Loney-SE Uplift, Susan Lindsay-Buckman Community Association, Steve Oswald-Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery, Rebecca Liu – Chinese Benevolent Society, Lynn Dingler-Multnomah County Facilities & Property Management, Maria Rojo de Steffey-Multnomah County Commissioner, District One, Althea Milechman-Multnomah County Public Affairs Office, Matthew Lashua-Multnomah County Office of Commissioner Rojo de Steffey

- After introductions were made, Lynn Dingler reviewed demolition costs.
  - Demolition costs for the Morrison Building are approximately \$400,000
  - Nancy Chase mentioned recycling building materials such as concrete and whether this would reduce the costs of the demolition.
- Lynn Dingler reviewed the Buckman Plan
  - The Plan was written in 1991
  - Susan Lindsay commented that the Buckman Plan is not only a plan for the interest of the Buckman community; it has also been adopted by City Council.
  - The Buckman plan considers the Lone Fir cemetery a significant part of the neighborhood and recommends enhancement.
- Lynn Dingler and Steve Oswald reviewed their findings about ground penetrating radar.
  - Ground penetrating radar would cost approximately \$30,000
  - No definitive answers to inquiries about donations for radar
- Rebecca Liu discussed the history of the Chinese community buried in the area including the Lone Fir Cemetery.
- Group discussed general possible options:
  - Cemetery/Park/Memorial/Monument
  - Partial Development
  - Full Development

**To Do List for Next Meeting:**

- Facilities will supply Task Force with full analysis grid containing possible options.
- Nancy Chase will research recycling Morrison Building demolition materials and evaluate any potential cost savings.
- Matthew Lashua will deliver materials submitted by Steve Oswald and Richard Engeman to Task Force members.

***Next Meeting: Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 5:30pm –  
7:00pm  
Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.,  
Room 635***

## **Minutes**

### ***Morrison Property Taskforce***

***Monday June 7, 2004 5:30 – 7pm***

**Present:** Mirra Meyer - Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, Nancy Chase – METRO, Steve Oswald, Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery, Paul Loney - SE Uplift, Rebecca Liu - Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association;  
**Representing Multnomah County:** District 1 Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey, Shelli Romero - Commissioner Rojo de Steffey's office, Lynn Dingler – Facilities, Althea Milechman - Public Affairs Office

Commissioner Rojo de Steffey called the meeting to order and introduced Althea Milechman from the County's Public Affairs Office who will facilitate the meetings.

Brief introductions were made.

- Commissioner Rojo de Steffey reviewed the Task Force timeline.
  - She suggested the Task Force present their recommendation to the BCC at the end of September.
  - She suggested a discussion on recommendations to finalize in July and have County staff write up a report for the task force to review in August and September to meet the timeline. The September Task Force meeting could approve the report to bring before the Board of County Commissioners in late September.
  - If the timeline is not met, the task force will have to request an extension for more time to the Board of County Commissioners.
  - Commissioner Rojo de Steffey feels we can keep with our current timeline and move forward.
- Lynn Dingler introduced and distributed an option comparison grid for discussion.
  - Option #1: Sell the property as is or as a clean site
  - Option #2: Hold the property and mothball the building or demolish the building and hold the land.
  - Option #3: Restructure and partition the property
  - Option #4: Donate the property as is to METRO
- Nancy Chase commented that mothballing the building could result in an unforeseen liability for Multnomah County.

- Mirra Meyer said that the old Corbett building on 5<sup>th</sup> and Morrison was demolished in the 80's as a big public event and billed as a fundraiser. Demolition was done as a donation by a demolition company. What if we look at some creative collaboration to solve the problem?
  - Nancy Chase said that perhaps we should get updated bids for zeroing in on an actual cost of demolition before looking at fundraising/creative collaboration.
  - Commissioner Rojo de Steffey said that this could be a part of a recommendation we take before the County Board of Commissioners.
- Nancy Chase thinks the property would be an asset to the cemetery with the development of an entrance. METRO's transit-oriented developer, however, sees some problems with development of an entry-way.
  - The comment was made that any zone changes will take 9 months.
- Steven Oswald shared his preference of turning it over to the cemetery and creating a welcome area. He will research available funds, including Family of Funds from Portland Development Commission.
  - If demolishing leads to rebuilding/development, Portland Development Commission may pay for it.
  - Nancy Chase said that perhaps having something historical with the Chinese community and the cemetery would be possible.
  - Mirra Meyer says we could pitch the 1920's entrance to garner funds. She said that this could be of possible interest to Portland Development Commission. She went on to say that across the country, preserving cemeteries are gaining interest and support in the area of tourism and cultural tourism. The State Tourism Board may be a source of potential funding.
  - Mirra Meyer will follow-up and let Lynn know of what she learns.
- Commissioner Rojo de Steffey said that the County does not operate cemeteries so we would need an exception from METRO to see if they want it. The County's interest would be to help look for funds to demolish the building and look at transferring it to METRO. The recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners should include funding sources.
- Paul Loney asked about the partition option. It is estimated the 2 parcels would be worth \$50,000. It is zoned CS and is one lot with a single entry. The City and Portland Department of Transportation design standards and right of way may be issues.
- Selling a portion of the property would generate funds for demolition. Is there another way to generate more revenue?
  - Lynn Dingler suggested putting together a package where the entire property goes to cemetery and then is reverted to METRO. There were 4 members of the task force in agreement with this option.



One member suggested that Richard Engeman be contacted and filled in.

- Mirra Meyer said that the property should remain as a cemetery and go under the auspices of METRO and be given historically appropriate treatment by the County and the City.
- Nancy Chase said that the question on the table was if the property could be transferred to METRO with the building and all? The demolition costs and getting the funds together to solve the problem are barriers. Perhaps as an interim measure we should consider installation of a concrete overlay and fence off for 5 years to look at developing a funding plan as part of the master plan. One obstacle to doing this is that there is no guarantee the community will support this and it would require putting in grass with a chain-link fence with gate.
- Commissioner Rojo de Steffey spoke with Portland City Commissioner Randy Leonard and he is very interested in retaining the character of the cemetery. Perhaps the City could help with regard to preservation opportunities. Because there is a fire fighters history connected to Lone Fir this may also be of interest to the City.
- METRO is hosting a public officials tour of the Morrison building on June 16<sup>th</sup> to help them be better acquainted with the property and to get them thinking - if the land became a cemetery what could you do? – This may help with forecasting funding ideas/revenue streams. Could METRO sell plots to recapture revenue? Perhaps looking at options such as creating Memorial walls, scatter gardens (of ashes), reducing maintenance costs. Mirra has a contact who is a cemetery preservation champion and good with fundraising who could provide expertise.
- Shelli Romero said that she had preliminary discussions with the County's federal legislative liaisons regarding the potential for seeking federal funds to demolish the building. Suggestions include looking within the HUD or EDA budgets. The timing of the task force issuing a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners is good because it provides us ample time to get it added to our federal legislative agenda for priorities. However it will be important to be able to explain the community and governmental support for future use of the property.
- Commissioner Rojo de Steffey talked with Susan Lindsay of the Buckman Neighborhood Association who said that she supported Option 4 and so do many of the Association members.
- Some ideas for the property include developing an interpretive center incorporating Loggers of the World, Fireman, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Founding Families and Descendants. It would

require a multi-million dollar campaign and we would need to bring in people with expertise.

#### Next Steps

- Lynn Dinger will do further research in these areas based on the Task Force's identification of pursuing Option 4 – Keeping the property a cemetery and reverting it to METRO and looking at generating seed money.
  - 1) Create a flow chart of transferring the property to METRO
  - 2) Create a flow chart for demolition of the building
- Steven Oswald will put together a historical piece, about 5 pages in length to add to the report and provide Commissioners with a historical context of the cemetery.
- Nancy Chase will discuss with others at METRO and report on the possibility of transferring the property to METRO with/without the building.
- All members of the Taskforce will look into creative collaboration possibilities regarding the demolition of the building i.e. PDC, State Tourism Board, City of Portland, etc...

**Minutes**  
**Morrison Property Taskforce**  
**Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> , 2004**  
**Multnomah Building**  
**501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Room 635**

***Present:*** Nancy Chase-METRO, Richard Engeman-Oregon Historical Society, Lily Witham-Buckman Community Association, Steve Oswald-Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery, Rebecca Liu-Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Lynn Dinger- Multnomah County Facilities & Property Management, Althea Milechman- Multnomah County Public Affairs Office, Matthew Lashua-Office of Commissioner Rojo de Steffey, Shelli Romero-Office of Commissioner Rojo de Steffey

- Welcome and introductions were made by Althea Milechman who facilitated the meeting.
- Public comment was made by:
  - Christina Walsh, President of Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery
  - Lynne Pagan, Secretary of Oregon Historic Cemeteries Association
  - Mary Glenn, member of Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery
- Nancy Chase addressed the potential transfer of the property to METRO
  - METRO is not willing to take the property until the building is demolished.
  - Money for the demolition should be part of the Taskforce's recommendation.
  - Make the recommendation a \$2-3 million project:
    - Include a full-time fundraising position.
    - Work with various organizations to raise the money: firemen associations, Woodmen of the World, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, founding families and descendants.
    - Make the proposal 2-3 years to obtain the proper funding and plans.
    - Make the property transfer a donation to METRO in order to acquire matching funds, grants, etc...
- Lynn Dinger submitted two flow charts for the Taskforce's review:
  - Potential Property Transfer
  - Morrison Building Demolition
  - Both flow charts illustrate a general timeline and the efforts involved
- Steve Oswald submitted a historical summary of Lone Fir Cemetery as requested for inclusion into the Taskforce's recommendation.
- The Taskforce reviewed funding opportunities

- Steve Oswald received no response from PDC, however Lynn Dinger was told by Lou Bowers of PDC they have no funding for this type of project.
- Nancy Chase reiterated the need for a fundraiser.
- Richard Engeman, Nancy Chase and Shelli Romero commented on how the drive for funding should come from the community, not a government agency.
- Shelli Romero informed the Taskforce Portland that City Commissioner Leonard had been contacted by Commissioner Rojo de Steffey. His office is interested in playing a role at a later stage, once a plan for the property has been established.
- Nancy Chase voiced her opinion as a member of the Taskforce the County should come up with some money for the fundraising/project management position.
- Lily Witham and Lynn Dinger discussed demolition/recycling costs and the potential for savings.
- Richard Engeman asked about the option of dividing the property and selling a portion of it to demolish the building.
  - Lynn Dinger answered it wouldn't be worth the effort. The divided property would not generate enough revenue for demolition.
- The Taskforce developed an outline for the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners:
  - Althea Milechman went over the timeline and tasks: Staff is to gather materials, draft the report, and submit it to the Taskforce for review no later than two weeks before the next meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Taskforce will then submit their proposed changes/edits at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Staff will take changes and produce the final Taskforce recommendation. Community members from the Taskforce will then present it to the Board at their regular Board meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Taskforce Recommendation: The property be transferred to METRO for cemetery purposes (reintegration, reincorporation, rededicated and historic designation were terms suggested)
  - Nancy Chase reiterated the possibility of a grant match: hold the land and donate it to Lone Fir Cemetery as part of a larger funding piece.
  - Nancy Chase suggested the Taskforce continue to develop the fund-raising plan
  - Richard Engeman commented that if METRO is not will to develop a fund-raising plan and the County is not willing, whose responsibility is it?
  - Lily Witman commented it would be an easy project to sell in the community: Fred Meyer Foundation, relatives of those resting at Lone Fir etc...

- Steve Oswald commented the community raised money for the Lone Fir Cemetery in the past, citing the 1934 memorial statue
- Richard Engeman and Nancy Chase discussed the possibility of using a non-profit, such as Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery for maintenance of the proposed plan (scatter garden and sketch of possible uses submitted by Nancy Chase) and possible revenue sources.
- The Taskforce recommendation will include the following:
  - Property to be donated to METRO for rededication into the Lone Fir Cemetery for cemetery uses.
  - County continues to hold property for six months.
  - Recommend a community-driven committee be formed tasked with developing a concept design and finance plan for the property, including demolition.
  - The County will provide technical assistance to this committee.
  - A concept design for property uses as a cemetery will be developed.
  - A project manager with fundraising expertise will develop a finance plan.
  - This community-driven committee will report their work and findings to the Board of County Commissioners in six months time.

### **Next Steps:**

- County staff will develop recommendation report accordingly (see above)

**Minutes**  
**Morrison Property Taskforce**  
**Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004**  
**5:30-7pm**

**Present:** Mirra Meyer - Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, Nancy Chase – METRO, Steve Oswald – Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery, Richard Engeman – Oregon Historical Society, Susan Lindsay – Buckman Community Association, Representing Multnomah County: District 1 Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey, Doug Butler – Director of Facilities and Property Management, Lynn Dinger – Facilities and Property Management, Matthew Lashua - Commissioner Rojo de Steffey's office,

- Opportunity for public comment was made by: Don MacGillivray, Mary Ann Schuab, Jane Hansen
- Commissioner Rojo de Steffey called the meeting to order. Members of the Taskforce and the public who attended introduced themselves.
- Commissioner Rojo de Steffey asked to follow the agenda and review the Taskforce's recommendation.
  - Mirra Meyer reviewed her proposed change: clarification of the intent of the recommendation.
  - Nancy Chase reviewed her proposed change: wording change for clarity.
  - Richard Engeman reviewed his change: recommendation is compromised by no funds; proposed putting back on the table selling some vacant lots to raise money.
  - Commissioner RdS asked other Taskforce members their opinion:
    - Susan Lindsay talked with the Buckman Board; they know the difficulty is money and the corner in question is underutilized.
    - Steve Oswald stated he is opposed to any development on the SW corner or anywhere on the Morrison property.
- Commissioner RdS introduced Doug Butler. Doug stated he has to be realistic about the demolition; there is lead, asbestos and underground storage tanks. He estimates demolition costs to be as much as \$500,000. There is no money for this but he is in a position to make a recommendation that works for all parties involved. Proceeds need to come from a sale of a piece of property. Without this there are no means for removing the building. Take 50 feet from the east end of the property for a formal entrance. Give \$50K for initial funding for Lone Fir. Sell remainder of property to use as a money source. Doug stated his main concern was that until a source of money is identified the building will be a continuing blight for the county and the community. METRO states it is not in a position to pay for the land or the cost to demolish the building.

- Doug would recommend an appropriate, respectful design for housing that would be an asset to the community and the cemetery. This proposal is put forth in the spirit of compromise. Doug also stated he believed this would be a very tough fundraising effort if the Taskforce's recommendation were approved.
- Commissioner RdS asked how much it costs to maintain the building now. Doug replied it costs \$35K, to keep the building in mothball status barring anything unexpected happening such as weather or disaster.
- Mirra asked for clarification about the proposed property and 50 feet. She was directed to the map provided in the Facilities Option by Lynn.
- Nancy asked how this would move forward. Lynn replied it would be a Type III license with a hearings officer and a standard 120 days – a normal process for a Type III.
- Susan asked Doug what his vision was for the lot? Doug replied that with its current zoning, the market would focus on residential development. Susan pointed out that the neighborhood would prefer row houses or other family-oriented ownership developments to lofts or apartments.
- Steve Oswald asserted that the county doesn't really own the property. More investigation should be done for dedication into the cemetery since the zoning is illegal.
  - Doug replied his office did an extensive title search and due diligence was confirmed.
  - Mirra stated in her position she hasn't seen development of multiple homes and residential projects next to cemeteries, businesses yes, but she's not sure of the attractiveness of Doug's proposal.
  - Doug replied that in the proposal process they looked at the market for residential and it appears to be there. Zoning would preclude exclusive commercial developers. There would be a green separation/edge/fence between the development and the cemetery. The goal would be to be neighborhood friendly with garages in back below decks. No way to get driveways off of Morrison.
  - Commissioner RdS stated the Board could put certain kinds of restrictions on the development to satisfy those involved.
- Susan said from a personal angle she would like to be practical about this and get the building out and didn't want to see this as community people vs. county/Board project. She took the Facilities proposal to the Buckman Board and they were against the idea. They said cemetery land is cemetery land. Whether the Board will accept and the community will accept either plan, she believes everyone has good intentions.
- Commissioner RdS stated she feels stuck. The county has laid off many people and have done nothing but cut budgets deeper and deeper. There is just no money for the demolition. She's not interested in making money but just to get the Morrison building out.
- Susan asked how long would it take to come up with another position or should we take this option to the Board. What about the front section?

Lynn and Doug answered it would only raise about \$100,000 due to its small footprint.

- Nancy stated it's not as if you can put the property on the market now. Put into the community's hand to come up with the fund-raising plan. Form a sub-committee and get enough people involved. Doug asked if it should be transferred to Metro so they can come up with the fundraising plan. Nancy stated she is representing David Bragdon and he has stated Metro can't afford it.
- Susan said six months isn't a long time -- if it went that route. The neighborhood is tied very closely and would work well with what the neighborhood wants, not what the market wants. We should come up with a fund-raising plan and give it a chance of success, not necessarily raise the \$500,000. Susan also asked who would these champions of the fund-raising effort be? They should come from the neighborhood. Susan also stated it can't be her, she just doesn't have the time to put into this project. No one at the meeting volunteered.
- Lynn asked for a list of sources of funding from Richard and Mirra.
- Mirra stated the interest in parks and recreation is high. There maybe some lottery money down the line but not right now. Nancy said private sources should also be tapped, unions training programs to demolish the buildings. Doug stated the building might not be the type of building suitable for this kind of training with the asbestos and mold etc...
- Mirra said this could be a state wide project -- working with groups all over the state: chambers of commerce, community meetings, historic issues, people who have an emotional connection to the cemetery -- outreach. Mirra would get involved and asked if Richard could stay involved.
- Nancy asked for technical assistance for sub-committee from the county. Commissioner RdS said it would be very minimal. It was also asked if the county was going to match any kind of funds. Doug stated it's not in his budget. Commissioner RdS also stated Metro doesn't even have the money to manage the cemeteries they have now.
- The Taskforce agreed to incorporate Mirra and Nancy's changes into the document and submit it to the Board, giving the community six months to develop a financial/fundraising plan.
- Steve asked about the report regarding the anomalies found by the ground penetrating radar. Lynn replied he is working on it and continuing to search for qualified contractors. Mirra offered to help Lynn locate the proper people.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm





## MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

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**Date:** October 13, 2004  
**To:** Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** Doug Butler  
Facilities Director  
**Subject:** Recommendations Re: Morrison Building Task Force Proposal

### Introduction

Multnomah County owns the property and building at 2115 SE Morrison. This property has been declared surplus by the Board of County Commissioners. Through community outreach by Commissioner Rojo de Steffey, the Board has convened a Taskforce to offer alternatives for the future use of the property. The Taskforce has completed their work with a report to the Board. The Facilities and Property Management Division (Facilities) of Multnomah County takes this opportunity to present its concerns about the Taskforce recommendations and to propose an alternative strategy.

### Task Force Conclusions

The Morrison Property Taskforce has concluded that:

- 1- Multnomah County should donate the 1.24 acres of property at S.E. 20<sup>th</sup> and Morrison St. to METRO for rededication to the Lone Fir Cemetery.
- 2- The County should hold the property for six months while a community-based committee develops a plan and funding strategy to demolish the building and develop the site for cemetery use.
- 3- The County and METRO should fund a project manager position to support this activity.

### Summary of Facilities' Perspective and Recommendations

As discussed in more detail below, Facilities does not believe that this proposal is in the County's best interests and is concerned that it will have a negative impact on the surrounding community. Facilities, therefore recommends an alternate strategy which we believe respects the concerns raised by the Taskforce while providing a clear, implement able strategy for the property:

- 1- Donate the easternmost 50' of the property (which includes the primary entry to the Lone Fir Cemetery) to Metro in "ready to develop" condition for rededication to the Cemetery - presumably for the creation of an attractive and appropriate entry.
- 2- Donate \$50,000 to Metro for improvement of the donated property.

- 3- Sell the remainder of the property at market values to provide the needed resources to cover the cost of building demolition, removal of underground storage tanks, removal of fencing and paving, and to provide for the \$50,000 for Cemetery entry site improvements.
- 4- Grant an easement to Metro to permit it to perfect its access to the southwest corner of the Cemetery to SE 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

[NOTE: This strategy effectively amounts to a \$250,000 donation by Multnomah County to the enhancement of the Lone Fir Cemetery through foregone revenue and sale proceeds dedication.]

If the Board feels it is more appropriate to accept the Taskforce recommendations, Facilities recommends consideration of the following conditions:

- 1- Within 30 days from Board approval of the Taskforce report, the Taskforce must submit the following documentation to Commissioner Rojo de Steffey, as the Board's representative for this project:
  - a. A letter from Metro Executive David Bragdon indicating that Metro will (subject to final Council approval) accept a transfer of the property and under what conditions.
  - b. A plan which documents a clear strategy with a good probability of success for satisfying each and all of Metro's conditions within six months from the time the County (through Commissioner Rojo) approves this Taskforce plan.
  - c. A commitment from Metro (or other appropriate agency) to provide a Project Manager to implement the plan.
- 2- All work described in the plan must be completed within six months. No extensions will be considered unless there is evidence of significant tangible progress, a very high probability of success if a short extension is granted, and if there is no evidence that the continued vacancy at the property will create a hardship on the County and/or the community.
- 3- If the conditions at 1- above are not met or efforts to implement the plan are not successful within the allowed timeframes, the County will immediately resume its efforts to dispose of the property.

### **Management Objectives**

Facilities' objectives for the disposition of Morrison property are:

- 1- Obtain as much value in a disposition process as possible to provide for demolition and site clearance, project funding described in this proposal and the County's fiscal crisis.
- 2- Support Buckman Neighborhood goals and enhance the historic Lone Fir Cemetery, to the extent possible.
- 3- Eliminate the cost and liability related to this vacant building as well as its detrimental impact on the surrounding community.
- 4- Address the community concerns about the existence of human remains at the Morrison Building site.

### **Findings**

Facilities must view the disposition of County-owned real property from a countywide asset management perspective. Consequently, Facilities' perspective includes:

- 1- The Morrison property has an estimated net value of approximately \$750,000 after demolishing the building and clearing the site. This is a significant amount of money given the current financial crisis the County is managing.
- 2- Multnomah County does not have the funds to demolish the building and carryout site preparation; in declaring the property surplus, we had assumed that this work would be the responsibility of a purchaser (or at least that it would be accomplished using proceeds from the sale of the property).

- 3- METRO has stated that it is not able to assume responsibility for the demolition costs and could not accept the property until the issue of the building demolition and site preparation has been dealt with.
- 4- METRO has not indicated a willingness to accept the property (or the conditions under which they will accept the property).
- 5- Given the economic health of the community and our understanding of the history of charitable giving in Portland, it seems highly unlikely that donated funding for the demolition of the building can be secured in the foreseeable future.
- 6- Facilities and Property Management budgets \$32,000 annually to maintain the Morrison property in its current mothball status. This represents a minimum cost for maintenance and security and does not recognize the County's continuing potential liability for this vacant and deteriorating structure.
- 7- The building is deteriorating and remains a detriment to the neighborhood until there is a final sale, transfer, or other resolution of this question.
- 8- Facilities and Property Management has cut staff and resources for essential services and is not in a position to provide staffing or funding for the development of this project.
- 9- The Taskforce strategy provides for six months of planning to be followed by an undefined period of fund-raising. This would mean the property would sit vacant for at least another year and there is no clear understanding of when the process is over or what happens if the fund-raising efforts are unsuccessful.

### **Proposed Strategy Benefits**

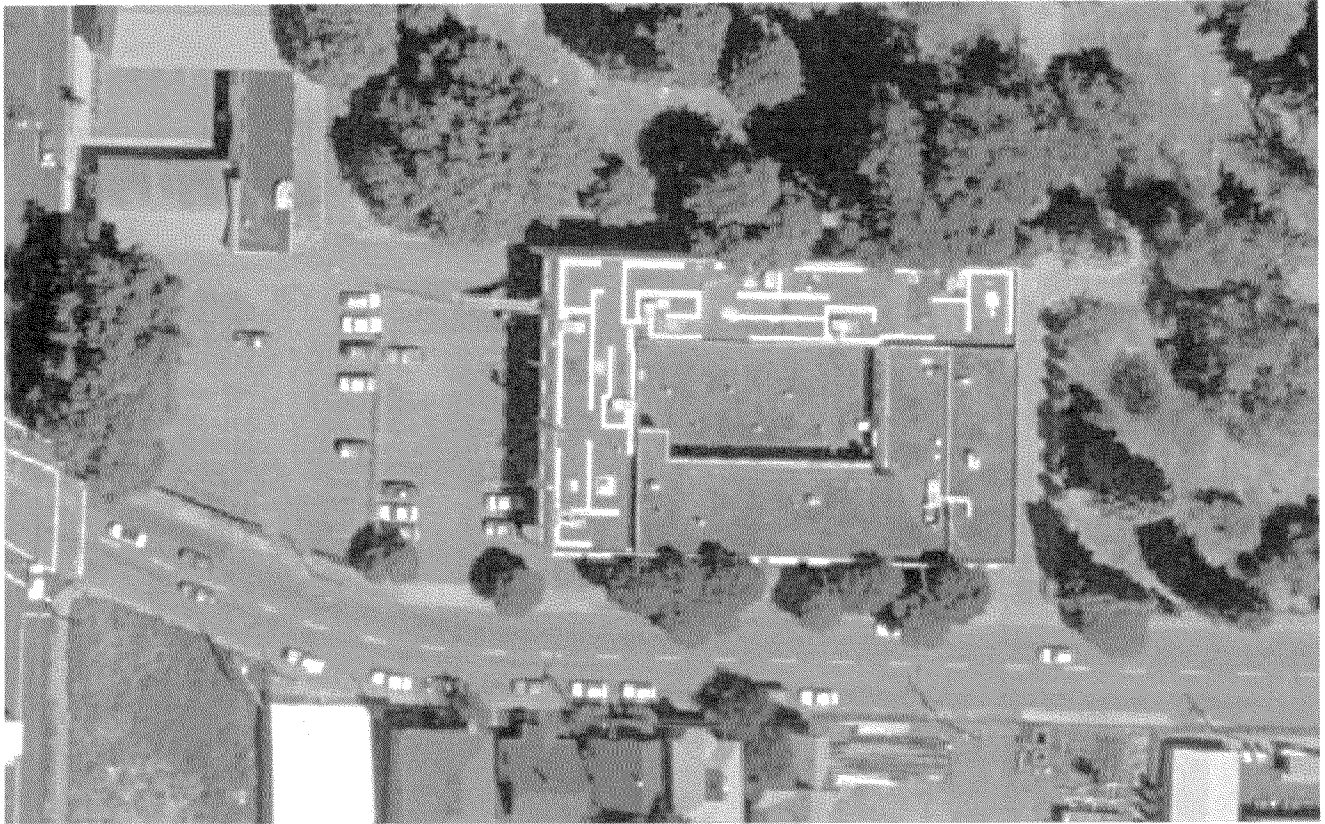
The proposed Facilities strategy will:

- 1- dedicate the land for an entryway and small service center for the cemetery,
- 2- provide funding for a significant entryway to the Lone Fir Cemetery,
- 3- remove the blighting effect of the old Morrison Building, and
- 4- add valuable property to the Multnomah County tax rolls.

The benefits of this strategy for the Buckman Community and the County are that:

- 1- It provides the Lone Fir Cemetery/Metro with legal rights to its main access points and provides for an attractive Cemetery entrance. It also provides enough land for a future cemetery office.
- 2- It removes a nearly derelict building which is a magnet for transients and inappropriate activities.
- 3- It accomplishes both of these purposes in a timely manner and avoids long periods of uncertainty about the site's ultimate disposition.
- 4- Metro, the custodian of the Lone Fir Cemetery will receive nearly \$200,000 in land value and a \$50,000 cash donation.
- 5- Over 47,000 square feet of property will go back on to the tax rolls.
- 6- The attractive development of northeast corner of this significant intersection can spur further renovation in this part of the Buckman neighborhood.
- 7- Through investigation and inspection, the concerns of Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery about undocumented human remains will be addressed. [NOTE: The County has tested the site with ground penetrating radar to identify any possible human remains. Nine "indeterminate anomalies" were identified through that testing. We will investigate those areas identified as having potential as grave sites.]

**This strategy effectively amounts to nearly a \$250,000 donation by Multnomah County to the enhancement of the Lone Fir Cemetery through foregone revenue and sale proceeds dedication.**



**2002 Aerial Photo, Facing North with SE Morrison Street at the bottom.**

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**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP**

Please complete this form and return to the Board Clerk

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MEETING DATE: 11.23.04

SUBJECT: Morrison Property

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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**IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE BOARD:**

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*September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004*

*Morrison Property Taskforce Members*

Brian Carleton – Carleton-Hart Architecture PC

Nancy Chase – representing METRO

Richard Engeman – representing Oregon Historical Society

Susan Lindsay – President, Belmont Community Association

Rebecca Liu – President, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

Paul Loney – representing SE Uplift Neighborhood Program

Mirra Meyer – representing State of Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

Steve Oswald – representing Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery

**Multnomah County**

Maria Rojo de Steffey – Chair, Multnomah County Commissioner, District One

**Multnomah County Technical Advisors**

Lynn Dingler – Multnomah County Facilities & Property Management

Matthew Lashua – Office of Multnomah County Commissioner Rojo de Steffey,  
District One

Althea Milechman – Multnomah County Public Affairs Office

## *Morrison Property Taskforce Recommendation*

The Morrison Building and the Property surrounding it is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of S.E. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and S.E. Morrison Street and was originally part of the Lone Fir Cemetery. In 1952, the property was partitioned in order to build the Morrison Building. When the Lone Fir Cemetery was transferred to METRO in 1997, the Morrison property was retained by the county. The land the Morrison Building sits on still retains cemetery and historic landmark status.

It is the recommendation of the Morrison Property Taskforce that the Morrison property be re-dedicated to the Lone Fir Cemetery for cemetery uses.

The Taskforce recommends the county provide a six month period while a community-driven plan is developed. This plan will present a concept design and finance strategy for the property, including demolition of the Morrison Building and site improvements. This committee will develop a concept design and finance plan for the property, including demolition of the Morrison Building.

The county will continue to provide technical assistance to the committee. A sub-committee of the task force will report their work and findings to the Board of County Commissioners in six months time.

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MEETING DATE: 11-23-04

SUBJECT: the Lone Fir Cemetery  
County Morrison Building  
AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Taskforce Recommendation

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館會華中崙特坡州岡勒奧國美  
CHINESE CONSOLIDATED BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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PORTLAND, OREGON 97209

U.S.A.

November 19, 2004

Maria Rojo de Steffey  
District 1 Commissioner for Multnomah County  
501 SE Hawthorne  
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Commissioner Rojo de Steffey:

On behalf of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) I am writing this letter to inform you that our Board of Directors is strongly against any suggestion to sell the land known as Block 14, of the Lone Fir Cemetery. This is one of the oldest Chinese burial grounds in Northwest America. We support the recommendation from the Taskforce to return this land to cemetery use and build an Interpretive Center for historical, educational and tourist purposes.

We question the legal right of selling a piece of land which is officially designated as a historical cemetery. Fifty-seven years ago the CCBA contracted with Multnomah County to exhume remains of the Chinese people who were buried on Block 14 of Lone Fir Cemetery. These remains were shipped to China for burial. Following this, Multnomah County built the Morrison building on top of the site with a Conditional Use Permit. The recent discovery of old Chinese burial records in the CCBA archives indicate not all bodies were exhumed. It is our understanding Multnomah County is planning to conduct an archeological dig in the near future on this site. We would like to be included in, and help with, this process. If human remains are found, they should not be moved.

We also request that Multnomah County redo the ground penetrating radar test throughout the whole parking lot area and underneath the building for a total inventory of the "anomalies." We understand the September testing only included a small portion of the property.

CCBA has established a record of working with the City of Portland in beautifying Chinatown, building the China Gate, and starting the tradition of Dragon Boat races in the United States. We have been recognized for our determination to carry out and finish what we put our minds to.

We believe that it is the County's responsibility to demolish the Morrison Building. If the assurance of returning this piece of land into a cemetery can be established, the CCBA will be happy to participate and cooperate with other organizations in fund raising efforts to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

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Sue Lee  
President

cc: Diane Linn, Chair  
Serena Cruz, District 2  
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NAME: STEVE OSWALD

ADDRESS: FRIENDS OF LONE FILL CEMETERY

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**NAME:** MIRRA MEYER

**ADDRESS:** STATE OF OREGON Commission on Historic

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** Cemeteries

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### OREGON COMMISSION ON HISTORIC CEMETERIES

(Oregon Pioneer Cemetery Commission)

#### FACT SHEET



#### Old Cemeteries at Risk

Many historic cemeteries throughout Oregon on both private property and public, rural and urban, are currently neglected or forgotten.

Over generations monuments erode and become unreadable.

Road building, expanded farming, or new development endangers some. Others fall victim to vandalism. Irreplaceable monuments and artifacts may be intentionally removed or destroyed.

Local residents who wish to preserve their historic graveyards frequently lack both financial resources and technical information needed to prevent such losses.

#### Why protect historic cemeteries?

Historic cemeteries are a source of local history and genealogical information often found nowhere else as paper documents degrade or are lost.

Historic cemeteries serve as "outdoor museums" where people of our time may experience the architecture, artworks, design preferences and even the literary styles of decades past.

Historic cemeteries preserve, in living green, varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers prized by our forbearers.

They are refuges for native birds and wildlife. Often they are green spaces in urbanized areas. A place to stroll or have a picnic.

They are quiet places of reflection, a place to sit with one's thoughts, and to honor those who came before.

#### What is the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries?

With the growing interest in historic preservation and genealogy an encouraging number of groups and individuals in the state are working to protect and restore old graveyards. In support of those efforts the legislature established the Oregon Pioneer Cemetery Commission in 1999 to assist in the coordination of restoration, renovation and maintenance of our historic cemeteries. In recognition of the need for protection of all historic cemeteries, the commission was retitled Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries in 2003.

The OCHC will develop and maintain a listing of all pioneer era and historic cemeteries and gravesites in Oregon, make recommendations for funding, obtain grants funding, seek legislative appropriations for historic cemeteries, promote public education related to historic and pioneer cemeteries, and assist in obtaining technical assistance on the care of old grave markers and graveyards.



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## **CEMETERY THEFT AND/OR VANDALISM LEGISLATION ORS 166.076**

**166.076 Abuse of a memorial to the dead.** (1) A person commits the crime of abuse of a memorial to the dead if the person:

(a) Intentionally destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures or removes any:

(A) Tomb, monument, gravestone or other structure or thing placed as or designed for a memorial to the dead; or

(B) Fence, railing, curb or other thing intended for the protection or for the ornamentation of any structure or thing listed in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

(b) Intentionally destroys, mutilates, removes, cuts, breaks or injures any tree, shrub or plant within any structure listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection; or

(c) Buys, sells or transports any object listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection that was stolen from a pioneer cemetery knowing that the object is stolen.

(2) Abuse of a memorial to the dead is a Class A misdemeanor.

(3)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 161.635, the maximum fine that a court may impose for abuse of a memorial to the dead is \$50,000 if:

(A) The person violates subsection (1)(a) of this section and the object destroyed, mutilated, defaced, injured or removed is or was located in a pioneer cemetery; or

(B) The person violates subsection (1)(c) of this section.

(b) In addition to any other sentence a court may impose, if a defendant is convicted of violating this section under the circumstances described in paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection, the court shall consider ordering the defendant to pay restitution. The court shall base the amount of restitution on the historical value of the object destroyed, mutilated, defaced, injured or removed.

(4) This section does not apply to a person who is the burial right owner or that person's representative, an heir at law of the deceased, or a person having care, custody or control of a cemetery by virtue of law, contract or other legal right, if the person is acting within the scope of the person's legal capacity and the person's actions have the effect of maintaining, protecting or improving the tomb, monument, gravestone or other structure or thing placed as or designed for a memorial to the dead.

(5) As used in this section, "pioneer cemetery" means a cemetery that is listed with the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries under ORS 97.782. [1995 c.261 §1; 1999 c.731 §12; 2003 c.291

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## DISCONTINUENCE OF A CEMETERY AND REMOVAL OF REMAINS AND MARKERS

ORS 97.450

(1) (a) Whenever any cemetery that is within the limits of any county, city or town has been abandoned, or it is desirable to abandon such cemetery, the governing body of any county, if the cemetery is owned by the county, or the corporate authorities of the city or town, if the cemetery is owned by the city or town, or the trustees or directors, if the cemetery is owned by an association or corporation, may order that such burial ground be discontinued, have the remains of all persons interred in the cemetery moved to some other suitable place and provide the removal and reerection of all stones and monuments marking said graves.

Each removal must be made in an appropriate manner and in accordance with the directions of the Director of Human Services. Prior to any removal authorized under this section, written notice must be given to the family or next of kin of the deceased, if known, or if unknown, notice of the removal shall be published for at least four successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the cemetery is located and twice in a newspaper with statewide circulation.

(b) Any removal and the costs of the proceedings under this section shall be at the expense of the county, city or town, individual, corporation or association owning the cemetery to be moved.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(a) of this section, a cemetery or burial ground containing human remains that were interred before February 14, 1909, may not be discontinued or declared abandoned or have remains removed from the burial ground or cemetery without prior notice to and comment by the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries. When commenting on a request to discontinue or declare abandoned a cemetery or burial ground, the commission shall consider:

- (a) The listing of the cemetery or burial ground under ORS 97.782
- (b) The historic significance of the cemetery or graves included in the request
- (c) The findings of any archaeological survey of the cemetery or burial ground

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PAUL LONEY

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LAND USE SPECIALIST - SE Uplift

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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Submitters letters from Belmont Area

Business Association, North Portland Business Assn,

and Sunny Side Neighborhood Association

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**Belmont Area Business Association**

*c/o John Barker, President 3124 SE Taylor St., Portland, OR 97214 Phone/fax (503) 231-9118*

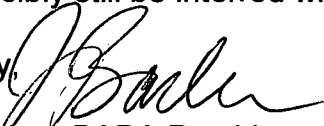
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To Multnomah County Commissioners

At its last regular meeting November 9, 2004 the board of the Belmont Area Business Association unanimously passed at motion that "The BABA supports the Morrison Property Taskforce Recommendation."

It is well worth pursuing study of this site for redevelopment as a wonderful and appropriate gateway to Portland's most historic and beautiful <sup>EXISTING</sup> cemetery and as a memorial to the city's vital but overlooked emigrant population several of whom may possibly still be interred within the site.

Sincerely,



John Barker, BABA President.



# North Portland Business Association

P.O. Box 17183 • Portland, Oregon 97217 • 503-283-1103

November 19, 2004

Maria Rojo de Steffey  
District 1 Commissioner for Multnomah County  
501 SE Hawthorne  
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Commissioner de Steffey:

This letter is in reference to the article on the front page of the Oregonian November 17, 2004 concerning Lone Fir Cemetery.

We had a General Meeting on November 18, 2004. At this time a motion was made for the North Portland Business Association to write a letter of support for the Taskforce recommendations to return Block 14 back to cemetery use. This was unanimously passed.

As a business association in Portland, Oregon, we appreciate the Lone Fir Cemetery and its rich historical, cultural and educational significance. We believe if this piece of property returns to cemetery use, and an Interpretive Center is built there, it will bring prosperity and economic impact to the east side of the city.

We encourage the County to sincerely consider the future of Lone Fir Cemetery and believe its restoration will be of significance to the people of the greater Portland area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Weir".

Steve Weir  
President



## Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

**November 22, 2004**

**Multnomah County Oregon  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.  
Suite 600,  
Portland, OR, 97214**

**RE: Lone Fir Cemetery**

**Dear Commissioners:**

**This letter is to indicate that the Sunnyside Neighbor Association supports the recommendations of the Morrison Property Task Force regarding the Lone Fir cemetery.**

**The SNA board met on November 11<sup>th</sup> and voted to urge the Commissioners to pass the resolution drafted by Commissioner Rojo de Steffy, which will allow the public six months to find funding to demolish the building in question.**

**We hope this letter will serve to communicate the feelings of the SNA board regarding this issue, and we look forward to your positive response to our neighborhood concerns.**

**Sincerely,**

**Aaron Ernst  
SNA Chair**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Ann Schwab

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: AL CICKHAM

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DOUG Butler, Facilities/Property Manager

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

401 N Dixon Street

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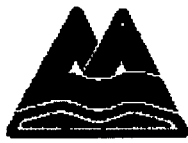
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LONNIE ROBERTS • DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER

**Date:** October 13, 2004  
**To:** Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** Doug Butler  
Facilities Director  
**Subject:** Recommendations Re: Morrison Building Task Force Proposal

## Introduction

Multnomah County owns the property and building at 2115 SE Morrison. This property has been declared surplus by the Board of County Commissioners. Through community outreach by Commissioner Rojo de Steffey, the Board has convened a Taskforce to offer alternatives for the future use of the property. The Taskforce has completed their work with a report to the Board. The Facilities and Property Management Division (Facilities) of Multnomah County takes this opportunity to present its concerns about the Taskforce recommendations and to propose an alternative strategy.

## Task Force Conclusions

The Morrison Property Taskforce has concluded that:

- 1- Multnomah County should donate the 1.24 acres of property at S.E. 20<sup>th</sup> and Morrison St. to METRO for rededication to the Lone Fir Cemetery.
- 2- The County should hold the property for six months while a community-based committee develops a plan and funding strategy to demolish the building and develop the site for cemetery use.
- 3- The County and METRO should fund a project manager position to support this activity.

## Summary of Facilities' Perspective and Recommendations

As discussed in more detail below, Facilities does not believe that this proposal is in the County's best interests and is concerned that it will have a negative impact on the surrounding community. Facilities, therefore recommends an alternate strategy which we believe respects the concerns raised by the Taskforce while providing a clear, implement able strategy for the property:

- 1- Donate the easternmost 50' of the property (which includes the primary entry to the Lone Fir Cemetery) to Metro in "ready to develop" condition for rededication to the Cemetery - presumably for the creation of an attractive and appropriate entry.
- 2- Donate \$50,000 to Metro for improvement of the donated property.
- 3- Sell the remainder of the property at market values to provide the needed resources to cover the cost of building demolition, removal of underground storage tanks, removal of fencing and paving, and to provide for the \$50,000 for Cemetery entry site improvements.
- 4- Grant an easement to Metro to permit it to perfect its access to the southwest corner of the Cemetery to SE 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

[NOTE: This strategy effectively amounts to a \$250,000 donation by Multnomah County to the enhancement of the Lone Fir Cemetery through foregone revenue and sale proceeds dedication.]

If the Board feels it is more appropriate to accept the Taskforce recommendations, Facilities recommends consideration of the following conditions:

- 1- Within 30 days from Board approval of the Taskforce report, the Taskforce must submit the following documentation to Commissioner Rojo de Steffey, as the Board's representative for this project:
  - a. A letter from Metro Executive David Bragdon indicating that Metro will (subject to final Council approval) accept a transfer of the property and under what conditions.
  - b. A plan which documents a clear strategy with a good probability of success for satisfying each and all of Metro's conditions within six months from the time the County (through Commissioner Rojo) approves this Taskforce plan.
  - c. A commitment from Metro (or other appropriate agency) to provide a Project Manager to implement the plan.
- 2- All work described in the plan must be completed within six months. No extensions will be considered unless there is evidence of significant tangible progress, a very high probability of success if a short extension is granted, and if there is no evidence that the continued vacancy at the property will create a hardship on the County and/or the community.
- 3- If the conditions at 1- above are not met or efforts to implement the plan are not successful within the allowed timeframes, the County will immediately resume its efforts to dispose of the property.

### **Management Objectives**

Facilities' objectives for the disposition of Morrison property are:

- 1- Obtain as much value in a disposition process as possible to provide for demolition and site clearance, project funding described in this proposal and the County's fiscal crisis.
- 2- Support Buckman Neighborhood goals and enhance the historic Lone Fir Cemetery, to the extent possible.
- 3- Eliminate the cost and liability related to this vacant building as well as its detrimental impact on the surrounding community.
- 4- Address the community concerns about the existence of human remains at the Morrison Building site.

### **Findings**

Facilities must view the disposition of County-owned real property from a countywide asset management perspective. Consequently, Facilities' perspective includes:

- 1- The Morrison property has an estimated net value of approximately \$750,000 after demolishing the building and clearing the site. This is a significant amount of money given the current financial crisis the County is managing.
- 2- Multnomah County does not have the funds to demolish the building and carryout site preparation; in declaring the property surplus, we had assumed that this work would be the responsibility of a purchaser (or at least that it would be accomplished using proceeds from the sale of the property).
- 3- METRO has stated that it is not able to assume responsibility for the demolition costs and could not accept the property until the issue of the building demolition and site preparation has been dealt with.
- 4- METRO has not indicated a willingness to accept the property (or the conditions under which they will accept the property).
- 5- Given the economic health of the community and our understanding of the history of charitable giving in Portland, it seems highly unlikely that donated funding for the demolition of the building can be secured in the foreseeable future.
- 6- Facilities and Property Management budgets \$32,000 annually to maintain the Morrison property in its current mothball status. This represents a minimum cost for maintenance and security and does not recognize the County's continuing potential liability for this vacant and deteriorating structure.

- 7- The building is deteriorating and remains a detriment to the neighborhood until there is a final sale, transfer, or other resolution of this question.
- 8- Facilities and Property Management has cut staff and resources for essential services and is not in a position to provide staffing or funding for the development of this project.
- 9- The Taskforce strategy provides for six months of planning to be followed by an undefined period of fund-raising. This would mean the property would sit vacant for at least another year and there is no clear understanding of when the process is over or what happens if the fund-raising efforts are unsuccessful.

### **Proposed Strategy Benefits**

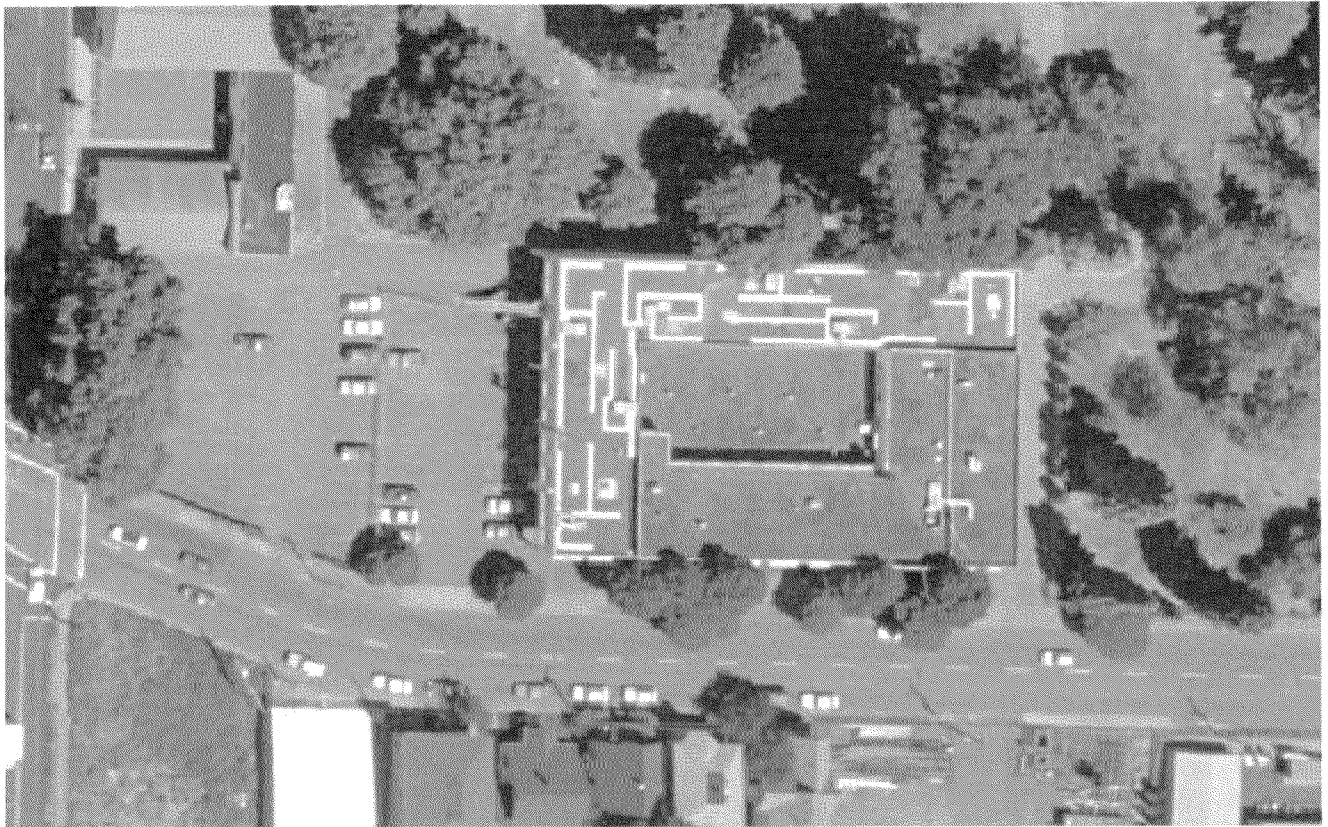
The proposed Facilities strategy will:

- 1- dedicate the land for an entryway and small service center for the cemetery,
- 2- provide funding for a significant entryway to the Lone Fir Cemetery,
- 3- remove the blighting effect of the old Morrison Building, and
- 4- add valuable property to the Multnomah County tax rolls.

The benefits of this strategy for the Buckman Community and the County are that:

- 1- It provides the Lone Fir Cemetery/Metro with legal rights to its main access points and provides for an attractive Cemetery entrance. It also provides enough land for a future cemetery office.
- 2- It removes a nearly derelict building which is a magnet for transients and inappropriate activities.
- 3- It accomplishes both of these purposes in a timely manner and avoids long periods of uncertainty about the site's ultimate disposition.
- 4- Metro, the custodian of the Lone Fir Cemetery will receive nearly \$200,000 in land value and a \$50,000 cash donation.
- 5- Over 47,000 square feet of property will go back on to the tax rolls.
- 6- The attractive development of northeast corner of this significant intersection can spur further renovation in this part of the Buckman neighborhood.
- 7- Through investigation and inspection, the concerns of Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery about undocumented human remains will be addressed. [NOTE: The County has tested the site with ground penetrating radar to identify any possible human remains. Nine "indeterminate anomalies" were identified through that testing. We will investigate those areas identified as having potential as grave sites.]

**This strategy effectively amounts to nearly a \$250,000 donation by Multnomah County to the enhancement of the Lone Fir Cemetery through foregone revenue and sale proceeds dedication.**



**2002 Aerial Photo, Facing North with SE Morrison Street at the bottom.**

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MEETING DATE: 11.23.04  
SUBJECT: Commissioner Randy Leonard

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM  
NAME: Commissioner Randy Leonard

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Morrison bldg/ Loufira

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEETING DATE: 11 23 04

SUBJECT: Lone Fir Cem.

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AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Gabriel Gutierrez

ADDRESS: 626 SE Matiposa Way

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 257 8467

EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Lone Fir Cem.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBJECT: MORRISON BUILDING TASK FORCE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: ✓ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: STEPHEN YING

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: CLACKAMAS, OR 97015

PHONE: DAYS: (503) 698-2315

EVES: (503) 810-0115

EMAIL: SSYING@VERIZON.NET

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: CHINESE COMMUNITY INTEREST

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEETING DATE: 11-23-04

SUBJECT: MORRISON BLDG TASK FORCE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: GARY M. CHAN

ADDRESS: 11730 NE FARGO ST.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR 97220

PHONE: DAYS: 253-1441 EVES: SAME

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: CHINESE COMMUNITY INTEREST.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEETING DATE: Nov. 23, 2004

SUBJECT: Morrison Bldg Task Force

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AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Historic Landmark Law

FOR: X AGAINST:        THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Becky Oswald

ADDRESS: 5905 SE 62nd Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97206

PHONE: DAYS: 503 EVES:       

EMAIL:        FAX:       

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Historic Landmark Status issues

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY:       

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MEETING DATE: 11-23-2004

SUBJECT: LONE FIR LEMETARY DEVELOPMENT

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: ✓ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: DAVE BRUNKER

ADDRESS: 6336 NE HOYT

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR, 97213

PHONE: DAYS: 503-235-1867 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: D BRUNKER@FLASHMAIL.COM FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Supports Co Rojo

Resolution

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MEETING DATE: 11/23/04

SUBJECT: Lone Fir Cemetery

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Susan de Freitas, Jr.

ADDRESS: 2536 SE 75th Ave.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: (503) 986-0675 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Can provide information regarding state laws  
and archaeological sites

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEETING DATE: Nov. 23, 104

SUBJECT: LONE FIR CEMETARY

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: ? AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: ROBERT W. BUSCHO

ADDRESS: 1553 S.E. ELLIOTT AVE.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: FDX 97214

PHONE: DAYS: 503-234-6026

EVES: (same)

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEETING DATE: 11-23-04

SUBJECT: LONE FIR

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AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: LC HANSEN

ADDRESS: PO BOX 10652

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97296

PHONE: DAYS: 503-4935955 EVES: 503 7200399

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEETING DATE: Nov. 23

SUBJECT: Lone Fir Cemetery

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Glenn Falk

ADDRESS: 5705 S.E. WASHINGTON ST.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: 503-236-6229

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: construction site is  
inappropriate not conducive npt  
to Cemetery

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MEETING DATE: Nov 23'04

SUBJECT: (Friends of) Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Gilly Burlingham

ADDRESS: 2536 SE Morrison #4

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97214

PHONE: DAYS: 503:234-5706 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: gillygb@yahoo.com FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: returning the 20<sup>th</sup> Morrison corner to the cemetery

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: SEE NEXT PAGE

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SUBJECT: Lone Fir Cemetery

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NAME: Joseph Vaerker

ADDRESS: 3912 SW Dolph CT

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503-872-6962 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBJECT: Lane Fire Task Force

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Stanley R. Clarke

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: DAYS: 503-678-1222 ext 267 EVES: 503-253-9886

EMAIL: srclarke@ix.netcom.com FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBJECT: Love Fir Cemetery

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: MARY N LEONG

ADDRESS: 9840 S.W. 158TH AVE

CITY/STATE/ZIP: BEAVERTON, OR 97007

PHONE: DAYS: (503) 590-5815

EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: MNLEONG@FT.NYINKLIFE.COM

FAX: (503) 590-5815

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SUBJECT: Morrison Property MEETING DATE: 11.23.04

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Jason Lindsay

ADDRESS: 1618 SE ALDER

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND OR 97214

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBJECT: Lone Fir Cemetery

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: ☒ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Victor LEO

ADDRESS: 7101 SE Division Street

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97206

PHONE: DAYS: 503-788-8778 EVES: 503-788-8778

EMAIL: Victorleo@hotmail.com FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEETING DATE: 11-23-04

SUBJECT: the Lone Fir Cemetery

County Morrison Building

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Taskforce Recommendation

FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Rebecca Lin

ADDRESS: 1839 N. Terry st.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97217

PHONE: DAYS: 503-289-9104(w) EVES: (503) 289-3362(h)

EMAIL: rlin13@aol.com FAX: (503)-247-9547

SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP

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MEETING DATE: 11-23-04

SUBJECT: ~~LONE FIR CEMETERY~~  
MORRISON BUILDING TASK FORCE

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: CHRISTINA WALSH

ADDRESS: 2920 SE 17TH AVE

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR 97202

PHONE: DAYS: 503-234-5085 EVES: 503-234-5085

EMAIL: ChristinaWhiskers@Comcast.net FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Return of the morrison property  
to LONE FIR CEMETERY

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: MARILEE TILLSTROM

ADDRESS: 3233 SE 24

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PAF 97202

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503. 236-1866 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Lone Fir

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEETING DATE: 11.23.04

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

Morrison Property

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Public Hearing

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Bruce Wong

ADDRESS: Hung for low Restaurant

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Last Speaker  
thank you

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MEETING DATE: Nov. 23, 2007

SUBJECT: Lone Fir Cemetery

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Public Hearing: Morrison Property

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Elizabeth Stephens

ADDRESS: 2315 SE Morrison

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97214

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Cemetery purposes forever...!

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Did not speak

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MEETING DATE: 11-23-04  
SUBJECT: Lone Fir Cem rejoin

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

NAME: Fran More

ADDRESS: 2619 SE 164th Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97236

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: M-F EVES: ✓ 807-8480

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Terrible idea to make money by selling cem. land - never should have been used for county building. Please return land to cem.

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## **BOGSTAD Deborah L**

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**From:** SMITH Andy J  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 23, 2004 9:43 AM  
**To:** BOGSTAD Deborah L  
**Subject:** FW: Linn Website Feedback Form

Hi Deb,

This is testimony re the Morrison Building issue for public input file.

Andy

-----Original Message-----

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, November 22, 2004 5:44 PM  
**To:** CHAIR Mult  
**Subject:** Linn Website Feedback Form

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Monday, November 22, 2004 at 17:44:21

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Name: Elaine Neel

Email: elaineneel@aol.com

Address: 619 Timberleaf Dr.

City: Derby

State: ks

ZIP: 67037

District: Not in County

Phone: 316-788-2095

WherePhone: HOME

Re: Lone Fir Cemetery

Message: The following is a letter I have tried to email Commissioner Maris Rojo de Steffey regarding the Lone Fir Cemetery is support for reuniting Block 14 with the rest of the Cemetery.

Dear Commissioner Rojo de Steffey,

I am writing to you from Derby, Kansas in regard to the derelict property adjacent to Lone Fir

Cemetery. I am asking you to please support the Lone Fir Cemetery Group on rejoining the properties for Lone Fir and the Morrison Building lot.

I have a relative, a Great-Grandfather, buried in Lone Fir. Had it not been for the Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery group, I would never have found the last resting place of my ancestor. I highly admire and do support this group in their efforts to maintain this historic property. They are doing a valuable service to your community and to many people like me who are tracing our ancestry.

This cemetery is truly an historic landmark. How can you and other County Commissioners vote to construct condominium units at this property knowing that, in all likely hood, are people buried there? It once was and is the Chinese Burial ground. Would you want this done to any of your ancestors? Probably not. True, all cities must do things in the interest of modernization, but it is also a cities, county, etc. responsibility to retain our heritage and pay honor to our ancestors. We must preserve the past for the future.

So I again implore you to support the rejoining of the properties.

Hopefully you can see that a decision to consturct the condos, not only impacts Oregonians, but people across the United States. Please vote for rejoining the cemetery properties.

Thank you for your attention to this vital part of our history.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Neel  
Derby, Kansas

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## BOGSTAD Deborah L

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**From:** MILES Darcy  
**Sent:** Monday, November 29, 2004 10:25 AM  
**To:** BOGSTAD Deborah L  
**Subject:** FW: Morrison building task force recommendation

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Christine Yun [mailto:pyung@pyung.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 25, 2004 2:25 PM  
**To:** CHAIR Mult; District1; SERENA CRUZ; District3; lonnie.j.roberts@multnomah.or.us  
**Subject:** Morrison building task force recommendation

Dear County Commissioners,

I would like to offer additional testimony in support of the task force's resolution to keep Block 14 as part of Lone Fir Cemetery. I am an architect with a passion for analyzing urban spaces and what makes them work or fail.

The juxtaposition, in this instance, of a private development with a cemetery with a very public nature, is a bad idea. A successful juxtaposition of these two very different uses depends on the clear delineation and definition of each use.

For example, the cemetery in Boston, referenced by Commissioner Leonard, is surrounded by a very dense and lively urban fabric. The boundaries are clear and each entity is large enough to read clearly against its opposite.

In the case of Lone Fir, which has streets that clearly define it at all boundaries, the placement of a thin strip of private development at one edge is ambiguous and uncomfortable. One can intuit this result from the current configuration with the Morrison Building. The problem is compounded by the fact that the ONLY entrance to the cemetery would occur in close proximity to the private development and would create a great deal of confusion. As a relatively new neighbor to Lone Fir, I can recall being extremely puzzled at how to get into Lone Fir and thinking at first that public access was denied.

One might argue that the existing strip of houses on the west side of the cemetery, along 20th street sets a precedent. These houses, however, turn towards the street and provide a clear boundary to the entire west side of the cemetery. There is no ambiguity here about what is cemetery and what is private property. There is also no question of public access between these houses to the cemetery.

Having a small strip of condominiums and retail backing onto the public entrance of the cemetery is an uneasy situation, both for cemetery visitors and for proposed development users. Let the cemetery possess the full area circumscribed by its boundaries as is appropriate. The private development would be more than welcome in plenty of neglected lots that are holes in the urban fabric of Buckman.

Sincerely,  
Christine Yun  
1915 SE Alder Street