

No Meeting in May: Next Meeting: Annual Meeting Tuesday, June 7, 7 PM
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Rapid Park Ranger response and alert citizen teach fern poacher lesson in Homestead! Alert Homestead resident spots car parked along a Terwilliger Parkway road with an open trunk “stuffed” full of mature sword ferns apparently taken from nearby Terwilliger parkland. Accosted by aghast resident, driver asserts no harm as “there are plenty of ferns.” Resident does not confront driver but notes car make, license number, and driver’s description. In less than two hours, police respond to call to non-emergency report line and advise Park Rangers have jurisdiction. Within 2 hours of receiving details and description of driver, Park Ranger Supervisor Kurt Nelson confronts driver at home. Driver confesses taking ferns and asserts he’s replaced what he took. Ranger Nelson agrees not to prosecute in return for penalty payment of \$250.00. Case closed. Lessons: 1) If you see something that looks improper, make a note, get a license number, let somebody know. 2) Do not mess with ferns in Homestead neighborhood parks!

June Meeting is our Annual Meeting. We will elect new officers for the coming year. We have five Board officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership/Outreach Chair. If you are interested in helping out or have suggestions for officers, please contact Susan Egnor, Membership and Outreach Chair at the e-mail/number or number below.

April Meeting was busy. Gaylen Beatty from the **Backyard Habitat Certification Program** introduced the program. The program’s goal is to engage private homeowners to create better wildlife habitat by advising on removing invasive weeds, obtaining and planting native plants, and helping with stormwater management. They are planning a special Homestead site visits day in the Fall. Interested? contact her at gbeatty@columbialandtrust.org. **New VA Parking Garage** John Carrier and Brian Orlowski reported on the new VA garage and new emergency department building. Designed to free up patient parking spaces by creating employee spaces, the garage will rise 4 stories on the existing lower lot footprint. The VA plans to replace trees removed during construction. The emergency department building will be adjacent to and access the VA’s second floor treatment areas.

Regular Reports: *Outreach/Membership:* New Webmistress; Susan Jaeger launched our website and tended it for more than 8 years. She introduced her successor, Alicia Colson, co-volunteer of the year in our Full Circle Plant program. Alicia is also interested in finding a site for a community garden. **Thank you Susan! Welcome, Alicia!**

Land Use Anton Vetterlein moved that we support Friends of Terwilliger’s efforts to restore 4 of the views protected in the Terwilliger Parkway Corridor Plan adopted by City Council in October 1983. The Association approved the motion. Anton reported the Parks Bureau plans new grant-funded trails in Marquam Nature Park in our neighborhood. *OHSU Liaison* LaToya Fick reported that **Traffic Calming Funds** will be available after July 1 so long as we have a workable plan underway. Susan Egnor announced we have not yet heard back from Liz Mahon at the Portland Bureau of Transportation on its position. OHSU’s Chad Sorber introduced the

University's Invasive Plants Management Plan, a 5 year plan on strategies to remove invasive plants and restore natural areas on University property. The plan's first focus is increasing safety along roadways overhung with ivy covered trees. OHSU's Chris Woo reported on University concerns about the condition of Sam Jackson Park Road and recommendations to the Portland Bureau of Transportation and efforts to re-establish plant screening for the Kohler Pavilion Parking garage with an irrigation system.

Sign Caps We had a lot of comments, including e-mail votes. Those present added their comments. We will continue working on development.

Neighborhood Action Plan We adopted the plan as presented. See the website for specifics. Questions, or for more information, contact Outreach and Membership Chair Susan Egnor at 503-939-3828 or stegnor@comcast.net. See more detailed meeting minutes on our website, www.HomesteadNA.org.