

## Letter from Mayor Kitty Piercy to the City Council – May 28, 2016

Council,

As you all know I intend to convene a forum to hear all voices, ideas and concerns about South Willamette. I had hoped to do this as early as the evening of June 20th, followed shortly by a council work session on the Clark/Brown proposal regarding moving forward with the South Willamette discussion. I have heard from neighborhood stakeholders that they need more time to notify neighbors and that there are other important events happening the week of the 20th. It is important to me that we do this right and I've also been awaiting advice about next steps from Oregon Consensus. They all agree that the 20th is not the best date for a larger forum and have recommended that I gather a small committee of stakeholders that they interviewed to work together on planning the forum to ensure the meeting's agenda reflects what is important to the community and key stakeholders. I plan to use the time on the 20th to initiate the process and convene this group to plan the larger forum.

I will be working with staff to set up some tentative dates for the larger forum. It is my intention and hope to have this as soon as possible. Once we have this settled, I will let you know of the date of the forum and we will shortly thereafter schedule the Clark/Brown proposal work session. Hope you have a great weekend. Kitty