

## **Public Comment Received from Website as of 1/25/06**

I just recently visited the Skidmore fountain because I had seen it in a number of Portland historical photos. The surrounding architecture, in particular of the New Market Theater and the fountain itself, is magnificent. I was disappointed to see when I looked inside the windows of the old Theater that it's historical qualities had been replaced by office cubicles, additional walls and general restructuring. How ugly it was inside! What a shame that the building's interior could not also be preserved.

I was also fascinated by the Ankeny Arcade and the cast-iron pieces that had been mounted on the walls to preserve some of what was left from older building since torn down. How I would love to have a glimpse into the past to see these old buildings standing again! I particularly liked reading the plaques next to the cast-iron pieces- it was a shame that many of them were hard to read.

Please, please, please preserve the history and architecture as much as possible when redeveloping this area. If it's not preserved, it can never ever be recovered! One of my favorite things about living in Portland is the turn-of-the-century architecture. Please preserve it for our children and grandchildren to see as well.  
Thanks!

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Rebuild the cast iron facades for the blocks around the Skidmore Fountain. In particular, the block where the fire station is located. This is the site of the Lewis and Flanders Building torn down in 1940. It is vital that this block and others along First and Second that have been made into parking lots have at LEAST their brick and iron facades rebuilt to give the area back it's scale, character and historic charm. In Europe this would be a natural, but it has never been done in this county. We have a chance to really return the heart and soul of this city back to the pedestrians and residents who live, walk, shop and party in this area. Rebuild the facade of the Ladd and Tilton Bank which was taken to Salem, Oregon. Take casting from it. I do not care if condo's, retail, parking, markets, apartments, or any use, is made of the rest of the block. It is their historic appearance that will give back the charm so sadly taken away since 1940. Even the firehouse could remain where it is if it just restored the facades facing First, the Skidmore Fountain and Ankeny Plaza. What a real delight we would have found for our beloved city.

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What do you mean by "revitalize?" This area has always been the most vital and authentic area in Portland. I can't help but suspect that what you mean is to remove the craftspeople and the homeless and create another Pearl District. If my suspicions are landing anywhere near the truth, then I say leave the Skidmore Fountain area alone.

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I live in Milwaukie, Oregon and I am a frequent visitor to Portland Saturday Market during its open season. I feel that the Market is a vital part of what makes Portland the special city that it is and that we must take care in deciding the Market's future. The near-by Max line makes it a tourist magnet so I think it's crucial to the Market as well as to Portland to keep that in mind when discussing moving the Market elsewhere. Days and hours of operation are, I believe somewhat less critical as long as the Market has a permanent location close to mass transit be it on the west or east side. Thank you for taking the time to consider my point of view.

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For years I have looked at a way more residents and visitors could enjoy the art and visual impact of Portlandia.

Portlandia is based on a figure in Portland's city seal of a woman, dressed in classical clothes, who welcomes traders into the port of the city. The sculpture is currently on a landing on the third floor of the Portland Building.

I think Portlandia would be the perfect symbol for a revitalized Ankeny/Burnside development area.

I think she could occupy a strategic location that viewers could see her from the river, from the Burnside bridge, from the Max line, as well as the nearby shopping and office buildings.

Can she be considered for the symbol of this project?

Thanks for your attention to this request.

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I grew up in NW Portland / Downtown / the Market and have lived here most of my life.

The area could use some cleaning up for sure. But at the same time it's cool for what it is. I am most concerned about the area losing it's history, energy, character and characters. The "Pearl District Effect" would be a huge loss for the people and the city. Please do not "Pearl District" it. The Skidmore area is for everyone: rich, poor, young, old, etc. I would focus on keeping it clean and having vibrant energy and character.