

FEBRUARY UPDATES TOSS THE TANKS CAMPAIGN (TTT)



TOSS THE TANKS – IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES WHAT THE TTT CAMPAIGN WAS FOCUSED UPON IN JANUARY

1) TTT CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

- Toss The Tanks campaign was launched at the beginning of January with a public presentation before the City Council, the School Committee, and the Comprehensive Plan 2040 Committee.

2) AIR QUALITY LICENSING

- The City Council approved a letter opposing the issuance by the state DEP for a 5-year AIR QUALITY LICENSE for the Portland Pipeline Company, the operator of the Hill Street Tank Farm.
- The application calls for a 100-fold increase in the crude oil that passes through the Hill Street Farm each year.
- Tim Honey, on behalf of the TTT Campaign, called for a denial of the permit, primarily because of the age of the oil tanks. Some of the tanks are over 70 years old and are next to the Kyler Elementary School.

3) MEETING WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Tim Honey met with 5 of the 7 Council Members and thanked them for the action on the Air Quality License.

4) VISUALIZING THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE 100 ACRE TANK FARM

- We are working with a local architectural firm to produce a visual presentation of what the Tank Farm might become if we are successful with the TTT Campaign.

5) TTT COMMUNITY FORUM

- We are working on a possible community forum around Earth Day that would focus upon the TTT Campaign and to get community input on Imaging the Possibilities of what the 100 acres of the Tank Farm could become if we are successful with TTT Campaign.

6) RESEARCH FOR FEBRUARY

- The aging of the oil tanks and other infrastructure in the Hill Street Tank Farm that could lead to a major community catastrophe in the decade ahead.
- Begin understanding the Ground Water contamination caused by leakages of crude oil from the tanks, and the impact that this may be having on Kaler Elementary School and the surrounding neighborhoods.

7) NEXT STEPS IN THE COMP PLAN 2040

- We must have alignment with the City's Comprehensive Plan 2040. This means we must have language in the plan that affirms the goals of the TTT Campaign. We believe we are in good shape with the Vision, Goals, and Themes of the draft Plan.
 - Our focus must be on what is called a KLUPA which stands for Key Land Use Policy Areas. We are fortunate because KLUPA # 10 covers the area of the Hill Steet Tank Farm, South Portland High, Kaler Elementary, the S.P. Community Center and the surrounding neighborhoods.
 - In February we will be meeting with the planning staff to discuss the specific language we will need in KLUPA #10 which supports the goals for the TTT Campaign.
 - KLUPA #10 will be before the Comp Plan Committee for action sometime in March/April. We will need all of you to use your voices if we are going to be successful. We will keep you updated in our March update.
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