

No Amphitheater at PIR!

At the end of a regular meeting of the Portland City Council on December 17th, all five Portland City Commissioners stated that they would be voting in support of a PIR Site Plan that did not include an amphitheater. This decision was exactly what the racing community and neighborhood associations were seeking. It came at the end of a four-hour public hearing on a Paul Allen backed Amphitheater plan that had already been rejected by the Portland Planning Commission. In a rare show of unity, the racing community and the North Portland neighborhoods banded together to present a strong voice of opposition. While the amphitheater issue seems to have been derailed, it will be under study in modified forms and a strong search will be underway for a location that is more suitable than the middle of Portland International Raceway. The final vote on the PIR Site Plan will be held on December 23rd. We will be there watching the City of Portland's process to insure that no surprises jump out at us later.

For all of you who responded to our call for help with your telephone calls, e-mails and letters to the Commissioners... THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!!

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