

First Dougy Center Fun Run a success

Volunteer with the Salvation Army

This holiday season, CAR will be volunteering with the Salvation Army fro the third year in a row. Stay tuned for details from CAR's Community Service Committee on how you can help.

CAR forms are available online

Members can find all of CAR's forms on our website:

www.orcar.org

Thanks to enthusiastic donations and involvement from CAR members, the inaugural Dougy Center Fun Run on August 19 was a smashing success.

About 125 people participated or volunteered, in order to raise awareness for the well-respected Dougy Center and its programs serving grieving families. The event raised nearly \$1,000 for The Dougy Center.

“Our first annual Dougy Center Fun Run was darned near perfect,” according to CAR PR Committee Chair MaryKay West. “We had sunshine, enthusiasm, hard-working volunteers, free beer and food, and great prizes. The only thing that will make the event better next year is lots more participants.”

Without CAR members' generous support, West adds, the Fun Run could not have been held at such a great location, and would not have been able

to provide each participant with a tee-shirt, free lunch and beverages, and a chance to win some great raffle prizes.

The second annual Dougy Center Fun Run will be held in fall 2012, so stay tuned for details and please continue to show your support for this very worthy cause.



Left: Runners and walkers take off from the Eastbank Esplanade at the inaugural Dougy Center Fun Run Aug. 19. Above: Volunteers staff the party at the finish line.



Ask Dr. D



Dear Dr. D:

I have not heard anything from Portland's downtown building landlords yet about the Occupy Portland protest. I'm wondering if the protesters have a shared agenda with precise policy goals.

More importantly, I'd like to know what to tell my clients who own buildings, what my politically correct viewpoint is?

Patently,
Penelope

Dear Penelope:

In the absence of a clear list of demands from the group, it is hard to put press reports about their activities above commercial real estate concerns about the economy.

Rest assured that many of your colleagues in the brokerage community have been scheming to infiltrate the OP movement and unify protesters around a revised set of thematic objectives under an OPV banner, "Occupy Portland Vacancies."

Generating momentum for leasing empty space in the City may go further in helping address everyone's worries about economic conditions. Otherwise, as the old saying goes, robbing Peter to pay Paul will only get us the support of Paul.

Peace Out,
Dr. D.

CAR dues at work: Realtors prevail on Portland business license tax

In a decisive achievement for Realtors in Portland and all over Oregon, the Oregon Court of Appeals has held that the City of Portland's Business License Law constitutes a "business license tax" that cannot legally be applied to real estate brokers.

In 2008, the City amended its Business License Law and took the position that the business income of real estate brokers, and not merely principal real estate brokers, was subject to taxation under the revised law.

Following the City's decision, Portland Realtors Beth Proctor and Diane E. Rulien, with assistance and funding from the National, Oregon and Portland Metropolitan Associations of Realtors, instituted a lawsuit in Multnomah County Circuit Court seeking a legal declaration that the City's revised Business License Law could not be assessed against real estate brokers under state law. The Circuit Court disagreed with this assertion and

held that, commencing in 2008 when the City amended its law, it became entitled to tax the business income of real estate brokers.

Again with the assistance of the Association, Proctor and Rulien took the case to the Oregon Court of Appeals. The case was argued Dec. 15, 2010, and the Court ruled in favor of Realtors. Reasoning that the 2008 amendments to the City's Business License Law did not change the fundamental nature of that law, the Court held that the City's Business License Law continued to qualify as a "business license tax," which could not under state law be applied to the income of real estate brokers. The Court returned the case to the circuit court for it to assess the damages incurred by Proctor and Rulien.

Based on the decision, the City of Portland will no longer be able to tax the business income of real estate brokers within the City.

CAR supports Clackamas Measure 3-388

CAR has donated \$500 to support Clackamas County Measure 3-388, which would allow each community within the county to decide if it wants to use urban renewal as a tool to encourage new jobs, economic development and public safety.

Many businesses and organizations support Measure 3-388 because they want to encourage job creation through economic development.

The opposing measure, No. 3-386, would require a countywide vote for each new renewal district, and would likely discourage urban renewal in unincorporated Clackamas County. Measure 3-388, however, provides local voters the right to judge each renewal district on its own merits.

Clackamas County residents, approve Measure 3-388 and reject Measure 3-386 in the Nov. 8 election.