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Decision on the new Imagination Station Delayed

Troutdale, OR

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After substantial input from the City Council, the Parks Advisory Committee and the citizens, it is abundantly clear that the current process used to determine a replacement for our beloved Imagination Station may lead to a selection that is not in the citizen's best interest. The Request for Proposal (RFP) did not generate proposals that the community found satisfied their desires. One important factor that wasn't given adequate weight in the process was honoring the look and legacy of the original Imagination Station. As a result the City Manager made a decision today to terminate the current process.

By restarting the process, and issuing a new RFP, we will substantially increase the likelihood of making a selection that the citizens of Troutdale will be proud of for generations. We will endeavor to make this new process as quick and efficient as legally possible.

We deeply regret that this will likely keep the replacement structure from being completed this fall. But the most important thing is that we get this decision right, and not make a sooner decision that we may regret. We are blessed that the remaining portions of Imagination Station are still fun and inviting for kids of all ages, and so this delay, while regrettable, does not stop people from enjoying Columbia Park.

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