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SAFECO BUILDING GETS RENAMED WITH TRANSITION

LAKE OSWEGO – At its Tuesday morning meeting, City Councilors approved naming the former Safeco building on Kruse Way the “City of Lake Oswego West End Building.” Safeco Insurance employees are vacating the building this month, and the interim name will be used to identify the structure until a permanent use is determined for the site.

The City finalized the purchase of the Safeco campus in July after reaching a purchase agreement in April. The 14-acre property, including the 89,000 square foot office building, is now in public ownership and under consideration for possible use as a multigenerational community center.

City Councilors will be further considering interim uses for the building in mid-December. Possible interim uses include Parks and Recreation offices and programs, certain Library services, an office for Police, space for general community purposes and public events, and rental space for private and/or non-profit businesses.

As part of the terms of the sale, the company was allowed to use the building through this month. Safeco’s lease ends on November 30, at which time the City will have full access and use of the building.

Until the City Council decides on interim uses, the West End Building will be used for City-sponsored meetings and activities. Call Brant Williams, Director of Community Center Development, at 503-635-6138, for more information.