

Final demolition day coming for former Multnomah Greyhound Park - Portland Business Journal



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In a ceremony that's basically the opposite of a groundbreaking, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the city of Wood Village will host an event on Tuesday to mark the final demolition of the former Multnomah Greyhound Park.

The event, scheduled for June 28 at 10 a.m., will set the stage for the demolition of the grandstand at the former dog racing track. [Nancy Hamilton](#), a project spokeswoman, said all of the out buildings are already gone and most of the interior of the grandstand has been dismantled. On Tuesday, dignitaries will take a "ceremonial swipe at the building" with an excavator before the actual and final demolition ensues in early July.



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No plans have been set for the 31-acre site, which the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde [purchased last year](#). The property [had been for sale](#) since April 2015 with an asking price of \$11.2 million. However, in a release about Tuesday's event, tribal chair [Reynold Leno](#) hinted at what may be in the works.

"We have extensive hotel and entertainment venue expertise with Spirit Mountain, and look forward to bringing that to the City of Wood Village as we continue to diversify our assets," he said.

The city of Wood Village and Multnomah County have already master planned the property with a Town Center zoning designation. The zoning allows a broad range of uses, including a minimum of 308 residential units with no maximum.

In addition, the city has access to "readily available urban renewal financing" and has also been trying to entice

would-be developers with the promise of expedited permits for new construction or renovations of existing improvements.

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