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New Taproot Theatre building anticipated to be cutting-edge, LEED-certified

SEATTLE – November 17, 2010 – Picture a cutting-edge, LEED-certified building where Greenwood’s Eleanor Roosevelt Building once stood. Along 85th Street, a fully-operating café—open year-round—would welcome shoppers and residents and theatre patrons alike, accompanied by a second performance and rehearsal space, a new scene shop and office space. Taproot Theatre Company’s proposed design has been developed with Miller Hull as the consulting architects. Honoring the neighborhood’s distinct historic style, the proposed design complements the building’s surroundings while incorporating some modern touches. The 12,000 square foot building will be engineered and constructed by Pacific Modular, using LEED certification guidelines and state-of-the-art techniques. The proposed design goes to the Northwest Design Review Board on December 13 at 6:30 p.m. If all goes according to schedule, the new building could be built and open for business in less than one year.

Taproot Theatre Company purchased the ERB in 2000 with plans to expand. The initial expansion plans hovered in the range of \$20 million, so the theatre maintained a long-term vision for the future while leasing the building to several small businesses. However, the arson on October 23, 2009, changed everything. In the months that followed, Taproot conceived a \$3.2 million project that would both advance the theatre’s future and accommodate the abbreviated timeline, providing a timely restoration to the neighborhood.

ABOUT TAPROOT THEATRE COMPANY

Taproot Theatre Company is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a multi-faceted production program. Founded in 1976, Taproot Theatre serves the Pacific Northwest with Mainstage Productions, Touring Productions and Acting Studio. Taproot exists to create theatre that explores the beauty and questions of life while bringing hope to our search for meaning. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS), and the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber of Commerce.

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