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Portland Customs House Plan

Several years ago the US government made a decision to sell the historical Customs house to a local developer who planned to convert the structure to a boutique hotel. It was a great idea and won out over other competing ideas for the property including using it as a community center.



Well after waiting and waiting for remodeling activity to start, we all figured out that the project was dead. Probably the economy.

Now we have a new proposal that seems to be gaining traction. The Portland International School has submitted an application to acquire the building. It has now been approved and the school plans to use green building techniques to renovate the empty space and preserve the historical character.

Sounds like a terrific plan. Now they just need to figure out how to raise the money. The building is being donated to the school under a federal program but the costs to update the building will run many millions of dollars.

I am hoping they can pull it off.

- To learn more about the historical significance of the Portland Customs House go to this link - [Customs House](#).

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