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Report to Council

May 2, 2019

TO:

Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Chloe Eudaly Commissioner Nick Fish Commissioner Amanda Fritz Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

FROM:

Rebecca Esau, Director &

Bureau of Development Services

SUBJECT:

Portland Historic Landmarks Commission

2018 State of the City Preservation Report (Part B)

The attached report is a required Annual Report of the Portland Historic Landmarks State of the City Preservation Report for 2018 (Part B). The report is required by Portland City Code [Title 33] to fulfill the Annual Report requirement for its actions and accomplishments for each fiscal year.

The Historic Landmarks Commission is an active volunteer Commission, meeting 20 times between January 2018 and December 2018 for primarily Land Use case related work. In addition, the Historic Landmarks Commission held 20 advisory briefings on matters ranging in scale from new and revised National Register listings to the numerous legislative briefings related to the City's Comprehensive Plan update and associated Code development projects, as well as transit and parks-related development projects.

The Historic Landmarks Commission is proud to have been a part of the following 2018 Historic Preservation Successes:

- Working with applicants on successful infill development proposals including rehabilitation of the Buck-Prager building which was previously proposed for demolition and redevelopment of its half-block for workforce and senior housing, new additions to landmarks including the Rothko Pavilion addition to the Portland Art Museum, and the addition of an eco-roof on City Hall.
- Working with and collaborating with the Design Commission on significant projects like the Rothko Pavilion and providing advice to other bureaus and agencies on significant projects including the Vertical Infrastructure program, SW Transit Corridor project, the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project.

- Continued advocacy for resources on the Historic Resources Inventory, resulting in an
 initial consultant study which provides recommendations on how to move forward with
 an update of the 1984 Historic Resources Inventory, which will now be easier due to this
 year's Goal 5 Administrative Rule changes which helped to clarify the process for
 inventorying historic resources.
- Continued advocacy and success in collaboration with Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and the many legislative proposals related to the Comprehensive Plan update as well as the forthcoming Historic Resources Code Project.

Background:

The Historic Landmarks Commission provides leadership and expertise on maintaining and enhancing Portland's historic and architectural heritage. The Commission identifies and protects buildings and other properties that have historic or cultural significance or special architectural merit. The Commission provides advice on historic preservation matters and coordinates historic preservation programs in the City. The Commission is also actively involved in the development of design guidelines for historic design districts.

The Historic Landmarks Commission consists of seven members, none of whom may hold public elective office. The Commission must include a historian with knowledge of local history; an architectural historian; an architect; two members from the following: landscape architecture, real estate, construction, community development, urban planning, archeology, law, finance, cultural geography, cultural anthropology, or related disciplines; and two members atlarge.

All members must have demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge of historic preservation. No more than two members of the Commission may be in the business of buying, selling, leasing, or developing real estate for profit, or be officers of such a business. Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The terms shall be a maximum of four years with a maximum of two full terms.

Powers and Duties:

The Historic Landmarks Commission has all of the powers and duties which are assigned to it by PCC Title 33 or by City Council. The Commission powers and duties include:

- 1. Establishing or removing Historic Landmark and Conservation Landmark designations for specific buildings or sites in quasi-judicial reviews;
- 2. Recommending the establishment or removal of Historic Landmark and Conservation Landmark designations to the City Council in legislative actions;
- 3. Recommending the establishment, amendment, or removal of Historic Districts and Conservation Districts to the Planning Commission and the City Council;
- 4. Recommending and developing design guidelines for Historic Districts and Conservation Districts to the City Council;
- 5. Reviewing development proposals for Historic Landmarks and Conservation Landmarks and in Historic Districts and Conservation Districts;

- 6. Reviewing demolition and relocation requests for certain Historic landmarks and buildings in Historic Districts;
- 7. Providing advice on historic preservation matters to the Hearings Officer, Design Commission, Planning Commission, Portland Development Commission, other City commissions and committees, and City Council; and
- 8. Initiating and coordinating historic preservation and public outreach programs in the City, including reviewing recommendations for national register status and making recommendations to other governmental agencies regarding historic preservation programs and issues.

TO THE COUNCIL

The Mayor concurs with the recommendations of the Director of the Bureau of Development Services and

RECOMMENDS:

That the Council accepts this Portland Historic Landmarks Commission State of the City Preservation Report to Council and report as set forth in Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted, Ted Wheeler, Mayor

Agenda No. **REPORT**Title

Accept the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission 2018 State of the City Preservation Report (Part B) (Report)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Ted Wheeler	CLERK USE: DATE FILED APR 23 2019
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish	By:
Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty	Deputy
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau of Development Services Color Control Control Rebecca Esau, Director	MAY 0 2 2019 ACCEPTED
Prepared by: Leanne Torgerson Date Prepared: April 9, 2019	
Impact Statement Completed ☑ Amends Budget □	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code. easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	
Council Meeting Date May 2, 2019, 2:00TC	

AGENDA		
TIME CERTAIN Start time: 2:00 TC		
Total amount of time needed: 1 hour (for presentation, testimony and discussion)		
CONSENT		
REGULAR		

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	V	
2. Fish	2. Fish	√	
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty	/	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly		
Wheeler	Wheeler	/	