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Report to Council

November 29, 2017

- TO: Mayor Ted Wheeler Commissioner Eudaly Commissioner Nick Fish Commissioner Amanda Fritz Commissioner Dan Saltzman
- FROM: Rebecca Esau, Director

SUBJECT: 2017 Portland Historic Landmarks Commission State of the City Preservation Report

The attached report is a required Annual Report of the Portland Historic Landmarks State of the City Preservation Report for 2017. 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 Landmarks Commission is an active volunteer Commission, meeting 21 times between January and November 2017 for primarily Land Use case related work. In addition, the Landmarks Commission held 15 required advisory briefings on matters ranging in scale from new and revised National Register listings, to the New Chinatown/Japantown Historic District Design Guidelines currently under development, to the numerous legislative briefings related to the City's Comprehensive Plan update and associated Code development projects.

The Historic Landmarks Commission is proud to have been a part of the following 2017 Historic Preservation Successes:

- Adoption of the New Chinatown/Japantown Historic District Design Guidelines.
- 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.

 Working with applicants on successful infill development proposals including Pearl East at NW 13th & Glisan, the new Hammer & Hand headquarters at SE Grand & SE Salmon, and the new residential developments at SW 3rd & Ash and SE Grand & Belmont.

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 at-large.

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

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Agenda No. **REPORT** Title

Accept the 2017 Portland Historic Landmarks Commission State of the City Preservation Report (Report)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Chloe Eudaly	CLERK USE: DATE FILED NOV 20 2017
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Eudaly BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau of Development Services Rebecca Esau, Director Prepared by: Leanne Torgerson Date Prepared:11/13/17 Impact Statement Completed Amends Budget City Auditor Office Approval: required for contract, code. easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan Council Meeting Date	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By:
11/29/17, 2:00TC	

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN Start time: 2:00 TC

Total amount of time needed: <u>1.5 hours</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

<u>REGULAR</u> Total amount of time needed: (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
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1. Fritz	1. Fritz	\sim	
2. Fish	2. Fish	\checkmark	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	b	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	\checkmark	
Wheeler	Wheeler	\checkmark	

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