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Memorandum

Date: June 29, 2021

To: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Commissioner Mingus Mapps
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan

From: Rebecca Esau, Director *RE*
Bureau of Development Services

Re: Recommendation for First Appointment to the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission

The Portland Historic Landmarks Commission has one upcoming change that needs action. The Portland Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) is a 7-member volunteer commission which provides leadership and expertise on maintaining and enhancing the City's historic and architectural heritage. The HLC reviews new development within historic districts and major alterations to historic resources. Members must have a demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge of historic preservation

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Membership Category</u>	<u>(1st) Full Term</u>
Ron Bronson	Public-At-Large	July 28, 2021 through July 27, 2025

I recommend that Ron Bronson be appointed to the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission for a first term dated July 28, 2021 through July 27, 2025.

Our appointee, Ron Bronson, brings a unique perspective as someone who has worked in government and understands the various layers of decision-making. He is a skilled communicator and is committed to ensuring that the Commission's decisions and advocacy work include and add context for the mistakes of the past to ensure they are not repeated. Ron is a dedicated volunteer and proactive individual with a history of initiating projects that celebrate his community such as Design Week in Indianapolis and his @PortlandNeon Instagram account.

I am excited to present this candidate to you today and ask for your support in confirming Ron's appointment.

Member Statement:

As a Black American born in this country whose family has been in this country since at least the 1700s, and as a veteran, I believe strongly in the need for amplifying and expanding the stories we tell through historic preservation. Part of my interest in this committee — and this hobby — has been born out of my own growth and awareness around these issues. Books like Quintard Taylor “History of Black in the American West” shaped my own understanding of black migration, because growing up on the east coast, I didn’t know of the legacy of black people in this part of the country. Beyond just the black-white lens, we have so many people and communities who have been central to the growth of this city. We should not and cannot obscure their contributions and should solicit their input.

Potential Stakeholders

- Preservation advocates
- Construction Industry representatives

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title:

Appoint Ron Bronson to the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) for a first 4-year term to expire July 27, 2025 (Report)

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Presenter name: Hillary Adam

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The appointment and reappointment of these three Commissioners is required by Portland City Code [Title 33] to fulfill quorum requirements for Type 2 Appeals and Type 3 Land Use Reviews.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The Commissioner appointments are citizen-volunteer positions, so no revenue or expenses are incurred by these positions.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Bureau of Development Services continually advertises positions for the Commission through its webpage, the OCCL webpage, NeoGov, through media announcements of upcoming positions, and through public phone calls to the Commission Clerk and Staff. Media announcements are widely circulated in the design, development and neighborhood community news outlets and web pages.

100% Renewable Goal:

This proposal is for reappointment of individuals to a volunteer commission; therefore, this goal is not applicable to this action.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

☐ YES: Please complete the information below.

☒ NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount