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Briefing

DISCUSSION MEMO

Date: May 4, 2023
To: Historic Landmarks Commission
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Re: Briefing – LGBTQ+ Historic Sites Project
May 8, 2023

This memo is regarding the upcoming Briefing on May 8, 2023, regarding the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability's (BPS) LGBTQ+ Historic Sites Project. Staff suggests that the Commission visit the links embedded in the project website (linked below) for additional information, which will be expanded upon by Cayla McGrail of BPS during their presentation. Staff expects that Cayla will be back to update the Commission on the progress of the project over the course of the next year.

The information below was taken from the project website, which can be viewed here:

<https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/historic-resources/lgbtq-historic-sites/about-lgbtq-historic-sites>

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Housed within the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability's Historic Resources Program, the LGBTQ+ Historic Sites Project is a multi-year effort to identify, document, and preserve historic resources associated with lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer+ histories. In 2022-23, the project will survey buildings and other places associated with LGBTQ+ histories, develop a citywide context statement detailing the significance of those resources, and nominate one or more resources to the National Register of Historic Places.

STEPS AND TIMELINE

The National Park Service awarded the City of Portland with an Underrepresented Communities Grant in Fall 2021 to support the documentation and contextualization of historic resources associated with LGBTQ+ histories. To further support the success of the project, Oregon State Historic Preservation Office awarded an additional grant to the City in 2023. The grant-funded phase of the project is expected to be completed in early 2024 and will result in a historic resources survey, historic context statement, and one or more National Register of Historic Places nominations.