



# October 12, 2022 Council Agenda

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## Wednesday, October 12, 2022 9:30 am

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**Session Status:** Recessed

**Council in Attendance:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Maja Haium, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Item 850 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 11:42 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:34 p.m.

## Communications

839

[Request of bRidgecCrane siMChA-johnson to address Council regarding 2017 Yom Kippur stampede](#)  
(Communication)

**Document number:** 839-2022

**Disposition:** Placed on File

840

Request of Phillip Tobias to address Council regarding the importance of honesty (Communication)

**Document number:** 840-2022

**Disposition:** Placed on File

841

Request of Cameron Warren to address Council regarding vandalism and lack of parking enforcement in Northeast Portland (Communication)

**Document number:** 841-2022

**Disposition:** Placed on File

842

Request of Mandy Rose Cousins to address Council regarding the state of our city (Communication)

**Document number:** 842-2022

**Disposition:** Placed on File

843

Request of David Tarlow to address Council regarding medians at SE 82nd Ave and SE Division St (Communication)

**Document number:** 843-2022

**Disposition:** Placed on File

Tuan Nguyen presented to Council for item 843.

## Time Certain

844

Declare intent to initiate local improvement district formation proceedings to construct street, sidewalk, and stormwater improvements in the SE 89th Ave and Taylor St Local Improvement District (C-10072) (Resolution)

**Document number:** 37589

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

**Bureau:** Transportation

**Time certain:** 9:45 am

**Time requested:** 20 minutes

**Disposition:** Adopted

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

845

Proclaim October 15, 2022 to be White Cane Awareness Day (Proclamation)

**Document number:** 845-2022

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

**Time certain:** 10:05 am

**Time requested:** 15 minutes

**Disposition:** Placed on File

846

Proclaim October 10, 2022 to be Indigenous Peoples' Day (Proclamation)

**Document number:** 846-2022

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

**Time certain:** 10:20 am

**Time requested:** 15 minutes

**Disposition:** Placed on File

## Consent Agenda

847

Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the Port of Portland to provide for cost sharing of joint National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Storm Sewer System permit compliance requirements (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191026

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 828.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

848

\*Authorize a Cooperative Improvement Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the US 26 SE Powell Blvd: SE 99th Ave – SE 174th Ave Project in the amount of \$5 million (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191027

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Water

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

849

Authorize a competitive solicitation for community engagement, outreach and education, capacity-building and training, and strategic communications for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability for an estimated cost of \$3 million over three years (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191034

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Carmen Rubio

**Bureau:** Planning and Sustainability

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 19, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

850

\*Accept grant in the amount of \$789,000 from the State of Oregon, authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for SW Taylors Ferry Rd and SW 17th Ave and appropriate \$220,000 in FY2022-23 (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191032

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

**Bureau:** Transportation

Agenda item 850 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

851

\*Authorize request for proposal process and contract for architecture and engineering services with selected firms for the NE MLK Blvd Safety & Access to Transit Project, NE 122nd Ave Safety & Access: Beech St – Wasco St Project and the Stark & Washington Safety: SE 92nd Ave - SE 109th Ave Project (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191028

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

**Bureau:** Transportation

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea  
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea  
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea  
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

852

\*Authorize application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a grant in the amount of \$1 million for planning activities to support long term stewardship of the Rose Quarter and Lower Albina neighborhood development associated with the proposed Interstate-5 highway cover in partnership with the Albina Vision Trust (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191029

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

**Bureau:** Transportation

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea  
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea  
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea  
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

## Regular Agenda

853

Amend Arts Education and Access Income Tax Code related to arts education coordination (amend Code Chapter 5.73) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191037

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

**Bureau:** Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

**Time requested:** 15 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 19, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

854

Amend Trees Code to improve clarity, efficiency, and outcomes of tree regulations (amend Code Title 11)  
(Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191030

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Carmen Rubio

**Bureau:** Parks & Recreation

Second reading agenda item 836.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Nay

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

855

\*Authorize the Bureau of Transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the Brentwood Darlington Bike Ped Improvements Project through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191031

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

**Bureau:** Transportation

**Time requested:** 10 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

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**Wednesday, October 12, 2022 2:00 pm**

**Session Status:** Adjourned

**Council in Attendance:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

## Time Certain

856

Adopt the West Portland Town Center Plan Goals and Policies, Visions, Action Charts, Land Use Concept and Circulation Growth Concept Diagrams, and Coordinated Growth Strategy for Zoning and Infrastructure; amend the Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan Map, Zoning Map, Title 33, and Citywide Design Guidelines (amend Title 33) (Ordinance)

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Carmen Rubio

**Bureau:** Planning and Sustainability

**Time certain:** 2:00 pm

**Time requested:** 3 hours

Information found at <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/wpdx-town-center>.

**Disposition:** Continued

Continued to October 27, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. Time Certain.

Oral record is closed. Written record will remain open until October 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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**Thursday, October 13, 2022 2:00 pm**

**Session Status:** No session scheduled

**Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List  
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**October 12, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.**

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**Speaker:** October 12th, 2022, morning session of the Portland City Council.

Please call the roll.

**Speaker:** Good morning. Max.

**Speaker:** Here.

**Speaker:** Rubio.

**Speaker:** Here.

**Speaker:** Hardesty.

**Speaker:** Here.

**Speaker:** Let's hear from the rules and decorum.

**Speaker:** City Council is holding hybrid meetings with in-person attendance along with electronic attendance. If you wish to testify, you must sign up in advance which visiting the council agenda at [www.Portland.gov/council/agenda](http://www.Portland.gov/council/agenda). You may sign up for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions, reports, or the first readings of ordinances. Written testimony may be submitted at [cctestimony@Portland, Oregon.gov](mailto:cctestimony@Portland, Oregon.gov). When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. For testifiers joining virtually, please unmute yourself once the council clerk calls your name. The deciding officer preserves order and decorum so everyone can feel respected in safe. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. A timer will indicate when your time is done.

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**Speaker:** Item 839.

**Speaker:** Request of bridgecrane regarding 2017 yom kippur stampede.

**Speaker:** Good morning. I chose to say, I am charles simcha-johnson. There is a lot to talk about. It's been a busy north American life since 1492. It was this day in 1492 that the terrorists christopher columbus invaded. We celebrated indigenous people's day on Monday. But the crimes of early oligarchs and royalists can be stretched over through to today. Speaking of crimes, journalist alice speary had to get an attorney -- attorney r. Peck. An attorney had to sue y'all's police department. That happens a lot. Recently we had a woman protestor who the jury decided had suffered \$40,000 worth of violence at the hands of Portland police. At least a few of you, definitely commissioner hardesty, know people who suffered violence here on the premises. My introductory comments stated yom kippur 2017, but that was of a year. By 2017, we left the regime of charlie hales, former mayor. And his last-minute efforts to get a police contract through. Nobody seems to say that things have gotten better with the Portland police department since that yom kippur in 2016 when many people, theresa, sarah hobbs, were injured or involved in the violence pushing citizens out of backdoor of city hall. Since that time, there have been different kinds of violence. Mayor Wheeler murdered the coab to create the psep. The psep I think is going to talk to us tonight did the crimes during the george floyd period. Nice digital numbers. I know commissioner testified about the digital clock. Three years ago today there was a murder. Portland finally got that out

to the police department and I wish you look.

**Speaker:** Bridge crane johnson.

**Speaker:** Yes, ma'am.

**Speaker:** Let me say I am happy to see you healthy, back at city hall -- relatively, we're only testimony -- -- fairly healthy. It's good to see you back in form. And showing up at city hall. I'm getting today that we have as many people as we do in this city hall. It's looking like people are coming back to their house.

**Speaker:** We're scared about November, but voters will do the right thing.

**Speaker:** There is nothing to be scared about, just don't read the headlines, you'll be fine.

**Speaker:** Next 840.

**Speaker:** Philip tobias to address the council regarding honesty.

**Speaker:** Good morning. Commissioner hardesty, this is for you. One year ago, I e-mailed your office seeking clarification regarding discrepancies I found in the military timeline. In that year, I haven't heard back from you but I know you're getting my e-mails because I'm e-mailing your office and you got back to me within a day with an endorsement article you said your campaign gave the paperwork, but said you were discharged in 1989 before continuing in the reserves in 1984. I'm wondering what information you gave the mercury.

**Speaker:** [indiscernible]

**Speaker:** You were not discharged in -- let me finish my speech. That's not the only discrepancies I found. In other interviews, you said you were in [indiscernible] in 1978 to 1983. That's a lie. You served aboard for 13 months. Speaking -- I'm going to move off the military brackets for a moment and talked about your fake college degree, you claim a degree from baltimore community college. But election filings, you admit in 2008 --

**Speaker:** Should you allow him to continue to lie about me?

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: you finish, then the commissioner gets to respond. Finish your three minutes.

**Speaker:** Back to the fake college degree. I looked in and see claims the associates in business at a community college in baltimore. In the 2018, she admitted she dropped out and doesn't have a college degree. I think between the numerous lies between the military service record and her fake college degree, she's misleading voters and taxpayers. As a veteran myself, I find this a highly despicable. I tried to talk to jo ann and talk to her privately about this. I tried to schedule a meeting with her and I was ignored for over a year. That's why I had to go through the trouble of filing a request. Everything she told the Portland mercury was a lie. All of it. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: obviously commissioner hardesty didn't want to respond, and we'll leave it there.

**Speaker:** Request cameron to address vandalism in northeast Portland.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: welcome. Can you hear me?

**Speaker:** Loud and clear.

**Speaker:** I'm cameron warren jr., and I operate a company in northeast Portland. I want to bring to your attention the lack of parking on. This area is the home to all sorts of vehicles, cars, rv trailers and no park being signs are all on display on sumner but for weeks and month they are allowed to park without consequence. Northeast sumner street has had a chop shop there. In the last few weeks parkrose plaza, a retail building has been repeatedly robbed. There are other businesses -- my tenants have all experienced vandalism, broken windows, damaged doors and left theft of their projects. Last month the dentist working in the building had his pick-up truck stolen at 4:30 in the afternoon. The economic

damage cause width -- caused by council's lack of action is long-lasting. Two businesses have left and moved to Washington state. The reason given me is the customers complain they didn't feel safe. Those that left Portland may never return. Had there no accountability for those who live by the law. Had law-abiding revenue generating businesses decide this is not a good place to park, we're all robbed. The leadership fails to lead. Security cameras caught one person breaking in. The police said they know the individual and he's been arrested several times. Yet he's allowed to inflict more harm to the community. I have utmost respect for the police, but a once vibrant people in the area are now victims due to the lack of accountability in the city. The homeless are seen as criminals and criminals take their space to take advantage. Pbot needs to step up. These are tough times as solutions are not easy but we feed leaders to act.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you, mayor, point of order.

**Speaker:** Go ahead.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: there was a gentleman, Mr. Philip Tobias who recently put a lot of falsehoods on the public record. I want to be clear. I am proud of my military service. The only one on this council who has served in the U.S. Navy or any military for that matter. It is appalling to have people come into these chambers and use communication to vilify someone who has served their country well and continue to serve my community well. I will debate any public policy issue, but it is not my responsibility to unprove lies and misinformation. People should do their own homework and listen to political opportunists who think they know more than a black woman in America than she does. Thank you, mayor.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you. Commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** I wanted to address some of the issues raised by Mr. Warren. I don't

know if he's still on the call, but if you are, mr. Warren, I can't address the concerns raised about pbot but I can address public safety in parkrose. I know the parking lot you are talking about. I know all of the businesses that you mentioned. I'm in essentially constant dialogue with my colleagues on council to get better public safety services in parkrose. I'm committed to maintaining that work until you and your tenants live in a safe environment. And in the meantime, if you haven't reached out to historic parkrose which is a non-profit in your neighborhood, that I expect you know, I encourage you to contact annette and see if she has grass root strategies for addressing the concerns you spoke about. And thank you for testifying today.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: we frequently hear there is not support for public safety on this council. And I just want to gently say that is not true. That is factually not true based on the budgets we passed over the course of the past year. In addition to the public statements that members of this council made, that being said, I am sympathetic to what mr. Warren said about the concerns he has -- he undersold his role there. He's trying to help people on the streets and provide a place of service for people who are trying to do the right thing out in his neighborhood. I really applaud that. I want to thank you, mr. Warren, for that. But I hear something frequently that people say, well, the city hasn't done its part because the police arrested somebody and rearrested them and rearrested them and rearrested them. I believe he said five times. That's what the city does. The city provides first responder services. The criminal justice system goes well beyond the Portland police bureau making arrests and it extends to the prosecution, it extends to the jails, it extends to the courts, none of which are the jurisdiction of the city of Portland. I want to make that clear because it's not well-known. When somebody comes back on street, it is extremely frustrating to the Portland police bureau if

they've gone through the effort to make an arrest which is often a dangerous situation for them. There is a lot of paper work that we don't see that is involved. There are constitutional issues that have to be addressed and there is cost involved to Portland when they do this. I can only imagine the frustration that our public safety officials feel when nothing happens as a consequences of that. With regard to the encampment. We now know we have 700 camps spread out over 146 square miles in this city. There are a lot of encampments. Each encampment, hold multiple individuals. Some are more problematic than others. The one described by mr. Warren is more problematic. I assure across the city we'll continue to make progress. I'm sorry we're not able to reach all of the most troublesome locations as quickly as we'd like to, and I appreciate you being here, mr. Warren, to bring that to our attention and highlight it. We'll see where it is in the process. Thank you for being here today. Commissioner Rubio.

**Speaker:** C. Rubio: I wanted to make a comment about my colleague commissioner Hardesty. I've known her for 20 years or more. It's well-known your leadership and service and I want to thank for your service to this country.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you.

**Speaker:** I want to add my thanks to commissioner Hardesty, for anybody who serves our country. Thank you for your service. And you are. You spoke eloquently during our veteran's day celebration and I appreciated that. That was a meaningful moment for this council. I hope for the at this as well. Thank you for your service.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you for your comments.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: next, I think I'm at 842 if I remember correctly.

**Speaker:** Call Mandy Rose Cousins to address council regarding the state of our city.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: welcome.



**Speaker:** It doesn't like mandy has joined us.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: okay. Very good. 843.

**Speaker:** Request of david tarlow to address council regarding medians of southeast second avenue and division street.

**Speaker:** I'm sitting in for david. I'm tang nguyen. I own a business on 82nd. I was not aware that the median got put in as well. But I heard the news during the grapevine that's in place on southeast 82nd. I own a restaurant there and I'm concerned about the traffic pattern. How it's getting done and where and when. I wanted to make sure it's up so that whole center, not just my business, but -- I'm in a strip mall with maybe 10 businesses. I'm concerned, so please fill me in.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: does anybody want to address that? The medians?

**Speaker:** Mayor, I will just say simply that if I were you, I would go to pbot's website where we go to major improvements because people are dying on the streets. And division treatment almost as severely as gun violence has affected our city. He envision is at the top of the list. If you would like more info from the council clerk, I would be happy to have someone from the Portland bureau of transportation to give you what you're looking for.

**Speaker:** I understand about safety and I get all that. I don't understand that there is no data provided that can be provided. I looked on the pbot as well and there is no data at ail regarding the median and how much -- how it saves lives. In some instances I see that it's --

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: you get to talk more three minutes then we get to direct it to people who can answer questions. We're not going to have a dialogue today but you asked me on how to get information on the project on division. I've given you the avenue to make that happen.

**Speaker:** Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. That completes communications if I'm correct to the consent agenda.

**Speaker:** Clerk: we've had item 850 pulled.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: any other items?

**Speaker:** No.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: please call the roll.

**Speaker:** Mapps.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Rubio.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Ryan.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Hardesty.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Wheeler.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: that has been adopted, 844.

**Speaker:** Please address the local improvement district.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: missioner hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you, mayor. This -- [off mic]

**Speaker:** Clerk: commissioner, I'm so sorry to interrupt. Can you make sure your mic is on.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: too many buttons. Okay. I'm back. So we will include a new skateboarding area and other improvements that the community identified during the July 2021 community engagement period including site pathways and to bring first-rated recreational facilities to community members of east Portland. Pbot is

pleased to partner with property owners to eliminate missing sidewalk gaps in this area of the montebello neighborhood. New curb ramps will be built eliminating barriers to multiple residents not area. We have with us today andrew alby who will walk us through the resolution as well as members of staff who can answer questions about the park project. Andrew, take it away.

**Speaker:** Thank you commissioner hardesty. I'm the administrator. It's a pleasure to be with City Council this morning. Keelan, can we switch to the presentation, please. Thank you. If we can move to the next slide, please. So, before I get into the specifics of southeast 89th and taylor, we've done a number of these partnerships over the years with pbot and the communities served by parks and pbot. I thought it would be helpful to explain to council how we got here. I have not been with the city long. Back in 2007 when parks built the holly farm park in southwest Portland not part of the elementary school and the library. What happened on that project from parks is they went ahead and built holly farm park. There was not an engagement or communication three-way communication between parks, pbot and the community about the planned park and the infrastructure and stormwater infrastructure around the park. In a nutshell, what happened here in 2007, this park went ahead and built their own frontage improvements but the phones across the street who had been maintaining their gravel shoulder in the opportunity to piggyback on park frontage improvement to get their frontages improved as well. As a result, pbot and parks were much more intentional about engaging the community about these types of projects. The key thing here we can be in silos. We have to work with the community. This is an overview of the berrydale park improvements. We can answer any questions you have. This is going to be a nice park. This has been underserved not only by street improvements but also by park improvements as well. Next slide, please. Here is kind a chronological recap of the

successful partnerships we've had over the years. If council were to improve -- when I want to be clear with council, your role today is to initiate the I.I.D. Proceedings and we know we have questions and issues to work through and we're fully committed to doing that. If you approve the resolution today, we'll bring this I.I.D. Back on November 30th, and have more of an opportunity to delve into the questions and concerns by the community. I want to stress that we've had some extremely successful partnership between pbots parks and the community. Northeast 57th avenue and alberta street and southwest Portland, spring garden park northwest 47th avenue. In the cully neighborhood that was a monster of a project. We are here today to consider 89th and taylor and berrydale park. I want to be clear with council that we have structured this I.I.D. That parks takes the lion's share of the I.I.D. Cost. If council approves this I.I.D. With a residential component, the residential will only pay the small amount for the curb and side of the street. I wanted to show council this slide because this gets to the root of the dilemma that we have here from an infrastructure standpoint. Let me preface that by saying all of the stuff around the city that is remained -- most of it was done. What you have here you can see that berrydale park has three non-contiguous frontages, two on taylor and two on. From pbots point of view, we didn't think it made sense for parks to build the frontage improvements with all the gaps where you see the orange properties, we just didn't think that made sense from a standing point. You look at the properties on the west side of 89th and i'll show you additional slides here in a minute. What I want council to know is this is not a new issue that was uncovered in the past year as a part of the outreach parks on the park improvements. What happened here is parks held listening sessions with the community on new park improvements and in the course of the discussions, parks heard from the community that there was interest in fixing the street problems. Parkrose to their

credit referred those issues and concerns it me and that's why we're here today to consider the I.i.d. I would share with council there was a previous I.i.d. Effort and I'm not sure when it was but it was about 40 years ago. There are on and off requests for street improvements in this neighborhood for easily 40 years. This is a one-time opportunity do a partnership and do this much less expensively. I will tell you right now there is another I.i.d. In northwest Portland with no sidewalks and that cost is more than doubled for property what we're looking at here. This is the real opportunity to buy account improvement on sales for the residential property. Next slide, please. This is the picture that a neighborhood residents took a few days ago east on Taylor street. In front of her windshield is a mom walking with her child. That mother uses a vision cane because she's visually impaired and Washington out in the middle of the street because vision canes don't work well on mud and dirt and not hard services. She's out there with a vulnerable child and vulnerable mother out there. Here is a slide of what Taylor street looks like. We're not proposing to do anything with respect to the pavement. We want to add a sidewalk along the south side of Taylor street so people have a sidewalk to safely get to the park. I will tell you where this picture was taken. We had a community meeting last month and we had really good turnout from the community. As we were discussing the potential of an I.i.d., I heard a blood-curdling scream behind me and there was, I believe, a young girl who have wipe out on the street and I think she skinned her knee or something. It was a tangible reminder that kids need safe places to be. A safe place for a young child to learn how to ride a bike is not in the street. As evidence that we have good traffic volumes and speed on is this street as well. A view of 89th Avenue. Actually, irrespective of whether the I.i.d. Is improve or not, if council doesn't approve in I.i.d. It will default to a public works process to do the street improvements. In either case, that mud and dirt you see along 89th will go

away and there will be a fully reconstructed street with curbs and stormwater drainage in a walk along the east side of 89th avenue if council approves this I.i.d. There would be a sidewalk built on the west side of 89th and that would be a change from what our initial assumptions were. So, we're now proposing to build sidewalks on both sides of the street. There is here view of 89th avenue. You can see the pothole there on the right side of the picture, the standing water. There is where pedestrians walk to get to the park under Clark elementary school. If you were standing here, Clark elementary school is right behind. Fundamentally, when I looked at this and said this is not the kind of structure or lack thereof we want for parents and children who are trying to walk to the school or walk to the park. I think that's my last slide. So, that concludes my presentation. Happy to turn it over to council and answer any questions you might have. I suspect council will have questions for me after the testimony and I'm happy to come back after the testimony and answer any questions you have.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Council member Hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: turning it back over to you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: commissioner Ryan has a quo.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Andrew for -- that was a great presentation and thank you commissioner Hardesty for bringing this forward. For me, it's trying to understand the heaviness of the bill to the people who live in the community. 165 for 20 years, correct is this. Say you're elderly and on fixed income, are there any clauses or relief for somebody in that situation so they don't suddenly have more burden on them with their fixed income?

**Speaker:** You're muted.

**Speaker:** Sorry about that. Commissioner Ryan, that's a great question.

**Speaker:** When we do the I.i.d.'s we have to could them based on special benefits

of property not the ability to pay. That's in the Oregon constitution. We can't do this like an income tax that if you make more money then you pay more than somebody who makes less. Number one, approaching this l.i.d., we work very, very hard to structure this l.i.d. Like we did with the recently completed 80th l.i.d. The estimated amount is at the same level for southeast 80th and mill. I think it's been five years since we started them. Those are the amounts same adjusted for inflation. Notwithstanding the construction inflation and everything else we see, we worked hard so our goal on this was to bring in the cost so it would be on par with 80th and mill. To your point, commissioner Ryan, I talked with pbot finance staff and we were planning to do this anyway, but it would be our intend if this is approved we'd bring back an ordinance to authorize a five-year deferral of the l.i.d. Assessments. If a property owner were to defer, they'd look to seven to eight years out. There is a high property ownership rate and people generally speaking usually don't have a problem selling their property when they have a nice new street in front of them and have a more liquid investment with their house. That's the outcome we seek to achieve here. We want to be sensitive to folks that have financial constraints. Happy to answer any other questions you might have.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: so andrew, I think I understood what you said. I hear about the Oregon constitution and all of the details with that. But I still don't understand if someone's either disability or seniors on fixed income and lived there for 20 years, every little dollar of fixed burden is challenging. Is there any hardship waiver that we can work on?

**Speaker:** We don't have the ability to make somebody's assessment go away. We have the ability to defer the payment of that assessment and better match up the timing of that obligation had they might eventually be selling their property. And I think the other thing that is important to note, commissioner Ryan, is getting a lot

of phone calls from people around the city who are trying to sell their home or want to purchase their home and address the potholes on the street. I have conversations with people who have difficulty selling their home because of the condition of the street out in front. Imagine for a minute this I.i.d. Weren't here, you could have a situation where people have more difficulty selling their home. Maybe they need to move into a retirement home and they're relying on selling their home to get that cap pal gain. When we do the street improvements, it helps the liquidity of the property that they own. I'm not suggesting that people couldn't sell their home, but it's easier and quicker to sell your home when you have an improved street out in front. We'll work with these property owners and it's our intent to be sensitive to their situation and develop a program that will be a safety net for them. I appreciate the question.

**Speaker:** D. Ryan: our follow-up will be focusing on these people. It's the hardships that exist in that neighborhood. That's all.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Commissioner Hardesty then commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** M. Mapps: thank you, Mr. Mayor and commissioner Hardesty. Andrew, this question is not about the I.i.d. before us today. It's about the general policy space of I.i.d.s. I hear the argument that you make having a sidewalk and a proper street in front of your house essentially increases the property value of your house. As a policymaker, I would appreciate having a study soon to take a look at how some of our past I.i.d.s changed property values compared to comps. I don't think it would be that difficult to pull together, but it would be helpful to council as we make choices like that. And I know we have people in the room to testify for us. I'm eager to hear from those folks too. I'll lower my hand until perhaps after public testimony.



**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you, mayor. And thank you, Andrew. Andrew, I think commissioner Ryan raised a good question. Typically, I.I.D.s are between businesses in the area for infrastructure improvement. Sometimes they include residential properties just because of where we're doing them. I would say that this community would not be satisfied if we put in a big, beautiful park that people had to go through mud and a lack of sidewalks. I'm curious, Andrew, if you could tell me what the percentage that actually includes residential when we do these local improvement districts? Is that normal that they're residential households involved?

**Speaker:** Thank you and I'll respond to commissioner Mapps' comments. I have a lot of work on increases in property values, so I'd be happy to follow-up on that. To your question, commissioner Hardesty, we've never had a broad-based funding source for I.I.D.s. Notwithstanding that, we've worked hard to bring pbot funding to the table to minimize that burden as much as possible. This project is on sale. I'm not going to get to zero with the property owners, but we've been thoughtful about coupling together two different funding sources to try to keep the burden to a minimum. I wish it would be zero or closer to zero, but I can't get there. To your point, commissioner Hardesty, because there is not a broad-based funding source for I.I.D.s, I tend to have a lot of I.I.D.s with more of a commercial component to them. But we have people in neighborhoods like East Portland dealing with the issues like you saw on the slide. When the opportunities come up, I try to be very creative and come up with a solution that will work. I want to be clear with council, I don't define success here whether council forms or does not form the I.I.D. My mission was to be responsive to the community and put a solution on the table. If council decides not to approve this I.I.D., I'm fine with that but we needed to put together all our brain power to put together a proposal to solve these problems.

Beyond that, there will be a policy decision for council to approve or amend or not form this l.i.d.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: andrew, I want to and the hard-working staff at pbot who continues to be creative and innovative and opportunists. I'm turning it back over to you, mayor and I'm looking forward to public testimony then figure out next steps.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: Keelan, how many people are signed up?

**Speaker:** Six people. First up is rena clements.

**Speaker:** Good morning. Council. I'm rena clements and I and my neighbor are testifying against the proposed 89th and taylor l. i.d. All three of houses are on or adjacent to southeast 89th. When this agenda was posted we learned in July there was a [indiscernible] l.i.d.s can be formed when it benefits 15% of the property owners. We don't know what 50% support is because homeowners are based on equal share. No neighbor we've talked to signed a petition in support, this project is planned irrespective of the financial situations of the neighbor. Several homeowners on or street are retired and on fixed income and cannot afford the financial burden of this l.i.d., we feel that the city may careless any drive some of neighbors into housing insecurities. We shouldn't force people to sell their homes because of the l.i.d. The initial mailer stated improvements were looked at between 89th and main and the second mailer they had the improvements would stop next to my property. This is far more than the scope of the l.i.d. Will we be responsible for more payments on top of this one? We are not sure how improving this will deal with disruptions. If sidewalks and street improvements benefit the greater neighborhood, we're confused why more homes in the neighborhood are not asked to pay and two why the plan proposed doesn't include school property adjacent to 89th. They would stop mid road and leaving a chunk without improvement and sidewalks. It seems counterproductive to the goal. 89th north of

hawthorne as included in the recommendation earlier is not in scope of the proposed l.i.d. Several long-time residents on our street have stated in 1995 there was an l.i.d. To dig up 89th and the street was subsequently reconstructed poorly at that time leading to the infrastructure deficits we see today. The overwhelming majority ever neighbors in this l.i.d. Meeting those financial obligations are not in support of the project proposed. We urge you to vote against this project as currently proposed. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Commissioner Hardesty? Okay, next individual.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up is Tracy Zach.

**Speaker:** Good morning I'm here to speak against the l.i.d. I along with my neighbors first found out about this project through a mailer received in late August. In the mailer there was no mention of an l.i.d. Or cost to residents, but wanted to get our input and that our feedback would guide this work. You can imagine our surprise when we showed up at the meeting and found out that a plan was already decided and we would be responsible for paying for it at a price tag of \$24,000 per house. They meeting, we learned we had no choice in the matter because Portland Parks and Rec could move the l.i.d. Forward regardless of the support. The majority of the back and forth dialogue at this meeting was with folks who are not part of this l.i.d. And anybody expressing obvious interest as not a member of the l.i.d. Including two women speaking after me today. We polled those neighbors and 80% of the 15 or 14 houses are strongly against the l.i.d. As it stands. This project began with misinformation and continues in misinformation. Facts shared at the community meeting have since change and nothing is shared in writing outside the first mailer. One example of inaccurate information is the addition of sidewalks to the -- sorry -- one example of this misinformation is the

amount of sidewalks west of 89th due to the interest of property owners. We spoke to all our neighbors on 89th and not one house has expressed interest in walks. Not because we don't want sidewalks and don't want students to have a safe pathway to get to their school. As a local educator, the safety of our children means the world to me, but they can't come at such a heavy financial burden to our neighbors. \$24,000 is no small amount. For some of the folks, this would be devastating. We agree the sidewalks would be helpful and benefit everyone in the neighborhood. Why aren't more folks asked to chip in? We need to make sure everyone shares the cost. Why are only 15 houses being asked to cover the residential cost of this project? We're concerned about the misinformation and lack of voice we're given in this project. We're concerned that pbot is using smoke and mirrors to confuse us. We advise you to vote defense this project as it currently stands. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Next individual, please.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up is gina.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: welcome. Thanks for being here.

**Speaker:** Good morning, commissioners. I'm gitaldy [phonetic]. I'm a city employee but providing testimony from a personal capacity. I have no control over the selection of the properties or assessments. I'm here to today in favor of improvements in this area. I'm a mother of two school-aged children and adjacent to this project but not within the l.i.d. itself. I want my two children to walk safely to the new park, skatepark and new neighborhood amenity and to the school and not have to walk in the street and mud puddles. In addition to berrydale park, the existing creative science school is being converted to a neighborhood school with hundreds of students in the area transitioning in fall of 2023. Fees currently a charter school so most children are driven and it's converted to a neighborhood

public school next year. I'm sure as you know between 87th avenue and 90, there is no street with a complete sidewalk corridor. While this couldn't complete the sidewalk corridor all of 89th, it's a start and could leverage future funding. Thank you for considering this proposal. I advocate for more funding for much-needed sidewalk improvements until montebello and other east Portland neighborhoods.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up is sarah buxton.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: good morning and thanks for being here.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Commissioner hardesty, I learned this morning you are from baltimore. My husband's family is from baltimore. We spent a lot of time there. Would I like to say let's go o's. This is desmond my fourth child. Thank you for hearing me on this proposed l.i.d. I'm here to voice support for full transparency, I'm not a property owner in the preposed l.i.d. I am two blocks south on 89th just south of hawthorne. I wish I was in the l.i.d. And I'd vote in full favor of it. I know you care about our city very much, as they why you're here and I also know if we had unlimited funds, that we'd do sidewalks all over the place but that's not the reality. So I am here to tell you why I think 89th is a great place to start. As you've heard, 89th is not only frontage to the new berrydale park which we're excited about, thank you. But it is the back entrance to the elementary school right there on 92nd and taylor. As gina said, the school is currently a charter school but converted next year to a neighborhood school. My kiddos go to the neighborhood school which is currently harrison park k-8. I pass a parent every day who is walking her kiddo to creative science while I walk mine to harrison park. I told her about the proposed sidewalks and she very soberly told me I've been walking my kids here for years. And I've we always said that it's when a kiddo get hit by a car, the city will put in sidewalks. I'll put all four of my kids to the neighborhood school because I'm

committed to public schools. I'm asking you to please not let that happen where a kiddo gets hit and then we decide to solve the problem. Lastly, I just want to say I am also a foster parent. So I have kids of all ages and unique needs in my house at all times. Going to the park and burning off energy is a vital part of caring well for a child. And kids in care tend to have unique needs. Currently two of my kiddos from care both have adhd and low impulse control. As you can imagine, walking to school with our community's kids can be very scary. I would like to teach them out to scoot and ride their bikes and all the things that will greatly improve their life, but I need sidewalks to better care for our kids and community. Again, I wish that I was in this proposed l.i.d. And I would say yes, but I'm downstream so hopefully you'll approve this and i'll be included in the next.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: next individual.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up is donna pluta. It doesn't look like donna is here. Now we have stewart.

**Speaker:** Thank you guys for having me. Like gina and the previously participant I'm not in the l.i.d., I used to work for bureau of development services but no longer do as of would months ago so I have no involvement in the formation of this or any process beyond living in the area. I live at 8711 on taylor. I use a manual wheelchair full-time to get around. For the people voting against this, I would like you to envision yourself being forced to be in the street, not being able to get up curbs when it comes to navigating your neighborhood that you love and care for. I know some of you are voting against this probably see me on the street watering my lawn and talking to you as neighbors. I would like you to think about with disabilities who have no input on the world around us that disables us further. It's built-up environment like this. Low lighting and potholes and everything that this l.i.d. Would improve. Granted, it wouldn't be a blanket fix for anything but nothing

we propose is going to fix anything overnight. This is a great place to start and if you care about the environment that we live about our children, about their access to the park, I think this would be a great place to start. I would like to contribute to this. I don't have an option to being that I don't live within it. But that being said, like the previously participant, I will happily participate when it comes down the stream. It's been difficult to get around this neighborhood. I can go for a few blocks on the sidewalk, either I have to hop the curb and go April driveway. If I want to go to the park, in my neighborhood, I need to go all the way to 92nd, make a right, go on 92nd in the street all the way until I reach the actual school then get up on the sidewalk. That's a half mile of pushing. Hopefully I don't get hit by a car. Thank you guys for your time. I appreciate all you do. I know you have hard jobs. That's all I've got, thank.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thanks, Stewart, we appreciate you being here today. Colleagues, any further questions?

**Speaker:** Mayor.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: commissioner Hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: I want to thank the community members who showed up to testify. Montebello I spend a lot of time in. I take public transit in the neighborhood. I know the city has not kept its promise to provide the infrastructure for the community to thrive. When I became transportation commissioner in January of 2021? What became clear was that the \$4 billion maintenance backlog -- hold on commissioner Ryan -- the \$4 billion maintenance bag log that I inherited as pbot commissioner does not cover the lack of infrastructure in my enabled in east Portland and many of my neighbors in east Portland. I know many hole owners are terrified. It's my hope that we as a council become creative with this I.i.d. And figure out how to support low income homeowners and have sidewalks and safety. I think

we can do this without burdening homeowners. I can be optimistic this is the beginning of a process and I know Andrew and his team will come back with a proposal we can support. Thanks to everyone who showed up to testify. I know this is always a hard time in east Portland. There is even more so where we are now actually burdening homeowners with some of these street improvements that decades ago should have been a given and just have never materialized. Thank you Mayor and thank you colleagues.

**Speaker:** Thank you Commissioner Hardesty. Commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** M. Mapps: thank you, Mr. Mayor. Andrew, I have three quick questions. Just so I'm clear, is it possible for homeowners to defer the charges that come with this I.I.D.? If so, how long can you defer the payments?

**Speaker:** Thank you, I appreciate the opportunity to answer your question. Most I.I.D.s do not come with a deferral. We've been on more I.I.D.s than east Portland. We've tried to be thoughtful to provide a safety net for residential property owners. That's why although we don't normally offer deferrals, that's why if council approves the resolution and we come back on November 30th, council will not only consider an ordinance to form an I.I.D. But also an ordinance to cover a deferral. I have more ideas on the financial structure but that's a conversation I need to have with my finance colleagues. But my brain is churning and I'm processing all of input I received from folks and there are a bunch of engineering issues and finance issues that I'm fully prepared to take a look at those and bring something back to council in November. I would not expect a major overhaul of this I.I.D. But there is a lack of infrastructure here and there are tweaks and adjustments we can make for the concerns.

**Speaker:** M. Mapps: my second question is this: if council votes yes on this item today, do you still have the ability to work with neighbors to try to develop a I.I.D.



That fits this particular neighborhood?

**Speaker:** If we vote yes today, I get the impression there will be on going conversations with neighbors to try to figure out a way to make this I.i.d. Work and address some of the concerns that are addressed today, is that correct?

**Speaker:** There is always on going dialogue, commissioner. And I do want to be clear on a couple of things. Number one, if council approves this resolution today, council is under no obligation to form the I.i.d.o. November 30th. If you doesn't like what I bring back, council has the full prerogative and power to vote down I.i.d. When it comes back on November 30th. We'll want to do something in this neighborhood. You're not going to get a recommendation from me to do nothing. It's a question of to what consent do we amendment or tweak the I.i.d. If council gets a final approval, we'll continue the dialogue after I.i.d. Formation. I don't want council to get the impression just because we form an I.i.d., we stop talking to the property owners. The formation of the I.i.d. Is a starting point not ending point.

**Speaker:** I'm delighted to hear that you've a dug into the impact that I.i.d.s have often property values. I look forward to getting research on that. And I recognize you might not have this information in front of you today. But is it generally -- how likely is it that the increases in home values that are a result of this I.i.d. Are greater than the out of pocket costs to home owners? In the end like over a 20 year period, should we expect people to come out ahead or are homeowners subsidizing our infrastructure here?

**Speaker:** Commissioner Mapps -- forgive me, I didn't have the personality to become an accountant. I don't want to be on record and predict outcomes in terms of property values. But first I.i.d. I worked on that the city of Portland was 19th and pine. We had a lot of people -- this was a few blocks from the mac station is ventura school on the other side. I had people coming to me and worried about the

obligation of the I.i.d. And yes, we did offer a deferral back then. When we got the I.i.d. Done, we had seniors that needed to sell their homes anyway because they needed to move into assisted living on whatever. We offered up this deferral and nobody took advantage of it and people had no problem selling their home. But we're in an interesting economic environment. It's possible the rate of housing appreciation will slow. We have to separate out the macro economic factors here like interest rates and specific factors. I don't want to sit here and promise a specific return on investment. Over time there has been a steady increase in property values because we don't have any more land in the Portland area and land is scarce and that's why housing is expensive. It's a supply and demand thing. I'm confident that if somebody took out a 20-year financing contract that over time there will be an increase over a period of time where they'll get a return on their I.i.d. Investment. The capital return component is one but there is neighborhood visibility component. Maybe they don't cover every dollar of the I.i.d, but they don't have a lake of water in front of their house, and kids can walk to school, so there is a benefit, but a cost as well.

**Speaker:** M. Mapps: thank you. Mr. Mayor, I have no more questions.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: commissioner Ryan.

**Speaker:** D. Ryan: you can imagine I wanted to loop back with you and have a little bit of dialogue. My concern is not about the value that this will offer to numerous people of those who live here and those downstream, it was compelling to hear somebody who must roll in their wheelchair to get around and need safety. I think I would like to see these improvements done. I think when was compelling when you listen to the testimony is whether it's 14 or 15 households are taking on all the burden. If I was doing an auction, I would say great, we have three more people who will pay. Educate me on the rules of who is involved in the I.i.d. Could it

expand? I think we have to listen to what the testimony just said and I'm sure the people who are hear today, if they were included because it's expanded two more blocks and they say that they'll pay, would the burden come down? I need to understand, because one of my passions is to keep people placed for their lifetime. When people are elderly and on fixed income, \$124 a month is a big deal. I want to hear more. They said 85% were against it.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Ryan, let me first answer a question you didn't ask. I want to be clear with council, you may not like what is the deferral ordinance, we may not get to the end zone and first in goal, but we didn't score the touchdown. I'm going to do my best to bring the best deferral ordinance to council on November 30th. You may not like it in which case council should do something different. My starting point is let's solve the physical infrastructure problem. I wanted to put a solution in front of council. Commissioner, here is the problem with montebello. There is street after street where I've gotten complaints. My phone rings so much from montebello, it's unbelievable. Gina mentioned, we don't have good streets between 92nd and 82nd so there are block after block that don't cut it in terms of infrastructure. We get into a slippery slope when we ask someone down the street to help out, but somebody else in the city will have another conversation about other l.i.d. A block way. We try not to put people in double jeopardy situations of paying for this one and another one down the line. I'm a little reluctant to cast the net lighter and pull more premier into an l.i.d. For that reason. Let me do the best I can to try to work on the deferral option. I can't stress this enough, I have people in other parts of the city at that would kill to have this option offered to them. I understand you hear testimony from people who doesn't love this and that's line. You have to put this into perspective. This is a much lower cost l.i.d. Than the conversations I typically have around the rest of the city. I have other

ideas that i'll run past staff. Let me bring back what I can bring back on November 30th. If we don't get it over the finish line, fine with you let me give it my best shot, commissioner.

**Speaker:** Andrew, just so I understand the order of affairs going forward. The resolution today would continue to authorize that work and you come back in November for the final approval of the l.i.d., is that correct?

**Speaker:** It is correct, mayor and I would pit that what rule' probably see on the council agenda is the ordinance to form the l.i.d. As proposed and I strongly suspect there would be an alternative ordinance offered up and we'd probably posts that on the council agenda as well. What council would then have is the debate on do we approve the l.i.d. As formed? I'm going to recommend you terminate the whole thing and do something. It's a choice for council on the full deal or median deal.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: I think we all support the improvements discussed today. That's not in question. The question comes down to the financing mechanism and who pays and how broad that base goes. And I heard what you said, so I won't make you repeat all of it. I appreciate your attempt here to balance competing interests. I do want to put on the record this l.i.d. Is fundamentally different than others I've seen over the course of the last nearly six years in that it is a significant public good improvement for everyone in the area. This isn't just about patching potholes or building sidewalks on a side street as so many of our l.i.d.s are. We're approached by neighbors who say we'd like to do this, can the city help us get to yes? This is different because you have a collector, if you will, this is a collector area because it's immediately adjacent to a park and park improvements and on a route to school so there is a broad public interest and public benefit to this l.i.d. But it has the attributes of a typical l.i.d. In that the cost is borne by a small

amount of houses in the area. I heard you and say you'll take a sharper look at this. I wanted to put that on the record as well. This l.i.d. Feels different to me than what I've seen in the past. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: you're right. I think the big difference is the partnership between parks and pbot understanding this park improvement will significantly make this community more desirable. Remembering this is a part of the city where we've neglected the trees, sidewalks, lighting, all that good stuff. I am so proud that Andrew thinks so far out of box sometimes because it's easier for the city to get used to do things we've always done it. I'm confident that Andrew will go back and we'll put our heads together to be as creative as we can be. Understanding the limits of what the law allows us to do. I thank you all. Colleagues, you've asked some good questions. You've given Andrew a lot to think about. I know Andrew well and I know he's been thinking about this stuff long before he got here. I look forward to seeing what we come back with in November and I'm confident that we'll get to yes.

**Speaker:** Good, we'll keep the process moving. Please call the roll.

**Speaker:** Mapps.

**Speaker:** I want to thank Commissioner Hardesty for bringing this item forward and I want to thank everyone who testified today. Andrew, I've worked with you on l.i.d.s over many years. I'm amazed at what you publish and I want to give you enough room and space to continue to innovate in this situation for these reasons and more, I vote aye.

**Speaker:** Rubio.

**Speaker:** I want to thank Commissioner Hardesty and pbot for bringing this forward and thank Andrew for diligently answering all the questions put before him. And they're fought -- thoughtful and prepared. I want to thank the testifiers on

all sides of this issue for sharing their comments today. The conversation is helpful. Because I share my colleagues' concerns about the costs to homeowners. At the same time very much more concerned about ensuring road safety and preventing loss of lives in neighborhoods. I believe that that said, it's good to hear that Andrew is already working on a proposed related to cost -- issues of costs. I think this is just the first step to open the conversation. For those reasons, I vote aye.

**Speaker:** Clerk: Ryan.

**Speaker:** D. Ryan: thank you. That presentation was excellent that you gave us context and I do thank the collaboration between parks and pbob is of course just what is supposed to happen. It's refreshing. I think you can tell by pie questioning, I'm a reluctant person in terms of voting yes because I think we have more work to do. I think this is complex, not 9 infrastructure upgrades, but the way that we are financing it. And I think we need to look a little deeper and I would like to see the vision forward for the whole area if there are upstream problems. I'm a reluctant question. If it stays the same I will probably be no. I look forward to more testimony if all of the neighbors and I would like to find out how that engagement goes. I'll get to a yes on something that I think most people would like. So aye.

**Speaker:** Clerk: Hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you again to the neighbors who showed up and testified and thank you to all the opinions across the board. There were no -- everyone wants to see the improvements. Bottom line is how do we make it happen in a way that doesn't overburden people that are already overburdened. I know Andrew is all over it and I want to thank him. I appreciate the thoughtful questions today. I vote aye.

**Speaker:** Wheeler.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: I vote aye, the resolution is adopted. 845.

**Speaker:** Proclaim October 15th, 2022, to be white cane awareness day.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: we heard with white canes earlier. Today we are in fact proclaiming October 15th, 2022, to be white cane awareness day here in the city of Portland. With that, I would like to invite commissioner Hardesty to introduce this proclamation.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you, mayor. October 15th is really important to me for two reasons. The most important reason is because it is white cane day. White cane day is a national opportunity in the United States -- all in all, white cane is a tool for safety independence. White cane day is a day we honor and celebrate the independence and equality of people who actually are differently able. Maybe using a white cane or a guide dog. The second most important thing about October 15th is it's my birthday.

**Speaker:** Yippy.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: normally, I'd be at PSU with the white cane celebration on October 15th celebrating white cane day. It's been one of the privileges of serving on this council that I've been able to combine two perfect opportunities together. I know everyone has a right to be able to move around the city freely without obstructions regardless of mobility issues. We're all only temporarily able because but for circumstances in life, all of us could be temporarily impacted and then we appreciate how hard it is to travel around this city when you are not -- when you don't have your full sight or hearing or full mobility with your body. "always appreciate white cane day so we can take a moment and put ourselves into the shoes of someone who has to use a cane or guide dog to travel around the city. It is hard to travel around the city at any time. When you have to do devices to help you, becomes even more so. Thank you, mayor. For the last three years, the mayor and I have cosponsored this resolutions and I had the privilege of actually being part of

the celebration. Thank you, mayor, I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to weigh in.

**Speaker:** Thank you commissioner hardesty. I understand we're going to hear from lisa straiter?

**Speaker:** That is connect and miss turner as well.

**Speaker:** Good morning, thank you very much. I'm lisa straiter, the Portland coordinator for Americans with disabilities. I'm a white woman with shoulder length blond hair I'm wearing a white blouse in black cardigan. Americans with disabilities share their perspectives on using their transportation system. My colleague andrew displayed a current representation of a white cane user in our public right-of-way. I'm honored to be here today with a white cane user, mary lee turner who is graciously going to share her experience with us. Thank you. Mary lee.

**Speaker:** Good morning. Commissioners and mayor, it is an honor to be here. I have been -- I'm mary lee turner and I was born here in Portland, was among the first blind children ever admitted to Portland public schools, so I have a lot of stories. I've been a white cane user for 40 years. And I have I've worked for the Oregon commission for the blind among other state agencies teaching folks who are new to sight laws how to live their lives to the fullest with dignity and safety and fun. I've taught folks how to ride the bus and cross streets and how to deal with intersections and I absolutely love what I do. I currently co-chair the ad hoc committee of the pedestrian safety action coalition. Which is an ad hoc committee made up of folks who are blind and allies as we work to promote safety for travelers -- pedestrians. Not only those using white canes and guide dogs but everybody else because as we heard today, it's so important to be safe. And yes, I have been on the streets of Portland and other places in this state promoting the national white cane safety day which is since 1964 has been a national day of



education of folks about the importance of pedestrian -- of laws that promote pedestrian safety. And I love living in Portland. I've lived lots of other places, but I moved back. Though I retired from the commission for the blind in 2010, I've been very involved in the community with folks that are new to sight laws as I lead support groups for folks at the foundation and learning center in sandy. I love to travel, I love to be out doing what I do proudly using my white cane. I don't know if you can see the shirt that I have on, but in glitters says "stop, it's the law." so thank you so much for the opportunity to be here. If I can be of use to any of you any time anywhere as I've demonstrated over the last couple of years, please use me and use our committee because it is absolutely so important that folks with white canes as you saw in the picture earlier today that, you know, we need -- we do our bit to get the training so that we can use white canes and/or guide dogs as well as human guides as we travel around. Now we ask you to support this initiative -- proclamation so that more and more people will learn that white cane safety is important not just on October 15th, but every day. Thank you for the opportunity to be here. If I can answer any questions, go for it.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you so much for being here and thanks for your leadership.

**Speaker:** You're welcome.

**Speaker:** If we're ready for statements, let me start by thanking lease' and mary lee for their testimony -- lisa and mary lee for their testimony told. I want to say this for my colleagues on council --

**Speaker:** Could I ask you to speak louder?

**Speaker:** Thank you. And thank you for that prompt. Am I better now?

**Speaker:** Yes you are.

**Speaker:** Great.

**Speaker:** You were great before, I just couldn't hear you.

**Speaker:** Colleagues, I'm delighted to join with you to proclaim October 15th to be white cane day. I'm delighted to join you --

**Speaker:** It's hard to talk over folks.

**Speaker:** Colleagues, I'm delighted to join you in proclaiming October 15th, 2022, to be white cane awareness day here in Portland. On this day, we celebrate at achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired. And on this day, we recommit ourselves to full integration, equality, and economic opportunities for Portlanders with visual impairments. White cane day has been celebrated since 1964 when Lyndon Baines Johnson proclaimed white cane safety day. It's no coincidence that this was created by LBJ in 1964. That's the same era we saw same legislation as the civil rights act of 1965 and voting rights of 1965 signed into law. White cane safety day is part of the civil rights resolution that started 60 years ago and continues to this day. In the 58 years since this the nation celebrated the first white cane safety day, Americans who are blind or low vision have made substantial process. They've become leaders in government academics and the arts. At the same time although people with low vision are freer and more prosperous than before, much work remains to be done and that is true even here in Portland. Last year the center for disease control and prevention ranked Portland 29th on the list of best and worst cities for people with disability. Now coming in 29th in this ranking is not good. And there is more bad news. In the past year, Portland has plummeted down the rankings. Today Portland ranks 67th on the list of best cities for people with disabilities to live. Currently Portland is sued which the disability community because it's increasingly difficult for people with visual or mobility challenges to navigate our walks. On this day the city and citizens of Portland commit ourselves for full and equal access to our public spaces and

educational institutions and economic opportunities for Portlanders.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you commissioner Mapps, commissioner Rubio.

**Speaker:** Thank you for bringing this proclamation forward. I want to thank mary lee and lisa for their remarks today and advocacy for those with low vision and mobility issues every day. It's an important day to raise awareness for our visually impaired members for being here and it's incumbent on all of us to lift awareness and do what we can to have accessibility for all residents of all disabilities. I wanted to commend you for being here and being strong advocates.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: commissioner Ryan.

**Speaker:** D. Ryan: thank you and thank you for bringing this forward commissioner hardesty and lisa and mary lee turner. I want to try to do what lisa did a little bit. I'm commissioner Ryan and I have glasses on. They keep getting stronger every two years. I don't have strawberry blond hair any more, I have gray hair. And I'm proud and humbled to be here today to make a couple of remarks. I grew up with two cousins who were legally blind. They could see is that doughs and that he was about it. It was a been fit to play with them as a little kid and know they were doing the best they could to be a kid. My aunt was amazing to give them hope and inspiration. That lived experience made me sensitive when I see people with white canes. I can't tell you will how many times I realized even though my glasses keep getting thicker, how helpful it is for me when I'm navigating to lock eyes with people on the street. I get sad when I think about people who don't have that privilege. I am grateful that we take a breath and have this proclamation every year. I do believe you mary lee, it's not just on October 15th, but year around.

**Speaker:** Thank you.

**Speaker:** D. Ryan: thank you for being here today.

**Speaker:** You're welcome.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thanks colleagues and I've asked commissioner Hardesty to read the proclamation.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you and I'm going to follow Lisa's model and say I am a chocolate brown African-American woman with long shoulder length dreadlock hair wearing a pink jacket and blue glasses, and my glasses change because I lose them constantly. I don't remember what my glasses are. I'm happy to read this proclamation on behalf of my City Council colleagues. Whereas, blindness or low vision affects people of all age and those people have the right to travel safely while enjoying all the rights, benefits and privileges of living and working and playing in this great city of Portland. Whereas, there are different degrees of blindness, visual diversity meaning someone can be legally blind but still see colors and shapes and a degree of lights. White canes dogs are tools to navigate their environment with greater independence. Whereas every citizen should be aware that Oregon law requires that drivers stop and remain stopped until a person carrying a white cane or using a guide dog has crossed street. Whereas October 15th has been designated by the U.S. Congress in 1964 as a day and celebration of the height canes and guide dogs for safety. I, Ted Wheeler, do hereby proclaim October 15th, 2022, to be white cane awareness day in Portland and call upon public officials, members of civic organizations and all people in the city of Portland to join together as we work to ensure the benefits and privileges of life in our great city are available to persons blind or visually diverse.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate that.

**Speaker:** May I add one more thing. That is, if you look around Portland October 15th, you won't see any activity going on that promotes this day or celebrates it. Because it so happens that the American Council for the Blind of Oregon is holding their state convention in Springfield on that weekend. And so, there will be a

celebration taking place on that day from 1:30 until 3:00 in front of the springfield public library. So there.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Next item, the last item on the time certain agenda 846.

**Speaker:** Proclaiming October 10th, 2022 to be indigenous people's day.

**Speaker:** Thank you, i'll turn it over to stone hudson, our tribal relations associate to introduce our guest speakers for this item.

**Speaker:** Good morning, and thank you mayor Wheeler for providing us time and space to highlight this work. In addition to celebrating native leadership, the tribal relations program has strived to increase indigenous visibility. In thoughtful collaboration, with hannah, I want to introduce [indiscernible] with the tribe and [indiscernible] to speak on their efforts for how this work is integral in the celebration of native American heritage month.

**Speaker:** Hello, mayor and council. Thank you for receiving us today. I am [indiscernible] I live in northeast Portland. My colleagues samantha hanley living lives in southeast Portland. I want to share my screen quickly. I'm a visual person, so I have to show photos. For this year, as we entered these partnership of how indigenous people are seen in the community, our creative agency came up with this project to be able to create photo sessions that highlight the indigenous community in Portland. Also, create something that we can showcase in a public art project. My intention is to not only create this interest in collaboration with the community but to make sure the community gets compensated for their time and also for their contributions. We are thinking of putting together photo sessions that will highlight the diversity of indigenous peoples in the city much Portland. After that, through the process, we'll make sure that we put these images up on public spaces around the city. We have one large building in downtown near 10th and

morrison. We're also going to make images that will be pasted around town. In the three messages that we're trying to put out for the community is watching you watching us. Making sure there is a connection between the community and the indigenous community. We are the land. Remembering the indigenous peoples are still here and there is a diverse group of indigenous people native to this land called Portland and our investors pray for. It refers to the prayers battles our ancestors had to fight to be here today. In addition to that, we're going to be projecting the images from the photo sessions on to buildings around town. And that way, we can connect the community again to indigenous community and showcase the diversity of indigenous peoples in the city. We want to make sure this is collaborative, educational and vibrant and there is a level of representation. We have secured people that are going to be able to join us for these photo sessions. A diverse group of community members that are here in the city of Portland. And then on the right side, you'll see the building that we'll use for the mural. On the middle, you'll see as you walk around town, you'll be able to see these life-sized portraits of indigenous people. Even though this land is conquered and stolen, the indigenous peoples are still here today. This is a little bit of the timeline. We want to do this for American heritage month this year. We're still looking for funding. We're searching for people within the city to help us make your goal to pay people properly and create this large scale murals. Overall, thank you so much for just listening to us and having the opportunity to be part of this community.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you.

**Speaker:** We have been so lucky to partner with so many different factors of city and county. We've been working with the future generations collaborative and lora john and her amazing team. And as well as the city arts fund. It's been amazing to watch the city and all of the many different facets come together to collaborate and

understand that amplifying voices doesn't always need to be Marching in the street or just a poster. It's a conversation that leads to building a bridge between representation and change. I think this would be an amazing project to lead that dialogue and allow the city to take charge in that. That's what we want to be able to provide is that bridge. Let's not put the weight on the people to come to the city but allow the city to start the dialogue peacefully and beautifully. This can be a gentle reminder that indigenous people are not just here, they're part of the community and city. We're working every day to make this place more beautiful and collaborative. This not just something for the month of November, it's a mission to further our dialogue heading into many years to come and improve our society based on indigenous knowledge and partnership.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank, we appreciate that. Stone, does that complete the presentation?

**Speaker:** Yes, it does, mayor.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: I want to thank you, stone and our guests samantha and jose for joining us here today. Our seven years pass, indigenous people's day is a time to learn about people and those who identify indigenous and activating our core value of anti-racism. This signifies a shift in understanding. Indigenous people's day gives recognition to the first peoples of this land and up lifts culture. Oftentimes we tend to focus on the dark histories and the suffering of native people. In our commitment to being an ally to indian country, we have the duty to address past harms while at the same time elevating the vibrant native communities that thrive in Portland today. This is an opportunity for indigenous people to proudly proclaim that they are still here. Further more, it's an opportunity for all of us to celebrate the diversity, prosperity and strength the native communities bring and show us that we -- show everybody that we see you and

value you. The city will continue to meaningfully engage with native peoples to ensure our work is strategic and that it's rooted in positive outcomes for indigenous peoples. Next month we'll have the fourth tribal relations training to continue to build foundational knowledge of tribal governments and serving the needs of indigenous Portlanders. As we wait with anticipation for that training, I also ask that all of us hold space to recognize, honor and celebrate indigenous peoples. I would like to open this up for my colleagues now to comment before I read the proclamation. First in shrine commissioner Mapps then commissioner Rubio then commissioner Ryan.

**Speaker:** Thank you. I'm delighted to join you in declaring October 10th, 2022, to be indigenous people's day here in Portland. The purpose of this holiday is to celebrate need of cultures and native American history. This is particularly appropriate for Portland to celebrate indigenous people's day. Humans have been living in this space that we know as Portland for 11,000 years. Some of the first people were known by names still familiar with us. The clackamas, tualatin peoples. Most of the people here are native Americans and that changed account Oregon donation act that seized tribal lands including off of Portland and offered that land to white settlers for free. Native Americans are not just part of Portland's past. Native Americans are part of who we are today. Today more than 70,000 indigenous people live in the greater Portland area. It makes us the 9th largest urban indian population in the united states. Still, even today indigenous Portlanders face enormous challenges and discrimination. Today poverty ranked among native Americans are twice as high as poverty rates for their white neighbors. Native American unemployment rates are 70% higher than unemployment rates for white Portlanders. In Portland more than half of native students do not graduate in high school. Indigenous Portlanders are the victims 6



violent crimes at rates 250% higher than their white neighbors. Now, despite these challenges, native Americans made enormous contributions to Portland's economy and culture. If you want to learn more about native Americans here until Portland, I encourage you to visit the Portland historical society and art museum. I encourage all Portlanders to join me in observing this year's indigenous people's day.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: commissioner Rubio.

**Speaker:** C. Rubio: I'm here in deep prescription of the significance and want to recognize the moment today. Indigenous communities have made significant contributions, but continue to experience the last being effects of colonization. This corps rates to the rise in violence and disproportionate health outcomes and incarceration across the united states and Americas. As a city, we have so much more to do to help lift up our work and the contributions of the communities from the legacy much broken promises to protect their rights to vote and the right to representation. And to support self-determination and the right of other opportunities that their investors have long been denied. It's imperative that we honor the resilience and contributions that native Americans have made in our communities and across government. Again, I want to lift up how important the work of tribal relations is to the city of Portland and the work that they do every day to raise awareness about these communities. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Ryan.

**Speaker:** D. Ryan: thank you and thank you for that presentation. Colleagues, it's an honor to be part of this proclamation and support the incredible traditions and history of the indigenous communities. This gives us a chance to honor the role of American indigenous in our community. I appreciate the comments by my colleagues so I won't repeat anything. Earlier this week I had a opportunity to chat with loretta gunsman and it was important to listen to her story and being so

resilient during the pandemic. What I took away was her sincerity about being a bridge builder and what a leader we need in her in this community at this time. I was heartened by the damage that was done to the art in the bison coffee house and the native and indigenous people created this art. It's quite an art gallery. I wanted to dedicate my comments and thoughts to her. I want to end with I had the joy of growing up spending a lot of times -- summers on the Oregon coast. It was on the land of a tribe. Two wig families, Ryan and masons played together and called each other cousins. I was able to hear a lot about their experience and what it was like to know that that's their land. Moving forward to that end, I became the proud uncle to my niece ticey mason. One of my older brothers and masons got married. It's wonderful to have them part of the family. And I'm grateful we take the time and I'm excited about the art in the presentation shared. I'm looking forward to checking that out.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you, mayor and thank you commissioner Rubio and mayor for bringing this proclamation forward. I will say that I want to start by appreciating lora john for her incredible leadership of our tribal relations office and appreciate stone hudson who hit the ground running I think a year and a half ago. And the absolutely commitment that the office has shown to helping all of us understand the culture of our tribes in a much more intentional way. I will say that commissioner amanda fritz really made a commitment as part of the City Council to really center native American voices in ways that did not happen before she was on this council. Since I've been here, I've seen us actually do things very intentional that highlight making sure that we are respecting the independence and culture of native nations all across this region. We have a long way to go before we [indiscernible] they say that we have built this relationship in a way that it's going to

take us into the future. But what I know is that we have a commitment that is actually different than any I've seen in quite some time to really join hands and really appreciate all that the native community provides to us around culture, food, around planning seven generations ahead. I keep stealing this from your culture because I love it so. When people think about making decisions today for the 7th generation ahead. That tells me that you're intentional about making sure that every move we take today is going to really build that vision that we all say we want. I am grateful all of you my guest speakers today and grateful for the on going work that happens behind the scene with the tribal relations office and I'm thrilled to be part of this council today as we celebrate indigenous people's day. Thank you so much.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you commissioner Hardesty and my colleagues. I'll read the proclamation and I want to thank our community members as well as our tribal relations office for their work to draft this proclamation on behalf of all of us whereas, the city of Portland recognizes that the indigenous people of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial. Whereas, the city of Portland exists at the confluence of the Klamath and Columbia rivers that are home to villages and trade routes to the indigenous people in relation to the land long before the westward expansion of European settlements in this country and whereas indigenous people advocate for their community, way of life and well-being for the land they've been stewards of and whereas, the city of Portland will integrate indigenous knowledge and perspective into both practices and policy to combat the institutional racism impacting indigenous people who continue to face hardships as a result of centuries of neglectful policies responsible for the disproportional outcomes in health, education and economic mobility. Whereas. The city of Portland tribal

relations program supports and facilitates meaningful consultation with regional tribes in order to uncover and preserve the cultures and histories rooted in native land and whereas, on October 7th, 2015 Portland City Council passed a resolution resolving that the city of Portland shall recognize indigenous people's day on the second Monday of October and whereas, the city recognizes the intergenerational harm that has been caused by the federal indian boarding school policies that celebrated children if their families that led to the loss of culture, language and connection to indigenous ways of life calling for the recognition of September 30th as the national day of remembrance for indian boarding schools go whereas the 2022 indigenous people day about amplifying the processes that ensure greater access to historically sacred lands an opportunity for communal collaboration on city initiatives while honoring our nation's indigenous history and contributions. I, ted Wheeler do here by proclaim October 10th, 2022 to be indigenous people's day in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you all.

Appreciate it. And I want to once again thank you our closed captioners for bearing with us for two solid hours. Why don't we take a 10-minute recess and let their hands cool down a bit and we'll reconvene at 11:40 a.m. We are in recess.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: we'll now go to the regular agenda, we'll start with number 853.

**Speaker:** Clerk: amend arts education and access income tax code related to arts education coordination.

**Speaker:** This includes arts and access fund oversight committee. Arts are a key driver and mover of Portland's economy. This affects our k-5 students and this fund commonly refers to the arts tax was established in 2012 to establish art contest education in the six school districts. Students in our six school districts central, david douglas, parkrose. Portland, reynolds and riverdale benefit from this tax. Last

fiscal year we received \$6.8 million for arts educators and rac received [indiscernible] to arts organizations. Rac was allowed up to three revenues for arts coordination costs ensuring that highly qualified will work with the school districts. The work within our schools has changed over the years especially with the pandemic. We propose a small but impactful change to support the oversight and education coordination functions for the next settle of years. Given the public's high expectations of the public funds, the city needs to work with our schools directly to achieve the following, define data tracks, establishing deadlines for Portland school districts and ensure they meet the deadlines and provide coordination and collaboration for the arts between the school districts and arts teachers. In addition, the ordinance will enable the city to better support the arts oversight committee in carrying out the duties. To date, the city for 10 years provided minimum staff time from note taking duties. I believe this was a misstep and one this ordinance is addressing, this resigns the management of the art responsibilities to the city. Additionally, the arts oversight committee will share their report later this fall which we believe with help better transform this commission moving forward. I want to acknowledge that many may not support this. I remain clear in my belief that the changes are necessary to come into better alignment for accountability and public service. I want to make sure this continues and the public and all invested stakeholders including rac and the aoc understand this is squarely focused on arts coordination piece. We're not changing everything in the millions of dollars rac has received to award to non-profits. This is a targeted effort. More importantly nor does the change the millions in other funds for operating costs and support local artists. Now I will turn it over to jeff and stephen.

**Speaker:** Thank you. I'm jeff hawthorne, the city arts program manager.

Ordinance before you today would change city code related to the arts education

and access income tax section 5.73. Moving arts education coordination responsibilities to the city arts program at omf would set us up to provide a higher level of collaboration between the school districts and higher level of service to arts teachers. To recap the background, as you know, 62% of Portland voters approved the arts education access fund back in 2012 commonly referred to as the arts tax. The purpose of this tax is to ensure arts education in Portland's six public school districts which the commissioner mentioned and to expand access to all Portland residents. Specifically, the city has igas to pay for one k-5 arts teacher for every 100 students. These are certified to teach dance theater and visual arts and school districts received a total of \$6.8 million that year. Rac receives disbursements for non-profit organizations and fund arts events throughout Portland. Rac received \$3.4 million last year. A lesser known provision allows rac to use some of the allocations and up to 3% of the net revenues each year for arts education coordination costs. This ensures that highly qualified persons will coordinate and work with school districts in high quality arts programs. This made sense when the tax was established in 2012 because they had we had a robust program and a tri-county public/private partnership known as the right brain initiative. Right brain provided professional development to school districts so there was an efficiency in having rac perform this service for the city's arts tax. Rac ended the programs in 2020 and today spends \$125,000 of tax money to coordinate the services. In conversations in 2021 and 2022 and through an informal survey sent to school representatives to attend our meeting in may, we learned that school districts while appreciative of the support are looking for increased levels of arts, technical expertise and professional support. At the end of the day, it is our recommendation that it should be the city's point to ensure that we are fulfilling the promise of the arts tax by supporting and measuring arts education services in our schools. In

addition, as commissioner said, the arts oversight can committee currently on race with minimal staff support and we believe the city should support them commensurate with the high level of responsibility overseeing the disbursement of millions of taxpayer dollars every year. We appreciate how diligent and committed the committee has been fulfilling the commission of their work, and we're happy to collaborate and support them. Lastly this amendment deletes the word "citizen" from the originally named citizen oversight committee to refer to it as just the oversight committee. We are requesting City Council support of this ordinance to go into effect November 18th and i'll turn it over to stephen herrera.

**Speaker:** I'm the senior policy adviser for commissioner Rubio. As part of my duties, I convene a monthly meeting of arts liaisons from each office and we've been keeping your office informed this work. If proved, next would be education and arts stakeholders, arts oversight committee and rac to cocreate a job description and have a hiring process for updated arts updated position. Jeff and I are available to answer any questions and tyler wallace from the revenue division is here to answer any technical or financial tax questions. Thank you.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: I wanted to acknowledge this the first time that stephen has presented in front of this body, and I wanted to recognize and appreciate him as being one of the strong staff supporters here. Supporting commissioner Rubio. Thank you stephen.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: is there any public testimony on this item Keelan?

**Speaker:** Clerk: yes, we have six people signed up for this item.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: if there are no questions, let's get to public testimony.

**Speaker:** Mayor, if I may, I want to make sure, there is some confusion on my role in this agenda item. I wanted to make it clear before we get to public testimony, I did not have the time to talk to rac, but I would have liked to prior to us

being here today. I just want to make sure that the public understands that I am committed to working with commissioner Rubio. I believe that where we're moving towards is the right direction for us to go. I just wanted to clarify that before we get into public testimony because I've been hearing rumors and I like to clear them up.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: it will be three minutes each. Name for the record and Keelan will call your name.

**Speaker:** Clerk: first up is lora struck.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: welcome lora. Thanks for being here.

**Speaker:** Good morning, many I'm the founder and executive director of under served youth non-profit. With over 250 years of arts and non-profit leadership, I've been involved with the arts access fund since before it was on ballot in fall of 2012. I join the oversight committee since 2017 and within chair since 2019. Our committee is finalizing our report to share our findings and recommendations with you. Our full oversight committee asked you to vote no on 853 making these changes to city code at this time. We're asking for a no-vote because our oversight committee a committee charged with the mandate for oversights on the fund and we've been left out of this process in discussion or even knowledge of the code changes until they were cold by commissioner Rubio's office to us in mid-August that you're bringing these changes in September. This was done with zero oversight discussions and recommendations from the committee. We had no seat or voice at the table. We're still unclear as the specific reasoning to it rushed change to city code. The working agreement states that our oversight committee chair our annual report with City Council in November or December to share our findings with council. The members of our committee are working diligently to bring recommendations to you within next month. Having this immense change to city code dropped on us at our mid-August committee have brought several answers



that need to be answered before the change. In a brief meeting with commissioner Rubio yesterday, some but not all stakeholders were present. We had a goal of putting a pause on the agenda item for the purpose of a more robust conversation backed up with data. A 40-minute meeting was barely enough time to scratch the surface on the issues at play. While there was some progress made, it was clear that much more final was needed for more information and data to be shared by our committee. Committee questions are questions on what has been given by stakeholders and what adjustments need to be made. This evaluation and question asking needs to come directly from the oversight committee as it is stated in the memo which legally defines roles and responsibilities. For the oversight committee, the city attorney states in addition to reviewing expenditures and monitoring the opportunity ratio, there is a broad mandate for the umbrella oversight committee charged with this is being brought with agreements. The citizen's committee could report on how well rac is performing." this has bypassed the intent of the committee. Our committee cannot support these changes until we have more information and data regarding the code changes from the full oversight committee. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up is elizabeth stuck.

**Speaker:** And I encourage people to stay within the three minutes.

**Speaker:** Good morning. Thank you mayor Wheeler and commissioners for the opportunity to speak today. I'm elizabeth stuck. I'm the interim board chair at rac and city-appointed board member. I'm non-profit executive and consultant and a mom to two young boys, the older of whom started at woodlawn elementary. I call with all those identities in mind. My request is that you vote no on this ordinance and funding shift. I believe it's imperative that rac have the opportunity alongside the city of Portland commissioner Rubio and the aoc to make a decision together to

collaborate on the why of this potential change. I do not believe that I as a board member have been invited into this conversation adequately. I'm heartened that we had a meeting and I think we can have a meaningful relationship. On Friday of last week, we received a memo with the rationale for this change. Not allowing us enough time to process the information, let alone respond to it. That's three business days. Many of us volunteer our time to support this effort and have a strong request to simply pause on this change so that we can allow time for conversation and dialogue. I believe that there is huge opportunity for us to steward these funds in the way that they were meant to be stewarded but we can't do that without time at the table and voices being heard. I want to just take a moment to respond to the informal survey mentioned during Mr. Hawthorne's remarks. I believe I appreciate the voices that were shared in that survey, but I would recommend asking how many people participated in that because the number is small. Whereas, Lora Stripe just talked about a robust report including the voices of many key stakeholders, parents, educators and school officials. I believe it would make a lot of sense to allow us to review that before making a decision that has an impact on where funding is allocated. Okay. Thank you. I yield the rest of my time.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you and by way of clarification, I'll defer to the commissioner in charge but it's not our intention to vote today. This is just a first reading.

**Speaker:** Thank you, I appreciate the clarification.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up is Matthew Scharf. It doesn't look like Matthew is joining us. Next we have Jonathan Garcia.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: welcome.

**Speaker:** I'm Jonathan Garcia, the chief of staff of Portland public schools. You

should have received written testimony from guadalupe guerrero who was named outstanding administrator of the year. On behalf of our district of 8,000 staff and 47,000 students, I urge you to support the ordinance. Like our community, we want to make sure these dollars are spent productively and prudently. We appreciate our partnership with rac. To get the most from the arts information and access funds direct investments, we need dedicated support in line with state learning standards. This would free rac to help the artists and ensuring school districts have the capacity to provide dedicated support our educators need.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. We appreciate it. Next individual, please.

**Speaker:** She would be happy to meet with any member of staff. This will increase equity within arts programming. On this point, we see value as alignment with the city's arts work. The city has extended pour to black artists and initiated a cultural planning process and advanced projects like interstate firehouse cultural center. These investments support our students and communities in celebrating cultures, identities and lived experience and building capacity to use art to disrupt unjust systems. We wanted to have the strongest arts education country in the country. We achieve the -- we want you to support this.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: I cut out but I think we heard all of it. Thank you for your testimony. Next individual, please.

**Speaker:** Next up we have carol tatch.

**Speaker:** Welcome, carol. Thanks for being here.

**Speaker:** Thank you. I have a white cane with a disability, I loved to see the proclamation come through. And hearing about the work from [indiscernible] thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you for being here.

**Speaker:** Good morning commissioners and guests. I'm the co-executive director

of the regional arts and culture council. We last conversed in may when I brought the report. Rac does not support or recommend the advancement of 853. We have not been the grace of a consistent response. The last few years have been phenomenal for the rac program and management for our services for the arts education income tax fund. Both parties admit it's the only time this program has been successfully managed. We manage success by survey and engagement from the aoc, he had carrots and our own work. We have data to support this success and you have that data as well because we report on it regularly. We recently have been criticized as providing too much information in our reports for the city, but we stand here with no new information. We made multiple requests and asked for information from educators and none has been supplied until finally in August we were told at a meeting with commissioner Rubio there was nothing to back up their claims. Surprisingly, yelled a new reason was brought forward before a small group of people. As the reason given would have halted this process. They have misinformation that could have been easily confirmed had our the aoc consulted. The changes to the ordinance are as troubles as this process has been. We do not believe the office can effectively implement the needs and commissioner Rubio has to the taken the time to learn from us around the work around the aoc. There will be no checks and balances. Who will lead this project as an equitable endeavor. There are clear areas of conflict in this process. The aoc has requested a better opportunity to a committee charged with the oversight, it makes sense to include them but they have not had a seat at the table. James dixon came before you three weeks ago for an equity review and we heard that he and the aoc would be engaged, but it has not happened. Commissioner Rubio has not spoken with him or the aoc at all. For rac and the aoc it's about equity and access. We do this work by not taking the full allocation of 3%. We are not paid for our documentaries with aaf.

What we do not use is sent out to the community in grants. We could take 300,000, but we don't. That's our commitment to ensuring the public funds are redistributed and that will not be the case if this ordinance passes here today. We'll stop there.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thanks for being here.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up is nancy holmesworth.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you for being here.

**Speaker:** Greetings mayor and commissioner. Thank you for this opportunity today and thank you in advance for your time. I have testified before the City Council multiple times about the aaf in the past. I am a former arts tax-funded pps visual arts teacher and an art teacher with 24 years in public schools and 25 years experience teaching all ages in non-traditional settings. I am a member of the arts oversight committee working under the leadership of stan and craig. I'm quite familiar with the workings of the aaf and volunteered many, many hours. I'm on the board of rac and a recent recruit, I started in August. I am urging you to vote no on item 853 that moves the responsibilities from rac to the portfolio of commissioner Rubio within the city of Portland and I keep saying it wrong -- the cap, mr. Hawthorne. We met with commissioner Rubio and staff to better understand the desire to make this shift. We felt like the creation of 853 happened quickly and we needed adequate time to fully understand the rationale behind the changes. Our much-appreciated -- much appreciated but short yesterday. We do understand that people are busy. It was a helpful first step for understanding but there was not enough time to share either/or both sides of the issue. We propose to pause any decision on moving forward with this funding shift and use the time to better understand both sides of the issue, pros and cons. We want to understand the data behind this proposed shift from both sides from commissioner Rubio's office and from the aoc. We want the opportunity to ask questions to synthesize our

understanding and we want to review the comprehensive -- oops, I said that before, the robust data the aoc has gathered but not shared. I believe the arts education person within rac has gathered data yet to come to light. There is tons of information out there. When we met yesterday, we pitched the idea that the pause could be used as a time to forge well-functioning relationships between rac and the city arts program manager and commissioner Rubio's office. We have solidly shared goals and building easy routes and shared trust and collaborative habits would only benefit Portland. Lastly, pausing can taking time to build this conduit between our groups will give us all time to share expertise as we write mutually agreed upon measures of success. We all want success, but what does that look like and how is it measured? What does it look like? We believe these are worthy goals to fit the needs and function of all goals involved so please vote no on item 853 or vote "pause." so, I think we could put our brain together but put our brains together before anything is set in stone. Thank you for your time. Appreciate it.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thanks for being here. Next individual.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next is simcha-johnson.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: welcome back.

**Speaker:** Is it afternoon yet? Earlier I did not get a chance to mention, women, life and freedom. Iran is fighting misogyny right now. This discussion is to a particular item. One thing that was interesting is we heard about the ending or lapse of the right brain initiative and he as we try to figure out how this money is supervised. I want to be clear it's disappointing about what money was missing. There is no mention of the boyle family or paul allen family and mr. Phil knight. We need better funding for the arts in addition to these little political adjustments as to how the aoc and the aeaf -- I had commissioner hardesty back me up on the trouble with acronyms. I wouldn't personally feel competent to make a strong recommendation

about yes or no or pause here. However, you have to balance whether you consider yourselves more executive or more of a deliberative legislative body and if there is a need for urgency here. 850 is an emergency item. I haven't heard "emergency here" as we used to hear it, but given the fact there is a robust conversation on this topic would be an opportunity to bring in, perhaps matching funding from the snitchers and boyles and I know joe westin is good for catholic charities but I don't know if he's done anything for the arts. If this moves slowly, there is an opportunity to build a structure where rac or the arts commission office can talk about additional funding that's been matched to some of these programs. I hope that regardless whether we get cool sound effects or not, we'll be able to have not just what we have now but additional sources of funds to administer this program.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** Clerk: that completes the testimony.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: any further questions or comments? This a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance moves to second reading. Thank you for your testimony, everybody. Next item. Second reading of 854.

**Speaker:** Clerk: amend trees code to improve clarity, efficiency, and outcomes of tree regulations. Amend code title 11.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: this is the second reading, any further discussion?

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: I wanted to appreciate commissioner Rubio. As you remember from last we go. I had two primary concerns, one was setting an expectation that we were going to pay advisory committee members merely by removing language that says it is a volunteer commitment. I don't like us setting up things that actually allow people to say, well, see it doesn't prevent us from doing it without the City Council to have a real plan about how we're going to support community volunteers who volunteer their time for boards and commissions. If it's

just a housekeeping item with no action, I would actually be happy to strike that change from this resolution today. If there is a second on this council for that. The second issue that I brought up that I'm concerned about is going from getting a -- going from getting advice to a mandate that the forestry department actually has a sign-off as compared to advice is a slippery slope. My experience with forestry has not been accessible and actually committed to actually mitigating the problems that we've had. I'll use the Portland art. We could still be pondering if we could remove a tree so the operation could be redeveloped. I think there is some problems that those two particular items give me great concern and great pause on. And so, I would like to just say commissioner, that it's my concern.

**Speaker:** C. Rubio: I totally understand. I'm not prepared staff-wise to make any changes on the floor. But I hear you and will definitely take note regardless.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: sounds like we're ready to move on.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: any further discussion? Please call the roll.

**Speaker:** Clerk: Mapps.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Rubio.

**Speaker:** C. Rubio: I want to thank parks and forestry for this work. I especially want to thank nick and brian for their work on this and the briefing ahead of today's session. I vote aye.

**Speaker:** Clerk: Ryan.

**Speaker:** D. Ryan: yes. Thank you for last week's presentation and thank you commissioner Rubio for bringing this forward. I think that the conversations we had were important. I think the comments that were made by commissioner hardesty had a lot of validity. At this moment and at this time i'll move this forward and vote aye.



**Speaker:** Clerk: hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: no.

**Speaker:** Wheeler.

**Speaker:** I note eye and that is adopted. 855.

**Speaker:** Clerk: authorize the bureau of transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the brentwood darlington bike ped improvements project through the exercise of city's eminent domain authority.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: commissioner hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: I never thought I would bring an ordinance forward for this route, but here we are today. We have before us an ordinance that will move forward this important bike and pedestrian route and the brentwood darlington neighborhood. It is exciting to point out that this will be a multimodal connection to and across 82nd avenue and will allow for numerous safety improvements coming to it over the next few years. The staff is here to answer in questions you may have. I see ashley mattway is here, take it away.

**Speaker:** Good evening, mayor and commissioner. I'm ashley mattway. I'm a pbot staff member. [off mic]

**Speaker:** Ashley, can you speak into the microphone. We're struggling to hear you a little bit.

**Speaker:** Is that better?

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: yes, thank you.

**Speaker:** So we're here to talk about the brentwood and darlington improvement. We need a right-of-way in order to complete the project. It would give us the support to compensate property owners and if necessary, condemn property owners. [off mic]

**Speaker:** Hello, I'm Lisa Patterson. I'm the capital project manager with PBOT. I'll go over a few details about the project. Beyond what Commissioner Hardesty provided. We'll be infilling and providing missing sidewalks along Southeast between 52nd and 82nd along with other improvement along Ogden Street where we'll improve the crossing with new striping and lighting for those intersections. In addition, we'll be adding a new signal at 82nd and Knapp. This is a job intersection. The signal is at Knapp Street but does provide connection from Ogden west of 82nd to Knapp Street east of 82nd and along with the sidewalk improvements, we also will be updating over 60 ADA ramp locations. Before the public involvement on this project, this started many years during the 2018 land grant application submitted for federal funding. The grant was not originally approved for funding, but there was an outpouring of community support that reversed the decision. We had multiple letters signed for that application with community support. And we are continually working with the community giving them regular project updates during the design phase and we'll continue during construction.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: Ashley, do you have more or did you get cut off? Are you done with your presentation? We're not clear on that.

**Speaker:** I'll speak about the right-of-way and then be done. 858 gives the authority to compensate property owners to meet the projects. [Indiscernible] permit rights will be for ADA ramps and sidewalk facilities that are missing. I've invited all the property owners to this meeting via a letter. I'm happy to answer any questions.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: I'm sorry, it's hard to hear you, we have somebody outside screaming so it makes it even harder. Is there anyway to move your microphone closer?

**Speaker:** I'm using my laptop.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: okay. Just speak up and I'm sure we'll hear you fine.

**Speaker:** This is [indiscernible] property owners have been invited, I'm not sure if anybody signed up to testify.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you ashley. I appreciate your testimony. We're working through challenging conditions here. Thank you so much. Mayor, i'll turn it back over to you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, ashley, we heard most of it, but it's hard with the laptops. How many people do we have signed up?

**Speaker:** Clerk: we have one person signed up but it doesn't look like they've joined yet.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: all right. Did you want to testify?

**Speaker:** This is 855, not 850.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: good. Any further discussion on this item? Please call the roll.

**Speaker:** Mapps.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Rubio.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Ryan.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Hardesty.

**Speaker:** Aye. And thank you ashley for good work.

**Speaker:** Wheeler.

**Speaker:** Commissioner hardesty for bringing this forward and ashley, thank you for your testimony. I vote aye, the ordinance is adopted and we'll go back to the consent agenda where item number 850 was pulled. Please read 850.

**Speaker:** Accept grants in the amount of \$789,000 from the state of Oregon, authorize intergovernmental agreement for southwest taylor ferry's road and appropriate \$220,000 for fy 2022/23.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: commissioner hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: this was under consent agenda. I don't know who pulled it.

**Speaker:** It was pulled by don baack and he's on the line.

**Speaker:** Let's let him testify.

**Speaker:** I can serve as presiding officer if you have business to take care of.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: let me find out what is going on.

**Speaker:** Clerk: don, are you there?

**Speaker:** Can you hear me?

**Speaker:** Yes. I live at hillsdale. This is something that we ask for the legislative to get funded and want to improve the hillsdale trail. Here in front of you is a map. It goes from hillsdale at the top. Crosses the freeway. It goes through a commercial park and a state park. [indiscernible] it's a six-mile run. I appreciate the [indiscernible] this trail connects to regional town center and parts of the t-walkway. It's been through two-thirds of its life. I want to thank representative sly and [indiscernible] for their help to improve this trail. Southwest trails is using 11,000 for construction and investment. We'll [indiscernible] there is a new bridge on [indiscernible] the route presently uses a detour as it speaks through an area -- I also want to thank my colleague [indiscernible] [indiscernible] works with staff and steve [indiscernible] [indiscernible] I just really want to give a shout out from the senator representing staff to move this forward. Thank you very much. Any questions?

**Speaker:** This is ted. I'm going to be honest, I could hear about 10% of what you were saying there. There appears to be some sort of electronic interference or

something in the background.

**Speaker:** Basically this is a trail -- is that better?

**Speaker:** Can you just explain in a couple -- what is the concern? Is your concern --

**Speaker:** I'm working with senator wagner and representative salinas.

[indiscernible]

**Speaker:** Don, my colleagues hear better than I do and they're saying you're supporting this.

**Speaker:** Yes. Yes.

**Speaker:** Good. I'll vote for that. Because I couldn't hear very well what you were saying. I appreciate it and while I have the mic, I want to say I appreciate your years of leadership around identifying and improving the trail network through the city at southwest Portland in particular and your work is dually noted and greatly appreciated by all so thank you for your continued leadership.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Sorry you can't hear me.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Rubio.

**Speaker:** C. Rubio: don, I wanted to echo the mayor's words and thank you so much for your advocacy and steadfast support for the trails in our community and we owe a lot to your advocacy and network of volunteers. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: commissioner hardesty.

**Speaker:** J. Hardesty: thank you, mayor. Don, I wanted to add on to the appreciation. Everybody on this council who has been paying attention knows that we would not be getting this money had you not done the advocacy that you've done over the last 20 plus years. You've been a strong advocate for the southwest trails and not just an advocate, you've done incredible work to improve the trails as a community volunteer. When this was pulled, I was trying to figure out, does don

not want me to take this money? I was a little confused. I'm happy to hear that you are happy and you'll continue to be a strong partner with us. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to have this conversation. I was going to accept the money -- thank you for allowing us to have this conversation.

**Speaker:** Clerk: we have one other person, Charles.

**Speaker:** Brridgeccrane simcha-johnson with you this afternoon. Sometimes I'm with individuals for justice. Joe Walsh is no longer with us but his memory lives on in the way to think that any pulled item on the agenda is against. We pull the agenda items especially these -- Joe and I wouldn't always see eye-to-eye. It's okay for the police department to take money from the feds. It's great to get \$789,000 from the state of Oregon. It's a little bit of a juxtaposition of having a super strong advocate in having this. State senator Wagner and representative Salinas were instrumental? Getting this into the budget. Hopefully somebody out there will scare up money from Salem or Washington D.C. So that I think the assessment there was going to be up to \$24,000 on just 15 houses. And you you all have different lived experience. I'm not sure what my lane is. Commissioner Hardesty talked about her lane. Some of us remember that Ted Wheeler was resident of Ott and Hoyt. Making sure that the property taxes get paid for property in the southwest. Some of you only pay around \$6,000 for Harbor Lodge, but I appreciate your diligence to the different needs. One thing I want to emphasize is that landlords don't pay property taxes on their rental properties, they collect the money from the tenants and the tenants are the, the defactor pairs of the property taxes on rental properties. Don did awesome, \$789,000 is coming from Salem. Good luck in finding matching money.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate it. Any for the items for this morning other than calling the roll?

**Speaker:** Mapps.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Rubio.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Ryan.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Hardesty.

**Speaker:** Aye.

**Speaker:** Wheeler.

**Speaker:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted and we are adjourned, but colleagues, don't leave just yet.

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**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: everyone, this is the Portland City Council meeting October 12th, 2022. Pleads call the roll.

**Speaker:** Clerk: roll really.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: rules and decorum.

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**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Could you please read our one item for today. Item number 855.

**Speaker:** Clerk: 856, mayor.



**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: yeah. So it is. Numbers.

**Speaker:** Clerk: thanks.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: 856.

**Speaker:** Clerk: adopt the west Portland town center planned goals policies visions, action charts, land use, concept, and circulation growth concept diagrams and coordinated growth strategy for zoning and infrastructure. A comprehensive plan map, zoning map, title 33 and city wide guidelines.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. This is a hearing of the Portland City Council. The subject of today's hearing is the recommended draft of the west then we'll hear from some invited speakers and for members of the public who have registered to testify. The record for written testimony will be open through Friday, October 14th at 5:00 p.m. At which time the record will close. Again, that's Friday, October 14th at 5:00 p.m. Colleagues, do I have any conflicts of interest? Commissioner hardesty.

**Speaker:** Commissioner hardesty: thank you, mayor. I have no conflicts of interest, but at the risk of being overly cautious, I just wanted to put that on the record.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: I invite commissioner Rubio to give opening remarks and introduce our presenters. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Rubio: thank you, mayor. I'm looking forward to hearing from community today about the recommended draft of west Portland town center and I appreciate that this plan was created with and for the community. I also appreciate its emphasis on considering planning for change, growth, and resilience and town center through a lens of health and racial equity and moving forward. The plan puts forward social, economic, and health outcomes for all and a vibrant community. This long range plan will shape future development and guide the work that investments in the city of this growing area of southwest Portland. I'd like to thank commissioner Mapps and commissioner hardesty for their ongoing support

that has been and will continue to be apart of this work. I would also like to acknowledge and share my appreciation for the two letters of support City Council received from the planning and sustainability commission and the design commission. I have reviewed these letters and appreciate the time these commissions have taken to offer thought feedback. So now I'd like to get us started with today's item.

**Speaker:** Good afternoon City Council. I have the pleasure of opening it up by this afternoon. I want to recognize city staff and the community leaders who worked together to develop the plan before you. It is a culmination of many years of work and has significant community support. It is a plan that considers the value of health and community connection as well as and include joan cunningham. It's a 288-acre area in southwest Portland and the intersection of southwest capital highway and barber sometimes called the cross roads and west to east from southwest 52nd to 30th avenue. Of the city's 2035 comprehensive plan. Portland's 20305 comprehensive plan is a city wide map to areas of growth. At a high level, directs growth to a number of centers and corridors throughout the city such as the west Portland town center. The west Portland town center plan area has long been identified as an area of growth in both and is intended to be implemented over time. The plan before you proposes comprehensive plan and zoning changes that create opportunities for more housing and businesses in the area. It does so by expanding the boundaries of the town center and increasing the areas where mixed use and multidwelling development can take place. Currently, the area zoning is fairly low density and the changes proposed here bring the area zoning into alignment with the town center designation of the plan. This is an important plan from a fair housing perspective because it helps ensure west Portland can absorb its fair share of the city's overall growth. The plan was initiated in 2018 in

response to the plan. High capacity transit allows the city. As you will hear from staff, from the staff presentation, the plan was developed in close coordination with the community and has taken an approach of centering and considering health and equity. Thank you for your leadership. Which was developed in coordination and it also identifies equitable community and can be implemented over time collectively by the city, other public agency partners and community-based organizations. The plan employs strategies that prioritize development of new market rate and affordable housing, the preservation and the inclusion of affordable commercial spaces. It also includes concepts that aim to improve circulation for pedestrian and active transportation modes. And this plan builds upon that strategy. The blueprint outlined in the plan also helps to inform and guide the prioritization of city capital improvement programs and investments and will enable the city and community partners to pursue grants and funding that align with the plan and will implement its goals over time. Finally, the plan also proposes to implement zoning changes over two phases to allow time for infrastructure planning before grading capacity is added. This will be described in more detail in the presentation. I would like to introduce Joan Fredrickson who will share more details about the features of the plan. After the presentation, planning staff is available to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Patricia. Let's see if I get it right. Okay. Good afternoon council members. Thank you for having us today. My name is Joan Fredrickson.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: you might want to bring the mic closer.

**Speaker:** All right. Let's try that. Okay. My name is Joan Fredrickson. I'm one of the key planners on this work. I'm with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. And also here with me today is Bill Cunningham, my project co-lead. We'll be both presenting. Before I get going, I want to let everyone know that the official record

for the west Portland town center plan to this point includes all public testimony received including via the map app. All materials in the recommended draft of the plan. The materials presented to the planning and sustainability commission and all other materials included in the City Council filing. Other than the public testimony and today's presentation, material in the record is located on the project web pages at [www.Portland.gov/bps/planning/pd x-town-center](http://www.Portland.gov/bps/planning/pd-x-town-center). Thank you. While in the interest of making our presentation brief today, we'll be covering the plan at a large level. I want to appreciate the collaboration of the community based organizations that have worked alongside staff to engage renters and bipoccommunity in this area and help us develop this plan as well as everyone's efforts in producing this important foundation for equitable and resilient town center here. I also want to note that there's a lot more to this plan than what we'll cover today, so the community would welcome your interest in learning more and engagement in any of the actions noted in the plan. And, with that, we'll dive in so the west Portland town center is located in far southwest Portland. It's a metro designated town center. So, why here and why now? This is an opportunity area. Planning now provides us the opportunity to resilient and equitable town center to get ahead of any light rail investment packs. It also provides us an opportunity to support the diverse and vulnerable communities living in this area. There are many low-income renters and a large east african and muslim community that are rooted in this area. They've been energized in the area through this project and the work of organizations like united tennis and the southwest equity coalition. It's an opportunity to broaden housing options accessible to more people to model a new approach for equitable growth and to equitable development strategy and housing strategy as well. This map shows a zoom-in of the area. This is the study area. And across the middle of the slide you see in orange barber boulevard just to orient you

and then also in light orange, the transit center site and then to the south, the west Portland park neighborhood is highlighted in purple and we highlight this area most economically diverse in southwest Portland and it's got a high percentage of renters and good degree of existing low-cost housing. So here is some of the snapshot. What's the plan about the next few slides will be high level distillation of the what, the how and who has a role of implementing it. First to touch on the land use plan which will provide more details on later. The land use plan custodies of zoning code changes to support things like housing affordability, jobs, other elements. Zoning map changes as mentioned earlier to expand areas. It also includes a west Portland town center characterize state that will design in the area. Next.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: it was right in the zone.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: my question is, you know, we talk about housing affordability as if it's one thing. And I get concerned knowing with how unaffordable housing is today and how unaffordable it will be tomorrow that maybe we need a term different than a housing affordability because honestly that tells us absolutely nothing. So I guess my question to you is what do you mean when you say housing affordability?

**Speaker:** A broader range of levels of cost for housing and usually that ends up -- that stems from having a wider variety of housing types so that we can have smaller units, detached units, units and apartment buildings as well as units in more traditional residential lots.

**Speaker:** I.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: I've been here only three years and nine months and every developer tell me they're building affordable units and most of them are not. I would encourage you median income, something we can track and I would

say that housing that working people can afford to live in, we're really talking at 60% or below area median income. So I just can't let you just say affordable because it doesn't mean anything, those words. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty, in the subsequent slide we were going to give more detail. We're talking about 60% of AMI. So you'll hear more about that.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: yeah. And I appreciate the question. I had a slightly different take on this. I remember when we first started discussing this project, the strategy through the housing bureau was intentionally anti-displacement focused and I don't see anything here about displacement as being -- you know what, my names are covering it, that's why. It's one of the perils of being the presiding officer. It's on the slide, isn't it, all the way to the right. Now I'll shut up. Go on. [laughter]

**Speaker:** Thank you for your questions. I think those are really important points to make and I appreciate that because it's important.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: that's a nice save, thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: is the public seeing the slides that we're seeing or no?

**Speaker:** Clerk: no. I'll check with our broadcaster to make sure that they're being shown.

**Speaker:** Thank you.

**Speaker:** So the what there's an infrastructure strategy as well which is predominantly related to storm water and transportation and these consist of the plan includes recommendations for projects and sequencing of those in support of community growth and resilience. It also influences the proposal map changes. Lastly an important and grounding part of the plan which you just noted, mayor. There's an equitable development set of actions which articulate some of the other steps reppgsz.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate that.

**Speaker:** So for the land use plan, how do these plans get implemented. So the land use plan gets implemented through the zoning code and the zoning map changes and new development comes in and gets reviewed. The infrastructure gets implemented through the planning and development of future capital projects. Sometimes there are requirements with those and then they are implemented through partnership and the plan is a road map for pursuing partnerships and funding opportunities and to support the ability of the community to advocate for itself and participate in implementation of the plan. And, lastly, who implements. The plan acknowledges that there are many needed partners and actors in this work. This is the beginning really, not the culmination of the work. And the land use plan is primarily principally implemented by the city. The infrastructure strategy as well as the city and the partners and trimet who have a role as well regionally and finally the equitable community actions the broadest set of actors with the city jurisdictional partners as well as the community based organizations and the community involved and seeing some of these actions come to life. And then we'll just share the land use growth concepts. This is sort of the vision of what it showed, this diagram shows sort of how the land use are proposed to be distributed. Things such as in blue we have areas of expanded multi-dwelling beyond the blocks that just front on barbara boulevard as they are today. We have areas of existing low-cost housing that we are proposing regulations around preserving and those are called out in sort of the shaded polka-dot areas. Versus the pink on this map shows the misuse and commercial areas. The orange areas show the various potential locations for the envisioned and very robustly supported multi-cultural hub and lastly in green, it shows the green ring concept to sort of people-friendly circulation network around the town center to help folks get to everyday places without having to necessarily interact with the harsher transportation elements in this area.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: commissioner hardesty.

**Speaker:** Commissioner hardesty: thank you. So just to be clear, none of this that you're talking about exists today?

**Speaker:** There are existing commercial uses and apartments -- multi-dwelling uses in this area, yes. But this would be an expansion of those areas and the zoning that would allow that.

**Speaker:** Commissioner hardesty: so we're proposing changing and zoning so we could allow this diversity of development to take place. Do we have one place in the city of Portland where we've actually done that and actually got the outcomes we said we had hoped for? One place that we can point to.

**Speaker:** Our affordable housing has very often ended up in multidwelling zones. Just a lot of apartment. A lot of multi-family including quite a bit of affordable units and the pearl district has a mix of market rate and affordable units. It hasn't always been delivered to the extent we'd like, but we've been getting multi-dwelling housing, arranging housing types and affordable units in places we've targeted for that.

**Speaker:** Commissioner hardesty: I appreciate that, but again I think if we don't have a real intentional plan about preserving the low-income housing that existed today, the moment we start doing any development, those folks will be pushed out and what I know is that the community wants desperately, this multi-cultural center, but there's no plan or funding to make that happen. So I always feel like we are setting the community up for failure when we come up with these big plans and we don't tell the community and this is how we get to the vision that we have started something at the beginning and we end up with something radically different. And so I think I'm just sharing a tale of caution that I visited this site. I know how desperately these improvements are needed, but I don't believe the city



knows how to save lower income housing units first before they start actually allowing other developers to come in and price people out. And that's going to be my mantra until we get this project moving and I'm going to stop talking and let you go through your presentation. Renters are becoming more and more nervous and I want to be intentional and clear about what the city can do and what the city cannot do and who's responsible for ensuring that when we say a mixed income, we really mean it. And I'm not just talking residential. I'm also talking commercial because we're pricing small businesses out of the city of Portland and these plans don't appear to address that lack of affordable office space for small businesses. When I say small businesses, I'm talking 20 employees or less and so I think other people may have different ideas of what a small business is. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty. We'll continue the presentation, but I did want to point out a couple of things and more specifically that should touch upon. This plan has zoning changes as you're aware and there is an area particularly called sub district d of this plan and maybe you can point it out on the map. There is a pretty innovative strategies for ensuring that the housing that's there, that's market rate but will cost, you know, the pressure is reduced because you actually cannot redevelop the site without two main considerations. One is if you redevelop the site and locate more housing on site, 50% of those units taking advantage have to be 60% of aami or less. The other strategy is to allow for the transfer of unused development realty, but you don't lose the potential, the envelope that's developable there because you can transfer those unused rights else where and then also with the commitment to do 60% of ami affordable housing. So those are two strategies that the zoning -- they're using the zoning to accomplish what you're describing. It will take other actions as well. And another requirement of the plan is to include some affordable commercial space when you get some additional

bonuses. So both of those considerations are there. It does require the market to take advantage of them but that is a start to addressing some of the things that you have described.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: thank you very much. It does sound like we're on path to learn from our mistakes of the past and actually put real policy teeth behind the changes that we're making. I can tell you that makes me feel a lot less nervous than I did at the beginning of this conversation. So thank you.

**Speaker:** Bill Cunningham, BPS and I'll try to answer some of the details without going into too full a level of detail. Patricia was going over some main level components and it's very much the focus has been on promoting equitable development approaches. Things like expanding the multi-dwelling housing. There is a component that is about expanding the range of housing options, but also highlighting some of the things that are targeted to affordable housing at that 60% of area median income level. Some of the zoning code map approaches are about expanding options for commercial services and employment uses in that area so people can be close to jobs and I want to highlight a set of tools that keep in mind, this is a first area plan coming on the heels of the comprehensive plan update. So we really want to explore how we can use zoning code as a tool to promote equitable community development and one way we did this was our approach to affordable housing and community benefits. A lot of our light rail station planning, we just up zoned to provide greater scale on the light rail. You can only get larger by delivering on inclusionary housing or providing other community benefits and I'll provide more information about that. So it's a very different approach. You can get bigger, but only if you're providing benefits and affordable housing. And a new approach was acknowledging importance of the existing low-cost affordable housing where it's really market rate that's inexpensive. That's a key

place where a lot of our lower income bipoc community immigrants are living. Providing some level of housing stability. And i'll share a little bit more later about the approach to, it's a cap on development potential and some incentives for preserving that existing low-cost housing. And as patricia mentioned, this is the first time mandating affordable commercial spaces as a requirement as part of larger commercial projects. And it falls from what you heard in the community that affordability is not just about housing. People want to be part of the economic successes of places and they want to be building the new commercial buildings to include some affordable commercial spaces and a key part of this is dialog. Another component was our contact requirement is usually oriented towards making sure our neighborhood associations are informed but that's been revised in the southwest corridor equity coalition is a group that's pulled into that dialog and is part of that discussion. Next please. Cards and let me just ask, when you say but it's actually a new realm. For years and years and we're taking some steps into affordable commercial being part of the realm of things we want to see along with new development.

**Speaker:** Commissioner hardesty: I appreciate it. My last question before I really let you move on is we know rents are going up over 14% in January because people who owned rental units had the ability to raise rents almost 15%. Do you know the percentage of people who will be priced out of what we're already calling housing naturally affordable housing? Even prior to us approving this plan, how many people do you anticipate will be priced out as of January 1st with the next rent increase? And what are you going to make sure there will be no displacement in January before we've done anything on this had plan?

**Speaker:** Commissioner hardesty, I don't think we have a number at our finger tips right now. We can try to do a little more investigation on that before we come back.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: I would appreciate us being proactive about that and not after people have actually been evicted from their apartments because then it will be too late.

**Speaker:** I know there's legislation even at the state level, you know, the amount of increases of rents, all of that is being discussed from policy perspectives, like how to not have the rents increase too dramatically at any given time, you know, that's not something that the land use plan specifically can deal with, but we'll come back to you with more information on that.

**Speaker:** And this area's definitely part of that context. I was looking at the state of housing bureaus for 2021 and this area for a three-bedroom unit rents was among the top three most expensive areas in the city. It's also one of the areas where the median income household cannot afford the median income house and that goes for even the white population. So this is not an area that's very affordable and I did want to just highlight these maps. And this area is the zoning area here. Limits of sort of a low rise two to three story home, so it's a bit of a transition, but definitely provides more options and inclusionary housing as a tool in those multi-dwelling areas. It's hard to see in this map, but there are some for reference. And the dark purple is showing areas with adoption of this plan and things like our storm water facilities. Southwest has issues with storm water management. The soils do not have good inc. Infiltration and that is key to this approach. The lighter pink is showing a second phase that can only happen after storm water facilities or a storm water system plan is completed.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: so can you slain this. So I'm looking at a map right now and it shows what you want to change the zoning to I presume in advance of those zoning changes, we will already be impacting the.

**Speaker:** It's hard if people see this map and long term, it can go to those new zones.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: so let me make sure I understand so phase one, that would happen with the adoption of this strategy. So that's the near term and this second phase that really is critical to the overall success of this strategy won't happen until the infrastructure planning is done. Explain what that means to me and how long that will take.

**Speaker:** Maybe I can step with that.

**Speaker:** Currently, right now, the adoption of this plan, we would be changing the December ignore naegsz, but not the zoning. So what that does is it signals that, you know, this area is being planned for greater intensity, but the zoning is not there yet and will be an additional step for a property owner to seek the zoning. So in the mean time, the city would be working on the system planning and trying to make sure that we are planning for the infrastructure to to a state that growth. And perhaps, you know, the areas that are in pink, people might come in and do zone changes but maybe that will be a little more delayed.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: it sounds like what you're saying so I can just restate it so I understand what you're saying. Planning is everything, plans are nothing and based on your prior experience with this, you do not anticipate that these phase two comp plan map changes will impact the properties today in any large numbers. What you're telling me is to have people making capital investments. Is that a fair interpretation.

**Speaker:** Yes. It's less likely because they have to go through additional steps.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: and do we have precedent that gives us confidence that that's likely the case.

**Speaker:** Um, so we have the comprehensive plan allows us to signal future change without making a zoning change. So in many cases across the city, we have because generally, usually because of infrastructure, those areas aren't ready to accept the growth. So what we've done here is, yes, split the December budget to signal is that a fair statement the city can undertake and then it's up to the property members to get that changed so and the coordination that's needed.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: great. That's very helpful. I was a little fuzzy on that concept. That helps clarify.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: if I may, you actually made me think of another question. When I see the plan for these changes over the next ten years and I don't need money today, I would just sit on my property waiting for the governments to do their thing and wait for the value of my property to rise. And so what it feels like for someone who doesn't own property and doesn't develop property is that what we're signalling to the people with the resources is that we're going to invest public dollars in your area to see if you can get the best probably price to be able to develop and make the most money out of it. Of so to me it feels backwards and then we will be created. Is that right?

**Speaker:** So part of it is the city and a plan like this that signals and says pay attention to this area because we're acknowledging it's a center and we're planning it as such so let's direct what infrastructure dollars we have to this area and that's the value of planning and doing this phased approach. I understand what you're saying and it is the challenge of our overall system but there's a rationale for why we would, you know, change the designation before changing the zoning to help direct the capital investment resources there.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: the outcome doesn't say what we want. And that just hasn't been the reality

**Speaker:** Just one detail about that just to clarify. The development that the future zoning it's not like people would be waiting in the wings for mixed use. It's still going to be low scale. Just for clarification.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: so is it because we made a decision they wouldn't be hired in the town center areas because it would take a long time to get housing people could afford to live in.

**Speaker:** I think something like 71 acres.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: I'm pretty sure commissioner Mapps had a question.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Mapps: why don't we move on.

**Speaker:** I just wanted to clarify. Unlike past plans, we're not just up zoning allowing with any strings attached a larger scale. There's a teared approach that's really intended to prioritize outcomes desired by the community. For example, you want to get any larger at all and include any residential in your development, you have to do inclusionary housing or include affordable housing as part of that develop to contain any greater scale. If you want to go beyond that, you can achieve greater scale like providing things like day care or community spaces. That affordable space gets you additional space too and there's a provision where only after you've done those other things if you're providing outdoor space, you did also gain additional scales. So gaining bigger community benefits and first and foremost, a gateway to other bonuses is affordable housing. And, this is where really for this last slide that I have, low cost housing preservation, this is where things are really tied to that deeper level of affordability. As we mentioned before, there are quite a few existing low-cost departments especially in the west Portland neighborhood south of barber and providing housing stability for people so they can benefit from changes here, preserving some of that stock of housing is really key to what the community wanted to see happen here. And these apartments already provide a

fair amount of density close by our town center, so their key function is not so much can you get more density on the sites is can we preserve that existing low-cost housing and this is achieved by reducing some of the development entitlements in those areas with the existing low-cost departments. And you can only get bigger if the replacement housing has a substantial amount of affordable housing and specifically it's at least half the units. They'll have to be affordable at 60% of the ami level and say for a family of three that's about \$60,000 a year and we also have provisions where you can transfer development and you can serve those. So there's something it's a little bit of a cap, but on the other hand, trying to incentivize preservation. But, again, key for the community in terms of who benefits from the change in the area can we provide more housing stability for people living in the area there. This is part of that approach. And I think that's all I have. I'm going to pass it back to joan.

**Speaker:** Thank you. So that was super fast. Lots more detail on all of that, but we wanted to just try to keep it short and just highlight a few things that other work that's under way related to the west Portland town center plan work that our community partners are doing and our infrastructure agencies are doing. I wanted to call out the good work that's happening around really trying to move forward on the multicultural hub and housing stability in the area. We're working as part of they have been working to lay the next steps for actions on the community. Our bureau, the bureau of environmental services is working hard to develop to start work on a systems development plan for storm water and they have gun a conditions assessment and analysis of that work under way. Pbot has moved forward on some small transportation improvements. And that type of thing. And so we really wanted to call those important works out. Growth concepts and diagrams and then comprehensive zoning map changes, title 33. Finally, just a



highlight of the process of the time line there is another one scheduled and we discussed additional meetings in November and December.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: very good. Thank you for the presentation and I understand we're going to hear from psc commissioner ralph. Is that correct?

**Speaker:** Thank you. I would like to invite stephanie roth to join us. She is joining us virtually today.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: great. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Can you hear me?

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: yep. Loud and clear.

**Speaker:** Good evening mayor Wheeler. It's certainly taken a village to build the west Portland town center plan. Under the 2035 comprehensive plan policies. It promotes sustainable development site and corridors concepts of the comprehensive plan and it centers and prioritizes policies around racial equity, health, resilience and complete centers. The plants process and the community have weathered the pandemic in the failure of the transportation measure that was poised to it is also weathered eight work sessions after experiencing the joy of public hearings. Your planning and sustainability commission included deliberations and voted to recommend adoption of the plan to you, City Council. Persistence pays and here we are today. One refrain that returned in our conversations was how to honor the investment the community partners have made to this plan. In tomb and in trust. We have all seen beautiful plans sitting on the shelf. So here are some next steps including specifically adding city resources managed by the network of Oregon affordable housing for acquisition of existing low-cost housing in the area. Support strategies and tools to reduce displacement both residential and commercial and I really appreciate your conversation to that effect earlier. So thank you. Support the necessary next steps particularly for key

town center, transportation and storm projects such as the cross roads intersection, Taylor's ferry, Huber street and southwest Colonel Lynns Avenue. Here comes all of the wonderful bureaus, BPS, Water, they have taken steps to fund further planning work on this point. Support the leverage of remaining or future Portland or Metro housing bond funding opportunities. The PSC appreciates that the housing bureau supported a project in its February 2022 funding award, go team. Further valuation with community involvement of alternative funding mechanisms in support of the plan. This is again r.i.p. Transportation bond. So we have a lot to make up for. And, finally on behalf of the PSC, I would like to extend our deep gratitude to all who contributed to the plan, all who testified, the incredible community organizations who helped put together this plan and members of the southwest corridor equity coalition where I believe you will hear from momentarily and thank you City Council for the opportunity to join me today and share our support of the west Portland town center plan. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. We appreciate it very much. Colleagues, before we move into public testimony, does anybody have any questions of staff or commissioner Ralph?

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: I had one question, Mayor and it may not be able to be answered today. I'm just curious, does the city of Portland have any land that it owns in this southwest area that we're talking about today?

**Speaker:** I'm getting the head shake. So I don't think so. Ment.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: commissioner is giving --

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: you'll tell us later.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: we'll give her extra time in her testimony.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: I'm just curious. We always talk about affordable housing but we also don't own much land and build any housing that the city has any control over so what's the plan?

**Speaker:** Thank you. Sorry. There is a project that was purchased by the housing bond money on Barbara Boulevard within the town center. So they're working on that project.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: Metro and who?

**Speaker:** Phb.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: Colleagues, now we'll move on to hearing testimony on the plan. First, we have a few invited testifiers and then we'll open it up to those who've registered to provide verbal testimony on this issue. I'd like to invite at this time from the Southwest Corridor the Equity Coalition to share their testimony. After them, they'll be followed by Jessica Gernsy who is the public health director at the Multnomah County Health Department. I want to thank you all for joining us. My understanding they're all joining us virtually today and we'll ask that you try and keep your remarks as close to three minutes as possible. What are you pointing at?

**Speaker:** Clerk: Do you want me to run the timer?

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: Yes. That would be helpful.

**Speaker:** Clerk: Okay.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: Thanks for asking.

**Speaker:** Thank you very much and good afternoon Mayor and Council members. My pronouns are he/him/and his and I'm testifying on behalf of the Southwest Corridor Coalition. Through active membership between 36 organizations, we affirm that racial equity on racial inequities and the commitment to actions challenging those inequities is to our coalition's practice. Recognizing the harm that resulted in

other parts of the city when low-income has marginalized communities where excluded from participate engine planning and planning from new developments to prevent this from happening again in southwest Portland and we believe this is a goal for City Council as well. Home to some of the most racially and culturally diverse neighborhoods in Portland and it has one of the largest and oldest mosque density. In developing a plan that not only protects people against residential and business displacement, but also offers economic opportunities and a road map for building strong socially connected communities. In preparation for this project and other investments in the southwest corridor, working with various stakeholders to explore ways to establish our communities and give them an opportunity to thrive through programs focusing on racial equity, affordable housing, small business support and work force development. And, here I'd like to turn it over to my colleague to continue the testimony.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you.

**Speaker:** Thanks. And one of my kids running in here with lego emergency of sorts. So apologies in advantage. That might happen. But good afternoon council members. My name is coya pressbin. I'm here on behalf of southwest equity coalition. I'm a community organizer at community alliance of tenants. The plan calls for investment in infrastructure to develop storm water systems and improve transportation safety and we do ask City Council not to accept lack of resources as an excuse to delay the implementation of the plan. Instead, what we are asking your respected council to encourage some inner bureau collaboration for incremental implementation of the plan, but please don't let the plan just sit there because we can't do all of these big things at once. Racial equity has to remain the driving force for not only the design but the implementation but the west Portland like the west Portland town center plan that are aimed at empowering the

community ones that include initiatives that teach current residents about their rights as tenants or financial skill building like asset building and the west Portland town center is a great example of one of the ways to consult the community during these type of decision making processes. Continuing to engage in these types of community participation and planning processes, community solidarity, political activism, public, private, and community partnerships and having multiple financial resources for programs for low-income residents should be some of the first priorities of the council. We have an opportunity to implement strategies and the plan that focus on preserving existing affordable housing as well as providing for the eventual development of new homes as the area continues to evolve in exchange of perspectives and ongoing collaboration on how best to achieve these goals is what we're hoping to foster. So that said, our coalition appreciates the recommendation from the planning and sustainability commission that would provide an we know there's much work be around potential community organization. To protect working families in southwest Portland. Thank you for your time.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Next we'll hear from jessica gernsy. We appreciate your being here.

**Speaker:** Hi good afternoon. Can you hear me?

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: loud and clear.

**Speaker:** Hello. I'm your public health director at multinomah county health department and this is really the best part of my job to come in and provide comment for an amazing intergovernmental project of such magnitude. Multinomah county health department, the public health division specifically alongside staff that I have the privilege of working with in the racial and ethnic approaches to community health alongside our environmental health staff are

pleased to support the west Portland town center plan presented today. I was very fortunate back on a rainy day I believe in May when we had some untimely rain in our late spring season to tour the site with a group of my staff, planners from BPS and I'm so excited to see the plan move from this stage. First of all, I want to thank and commend the folks at the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability for purposefully integrating health in the development of this plan. Our staff members participated as technical advisors on the plan and the Bureau worked with consultants with the great job articulating the ways that the plan and how it will impact health disparities. We have a really special interest in supporting this projects and a couple projects like it for a couple reasons. First of all, I'm sure many of you have heard us talk about the built-in environment. This refers to the places we live work play worship and we know this is a major driving force and influences on our health.' we often say your zip code is more important than your genetic code. And in the environment in which we interact in the communities in which we live most of the leading causes of death not only in Multnomah County are linked to the ways the neighborhood shapes our behaviors and exposures to things that harm us or protect us. There are numerous examples of this. Some of them are just the way we have access to safe sidewalks and areas. How we can specifically walk to destinations. What kind of our pollution we have and also our risks to injuries. So there's numerous ways in which the environment constrains or enhances our health. The strong interest in this plan is because of the demographics of the west Portland town center. As I mentioned, we were able to complete a health assessment. We know this is a part of time that's home to a highly diverse community. Does that mean I need to stop?

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: no. You still have 30 seconds.

**Speaker:** Okay. Including a concentration of east african immigrants, many of the city's muslim institutions chlgd we know from our funded epidemiology that this is an important area that we need to address health disparities. We know that the death rate from diabetes among black population three times the rate and as you heard before, this inequity is rooted not before a choice. To health supported resources. Is that my time?

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: yeah. That time it is.

**Speaker:** Okay.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: go ahead and wrap it up. We're not that strict here.

**Speaker:** Oh, okay. What we know is, i'll just wrap up by saying that, again, these types of places envisioned in this plan and this work and this kind of collaboration and in all town centers are the types of places that promote healthy behaviors and lower the prevalence of chronic disease and years of life lost. A greater mix of walkable destinations is a strong predictor and we see the changes before you today as an important step towards making that a reality in west Portland town center. We feel extremely strong about the deep authentic community engagement that you've heard about today as a pillar of this work and despite the interruptions from the pandemic, this work has continued and I particularly want to thank our staff that has helped to collaborate on this important plan to move forward especially on the social determine ants of health accelerator plan. Just again just want to reiterate our huge support for this project and thank you for having me.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you for being here. We appreciate it. Thanks for your partnership. All right. So, next, i'll ask the clerk keylin to call the names of those who've registered to testify. If you're here with us and in City Council chambers, please come up and take any of these seats when your name is called. If you're joining remotely, please speak in the order in which your names are called.

As a reminder, everybody has three minutes. It's slightly awkward as virtual hearings are you'll hear the gong which I think virtually is hilarious. You'll hear that two and a half minutes into your three-minute testimony that you'll have 30 seconds left and you'll hear the gong again when your time is up if people can keep it to three minutes, we'd appreciate that. Of the so i'll turn it to over to keylin and she'll call the first names in order.

**Speaker:** Clerk: first up we have david gun.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: hi, david.

**Speaker:** Clerk: we'll go on to the next one.

**Speaker:** Caller: hi, mayor. Good to see you. And now with the southwest equity coalition. I have seen the community engaged in the planning process. We have an opportunity to continue to center equity in the development of the corridor. This is in alignment with neighborhood house division that every neighbor has the support they need to thrive as long as it comes with co-located residents. We support the multi-cultural hub to build community. We support improving accessibility and safety sidewalks, bike access and transit access. We hear from the people that we serve that access is a significant barrier to service. We support work force development and we support building infrastructure to support community based organizations. We do have some concerns not about the plan, but about execution of the plan. We certainly share commissioner hardesty's concerns around speculation around trying to fund provides in a competitive marketplace. Neighborhood house has specific concerns about capital funding for projects specifically for building square footage for co-located services. The only current funding that's available is for affordable housing exclusively, not for any co-located services. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you.



**Speaker:** Clerk: next up, we have amanda rain.

**Speaker:** Hi, my name is amanda rain. My pronouns are she/they and I'm with community partners for affordable house also known as cefa. And the many community organizations who've contributed countless hours to developing this plan. Cefa is a nonprofit development corporation with more than 50% of our housing located along the southwest corridor. We've been part of the local solution for affordable housing for 30 years. We urge you to support this specific strategies in the plan that will increase the supply of regulated affordable housing as well as improved work opportunities, green space, and positive health outcomes. We ask you to ensure that the residents who currently live in the rich community have every opportunity to stay. The west Portland town center plan is an important step for preserving some of the last low-cost housing in Portland. As it contains zoning code proposals to maintain affordable and existing housing. Affordability that's rapidly disappearing increases pressure. We also request the formal adoption of a minimum threshold of 30% or more of all new housing be affordable to people at 60% ami. Preserving low-cost housing is important considering it takes a few years that remains affordable. For a minimum of if you have ten years though permanently when developed by mission driven nonprofits. Further more, adopting this plan is an important step to prevent displacement in the area's largely diverse neighborhood. West Portland park is home to a large community of immigrants and in addition, 14% of the neighborhood identifies as black or african American more than double the city average. These communities are at high risk of displacement with 46% making less than the median income 12% living below the poverty line and only 50% of housing units being owner occupied. It's also important to note that every \$100 increase in median rent is associated with a 9% increase in estimated homelessness rate according to a 2020 report by the u.s.

Government accountability office as reported in the Washington post this year. With the west Portland town center plan, we've had the opportunity to stop displacement before it happens. We have a chance to improve inequities and improve our city through thoughtful planning and investments. Also research into alternate models that can be applied in the west Portland town center area and protect the owner that a light pink area was discussed later in the zoning map. Adopting the plan is an important next step for the communities in the west Portland town center and along the southwest corridor and I urge you to adopt the plan. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. We appreciate it.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up we have kim mccarte.

**Speaker:** Good afternoon. I'm kim mccarte. I'm the director for the community of alliance of tenants. I'm coming here to be in support of the west Portland town center plan community alliance tenant supports low-income tenants. We've been apart of this process for several years. I'm really happy to be in collaboration with the southwest equity coalition and others and we feel strongly that this plan should be supported, but not only supported, also implemented with additional resources, attention to collaboration amongst the bureaus and with the community. It's our goal to create ways for tenants to engage in the redevelopment plans and to prevent displacement and to ensure plans result in a place where tenants will want to live, work, and play. We meet regularly with tenants to support their leadership and community. Tenants are telling us they need affordable housing to remain in community near family, near culturally specific retail, places of worship, and they're feeling however the forces of displacement. Especially impactful to tenants, many without cars is the lack of sidewalk, park, and safe crossing. So we want to restate the priorities expressed by the southwest equity coalition several forums that we

want through the west Portland town center, this place to be a place that draws many people from all different incomes and demographics and not just cars. Specifically, the west Portland town center is central to these goals because it includes strategies to prevent displacement of our culturally diverse communities and help them thrive. We urge you to support this plan by approving many of the elements that we want to champion. I'll list a few of these right now. We want there to be a focus on racial equity to prevent the draft or economic displacement by increasing housing especially for people of color and other marginalized households. We're looking for a minimum targets of affordable rental housing units in southwest Portland as described in the southwest corridor equitable housing strategy. It's also important that there are healthy communities where tenant rights are affirmatively attached. We need quantifiable indicators that can be cracked over time including specific targets for affordable housing and affordable commercial spaces in the west Portland town center. Lastly, we need resources to fund. There needs to be technical assistance and capacity made available to one who lives and works in this area. So thank you and we hope that you will support the west Portland town center plan.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you, kim. We appreciate it.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up, we have carlton h. Perry.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: hi, carlton.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up, we have elizabeth simmons.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: if you can just state your name for the record.

**Speaker:** Beautiful painting. First time I've been here. Is this the right distance?

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: that's good. It's very sensitive. A foot away is fine.

**Speaker:** I use her/she pronouns. I live in southwest Portland and vi no objections to the plan per se, what I have an objection to is the fact that my home is due to be

rezoned due to the overlay with no notice. The only reason I'm here today and I would have gone to planning meetings to talk and none of us received any notice that we were about to be or at some point would be rezoned. So I want to talk about why I would like the overlay inclusion in our area between Alfred and Galeburn and basically 40th and 43rd this way. I don't know if any of you live in that area, but we get intense snow and ice. The transit center will have rain and we will be impassable from what I can read is there's no requirement for parking as these units go in. And, as you know, the mosque is on Alfred and Capital and on the days where there are services, we love having them. They keep us safe. Any will make it impossible for people coming from a far to the mosque to be able to park. Our concern here is also the any. I'm not going to go any longer because I need my 25 seconds to get back. As it is a block away because it just doesn't seem like the right plan for our very hilly, icy neighborhood. Thank you so much and thank you for showing that beautiful painting.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. And thank you for being here. Of we appreciate it.

**Speaker:** I'll work with staff, can we kind of look into this and circle back with you?

**Speaker:** I would appreciate that.

**Speaker:** Thank you.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up, we have cherry Paraguay Rigsby.

**Speaker:** Good afternoon and thank you Mayor and Commissioners and thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today in favor of adoption of the West Portland town center plan. I am the general manager of Hockey Community Organization. I've also lived in and near the West Portland town center area for about 25 years. The Hockey Community Organization was created in 2011 for the East African immigrants and refugees. And we do all of this our office is located near the

mosque that we've heard many tombs referred to as actually Portland's largest mosque and that is the Portland town center plan area. So with our deeply rooted relationships in the community and the strong partnerships that and really appreciate the opportunity to highlight the needs of our immigrant and refugee community members. As a result of these years of community input engagements and also working with partners on the control funded project, we know it's critical for our collective and individual health that we create spaces to it build community connections and strengthen employment opportunities in the area. We believe that the plan's inclusion of the multicouple churl hub will create those connections and be a bridge for the cultural gaps. It will help our diverse communities acknowledge and celebrate our different cultures and it will strengthen those relationships twoon people in the town center and the surrounding areas. We also believe it will become a city wide attraction and provide an opportunity for affordable commercial activities and spaces to market culturally specific products. And it is a critical component for newcomers to the funt again, we urge the community's support of your vision and adoption of this plan so we can access funding for all components of the plan and in particular the multi-cultural hub. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Perfectly timed.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up we have amanda fritz.

**Speaker:** Good afternoon mayor and commissioners. Mine will not be perfectly timed. Thank you all for being here in person. I'm amanda fritz. Thank you for being here in person. It makes such a difference to see all of your real faces and body language. I'm very covid-phobic. And this is a really safe environment. Anybody who's been hesitant to come back to our city hall, just know it feels really good. Thank you, keylin, for improving the process of signing up. The most major improvements that the 305 years I've been doing this stuff is really excellent and I

couldn't be happier. So I've lived in this area for over 36 years. First I lived just on the southern border by west spring garden park and for the past 305 years, I've lived in west Portland park which is the neighborhood to the south. The west Portland park land use chair for 17 years and as such, I helped lead the community led designation to have metro put this on the 2014 map as a town center. And I could quite understand why they would understand that it was not a good place for a town center. I first went to and john allen from multinomah and patty lee and who have now passed on. Understand what the area is now. There's a mcdonalds, a starbucks, a black rock coffee, a walgreens, multiple parking lots. 35 seconds and counts down one second after it goes white. It's also a place that has a rich mix of culture as has been mentioned. 18% of us has been born outside the united states. It has malcolm elementary with the only title I on the west side where my kids got the best education. We also have mark jackson middle school. It has two mosques. And this area and this community is finally getting the plan that it deserves and I was here at the beginning 30 years later, I wanted to be here at the end of the beginning because this is not the end. This is the beginning of the next phase. I'm going to need more time, please, mayor. Thank you. I want to -- there's many planners who've worked hard on this. I wouldn't be here now except for joan fredrickson coming to the naubd park association. And she said to us do you have any questions and my question was I don't have staff anymore. So and when is the hearing. And she just luke that did a brilliant 30-minute impromptu presentation that I got more and more excited the more I listened. This is far better than if it had been adopted 15 years ago along with the southwest community plan. And marie johnson kept it from falling apart. There was a major battle on that.' the southwest equity coalition has been actively engaged and guided this plan. It intentionally avoids displacing existing naturally affordable housing. We do have significant

numbers of section eight housing units and we want to keep them. 30 years ago, I wanted huge up zoning everywhere, but this plan is better. It learns from the mistakes of the past. We have to do the plan before we can get the funding to implement it. Commissioner Hardesty's [indiscernible] was the same as 30 years ago. Once we had the designation approved and the plan, we were able to partner with the state and now we have Holly Farm Park and that's how you do it a step at a time. I attended a community meeting which must have been before the pandemic because I wasn't wearing a mask. Stipends have been offered for those meetings and I requested it. And those attended for the low rise with some high-rise and that's exactly what this plan does. We had a massive support on and on about Barbara World Foods. The difference from the corporations that I mentioned before. It gives us a full service. If you haven't visited, you need to go check out the olive oil because there's more types of olive oil than you ever thought possible and fresh vegetables and all types of great stuff and this has been very careful to look after our beloved Baba World Food. To move from the comprehensive plan. Most of the developer who has to provide for the necessary you would have a hearing in which you would decide is there enough infrastructure or do we say no to this development. If people in the southwest thought there was going to be wholesale and displacement. This this would be overflowing. Half of them would be complaining about the development and half of them would be complaining about the displacement. My concern is that change may be too slow but the balance between change now and the future is the right choice. In addition to the property that has metro reports, we also own the water bureau property. Obviously, you'd have to pay the water bureau to be able to use it for housing. I don't think they're using it for anything. Of course things may have changed in the last two years. So who knows what they're use interesting for. I want to speak to

there was no concern because the properties have been increased in value other than decreased and measure whatever tfsz required notification if property value were to be going down. The excluded area that's north because of storm water. I used to live right opposite where the storm water designation is and I called the panama canal which is a trench to get the storm water into the storm sewer because there's so much runoff from the hill. Again, I was delighted to see that. Elizabeth is my neighbor in west Portland park and we do meet on this coming Thursday. And attend our meeting and thank you very much for giving me twice the time. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: appreciate it. Thanks very much. Appreciate all your efforts.

**Speaker:** Clerk: next up, we have hayley hay.

**Speaker:** Hey everybody. I'm a part of the pink shaded proposed rezoning. I'm not opposed to the west Portland town center as a whole, but the pink sections, overlays are really stretching into deep in a the neighborhoods. I mean, we just ask that those before those zonings are approved to that, you actually drive around and look and what would that be like? It does get farther and farther from the main traffic corridors chlgit it is incredibly hilly. Yes, people walk, but I'm in great shape but it's hard to walk up some of those hills. There's got to be a balance blue doing that right and having that infrastructure in place will be considered. There are major sewer problems on my seat. So I just wanted to, I have provided as this modifies forward into future years, please reconsider and think hard about expanding into the -- I'm just going to call it the light pink.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Of the appreciate it.

**Speaker:** Clerk: that completes testimony.



**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: all right. Very good. Colleagues, any questions at this particular juncture? Commissioner Ryan.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Ryan: yeah. Matt shopold is on. Matt's with the housing bureau. There are a couple of questions. And I was -- I know there's one with the Portland housing bond and also with the metro and now, matt, you're going to deliver the details. Take it away.

**Speaker:** Sure thing. Thank you, commissioner for the record. Additional questions about regulated affordable housing in the southwest area and as the commissioner mentioned, we have two projects in the pipeline. It will provide 149 regulated affordable units and then the other parcel is in our current open solicitation which is currently the Portland value inn being used for by metro, it's a leased site for some transitional housing. It's in the solicitation we have out right now. There's funding we have available to develop it. It is our environments will be that it provides at least 75 units of affordable housing with one third of those units alternate 30% ami and below. Both of those projects are in the pipeline for development in order to provide additional regulated housing in the southwest corridor.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: may i. Thank you mayor. Thank you commissioner Ryan, thank you matt. That was exhausting. I'm curious, you said that -- I'm curious as to what nonprofit agency you're partnering with to build that affordable housing and is that 30%? My consumption would be not the city of Portland and not a private developer.

**Speaker:** Thank you, commissioner. The partner is innovative housing incorporated. And I do know that they have a number of other community based organizations that are partnering around services and what not. And of the 149 units, they're planning currently for 32 of those to be at 30% ami and below. For the

Portland value inn, we have not yet selected a developer that's in had our solicitation currently.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Hardesty: May I? We're tag teaming here. Thank you, Mayor, Commissioner Ryan, Matt. Thank you for that. I think it's helpful for us and I'm happy to see you being really clear. I used to fight with Director Callahan about what property does the city actually own as compared to what properties we're putting a minimal amount of money to assist people in developing housing people can afford to live in. So I appreciate the clarity on that. I'm not trying to figure it out. So thank you very much.

**Speaker:** Sure thing.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: Very good. First of all, I'd like to thank everybody for your today. We've heard from everybody who was signed up to testify. At this point, the oral testimony is closed. The record for additional written testimony will remain open until Friday, October 14th at 5:00 p.m. That's Friday October 14th at 5:00 p.m. For the written record. Written testimony can be submitted through the map app until that time. Commissioner Rubio, would you like to make any closing remarks before we wrap things up?

**Speaker:** Commissioner Rubio: Sure. Point in time thank you, Mayor. I want to say thank you to everyone who submitted written testimony. My predecessor in this seat and for being here and giving us really important historic context on this project. I also want to reiterate my appreciation for the tremendous work today. Really reflecting in the visioning of this project and the tools that were used to make those changes. I also like the capacity building and the community's being lifted up as a means and a tool to continue that strong engagement of community over time which is a really important factor in this project as well. So great work and also I also look forward to the discussion in the coming weeks.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler: thank you, commissioner Rubio. This item is continued to October 27th at 3:30 p.m. Time certain. At that hearing. City Council may consider amendments and they may also take additional testimony on any amendment that is are proposed. If bp.s. Receives proposed amendments for council members before the October 27th meeting they will be posted on the website. Thank you all, this meeting is now adjourned.