



March 15, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Naomi Sheffield, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

The Consent Agenda was adopted on a Y-5 roll call.

Council recessed at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:04 p.m.

Council recessed at 1:05 p.m.

Communications

204

[Request of Geraldine Misa to address Council regarding deaths on SE Division Street](#) (Communication)

Document number: 204-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Fatima Magomadova to address Council regarding SE Division Street safety](#) (Communication)

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[Request of Robert Butler to address Council regarding SE Division Street safety](#) (Communication)

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Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Susie Worthington to address Council regarding SE Division Street danger](#) (Communication)

Document number: 207-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Christi Bird to address Council regarding crime](#) (Communication)

Document number: 208-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

209

[Approve the designation of six trees as City of Portland Heritage Trees and remove the Heritage Tree designation from seven trees](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191216

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading March 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

210

[Appoint Suenn Ho to the Portland Parks & Recreation Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024](#) (Report)

Document number: 210-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Gonzalez.

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

211

[Proclaim March 23, 2023 to be AM 1450 KBPS Centennial Day](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 211-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time certain: 10:15 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

212

[*Amend System Development Charge Exemptions Code to waive system development charges for office-to-residential conversion projects performing seismic upgrades \(amend Code Section 17.14.070\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191202

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Time certain: 10:35 am

Time requested: 25 minutes (1 of 2)

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

213

[*Amend Seismic Design Requirements for Existing Buildings Code to adjust the seismic improvement standard of R-2 occupancy classifications.\(amend Code Section 24.85.040\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191203

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Time certain: 10:35 am

Time requested: 25 minutes (2 of 2)

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Consent Agenda

214

[*Authorize application to Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Grant for \\$2,114,940 for Portland Fire & Rescue equipment, personal protective equipment, and training.](#)(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191200

Introduced by: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Bureau: Portland Fire & Rescue

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

215

[*Accept grant for \\$597,000 from Oregon Department of Transportation and authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for the NE 42nd Ave Bridge Replacement: Bike Improvements at NE Lombard project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191201

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea
Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

216

[Proclaim March 12-18, 2023 to be AmeriCorps Week](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 216-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

217

[Appoint Tim Pitts and Cherie Smith to the Police Accountability Commission](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37613

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Community Safety Division

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea
Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

218

[*Pay settlement of Jorge Bello bodily injury lawsuit for \\$60,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191204

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Risk Management

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

219

[*Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for the 1900 Building Roof Replacement project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191205

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Facilities; Management and Finance

Time requested: 5 minutes

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Motion to add an emergency clause due to the potential for water leakage into a very expensive and currently occupied City facility: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

220

[Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the NE 6th Dr Pump Station Upgrade Project for an estimated amount of \\$4,540,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191206

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 202.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

221

[Authorize Request for Proposal and contract agreements for the Vehicle Towing and Storage Services and Abandoned Vehicle Towing and Storage Services](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191207

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 187

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Mayor Wheeler presided until he left at 3:09 p.m. and then Commissioner Ryan presided.

Officers in attendance: Lauren King, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Aria Ramus, Acting Council Clerk

Council recessed at 3:09 p.m. and reconvened at 3:14 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Time Certain

222

[Accept the Portland Design Commission 2022 State of the City Design Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 222-2023

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Disposition: Accepted

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan.

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

223

[Accept the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission 2022 State of the City Preservation Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 223-2023

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Time certain: 3:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Disposition: Accepted

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Gonzalez.

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

224

[Deny Blain A. West and Teresa West's application for Special Assessment of Open Space Land at 10615 SW 42nd Avenue](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191215

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 4:00 pm

Time requested: 45 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Oral and written record closed.

Passed to second reading March 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 16, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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March 15, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

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This is the Wednesday March 15th 2023 morning session of the Portland's City Council. Keelan good morning is always please call the roll. Good morning, Rubio here, Ryan gonzales. Here maps here. Miller here now I will turn it over to legal counsel for the rules of order and decorum. Good morning. Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before City Council in person or virtually, you must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [www dot Portland dot gov slash council slash agenda](http://www.portland.gov/council) information on engaging the City Council can be found on the council clerks wreckage. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. A timer will indicate when your time is done disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up for interrupting others, testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually your testimony today should address the matter being considered. One testifying state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you're representing an organization, please identify it. For testifier joining virtually please unused yourself

once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. Thank you very much. First up is communications item number 204 our first individual, please request of geraldine. Miss set to address council regarding deaths on southeast division street. Welcome, charlie. I think geraldine was planning to join us in person on virtually fatima, are you there? Yes I'm here. Can you hear me? Yeah why don't we go fatima? Hang on for one second. Let's go to item 205, and we'll hear from fatima. Actually, they might all be sharing the same. Okay, so the same logging very good. Thank you. Fatima geraldine, europe welcome. Um well, general dean wants to take she will. She will go third one. It's going to be mean first and susie than geraldine. And then, of course, in conclusion, we're going to have our famous bob. Perfect. That sounds really good. Thank you, because I don't see if you can see it. I don't see your camera turned on fatima. Yeah me neither. So let me see what I'm what we're doing here wrong, because, um, it's on but I don't know why you can see it. Um oh. Here start video. Okay it's been a while. Looks like you've got it. You've sorted it out. Yeah, that's good morning. Commissioners for teamwork. Ahmadabad grumman russians store this last meeting on January 2023 commissioner Mapps switch to engage with us regarding safe issues and division state within weeks and days. Now it's been months and months, and we're still in the dark and anticipating the worst, which is completion of the division project of the same old, same old. And this news no corrections only appears on our prison problems. Speaking of president problems, I would like to show you a video of you turn on 117th avenue and division and we're facing same problem and many intersections of division street. I was making a, uh he would turn right here. Um you can see in order for me to make a u turn that pbot says it's um say for f 4 50 you hit this fall. And then you have to back out. And then continue. Um to your destination. So now picture. Um I'm not too sophisticated with my videos today. So now a picture and other example going

south on 117th avenue to go east on division street. You have to turn west in opposite direction to the next future and which is on the 105th avenue. Is over half a mile away, which is 12 blocks away. Then you turn east for the new turn. You turn I am going east for another half a mile to get where you started on 117th. So you can go is reality destination. How ridiculous is that? Doesn't medians need to be removed? We need to reallocate funds to make divisions streets safe again to undo them. Mages that people disastrously did on division state. Thank you. So now it's going to be susie. Alright, thank you. Welcome. Thank you. Good morning, members of the City Council. My name is susie worthington. I love it in a retirement community. 100 residents near 101 166th and southeast division. Our neighbors are a community of over 200 residents lived here. I have lived here in nine years and witnessed the disaster that peabody has influenced it. And realistic, very unsafe conditions. The division street project is in crisis. It is full of design respects, causing dangerous, hazardous, unsafe conditions for all since true safety is ago, immediate action needs to happen to correct redesign and prevent this design from being used ever again. Bye. Remove or reduce. The barriers the medians and allow left hers or street lighting is needed everywhere on both sides of the street. Currently they're just on one side. All signals crosswalks, bike lanes, bus lanes, etcetera need to be consistently the same. They're different. Highway pbot should have stopped trimet from reducing our best stops by half. How could you even okay, design like this? Are you aware that the design has been altered from the original design, creating additional costs? Work congestion, confusion and accidents. This is not a safety corridor. It is a danger corridor. We feel that our safety concerns have been ignored repeatedly. The project concerns I was referred to list tillstrom t. But she agreed and raged at time to meet with me and others she didn't know show with no explanation. 70 other neighborhood residents, residents and business owners

involved for that meeting is constantly just deflected our concerns. One example is lynn's told me it is too soon to see problems with the project. You should wait until it is finished to voice your concerns and then go take a look at them. What good is that? I kept all the emails from liz by 2024 barrier median is planned at 166 268. This can't happen. There's only one entrance and one exit driveway that are that my community has it's our only access from our community of 400 elderly residents preventing left turns. Emergency service vehicles will be delayed a matter of life and death. Currently we have an extra obstruction of cement signal crosswalk, bike lane and a u turn lane in our exit. Existing mediums are not designed for emergency access, and pedestrians have to jaywalk to use those mediums. For over. For 1.5 years I have communicated with chris warner pbot, liz telstra. Paulina salgado of trimet tracy and taylor framework. Been on and on. I will send. In this by saying that they have lied to us deceived us hidden their plans from us and need to stop this now, my dear, frail friend was killed by vehicular homicide on southeast division street this year. Thank you very much for listening. Thank you appreciate it. Mm hmm. And who's up next? Okay? Now that was susie. You don't mean hello. 20 everyone. How are you? Nice to see you. Um, I've never done this before on on a computer, so I'm a little shaky and maybe a little shaky high and you sound great. Well we're glad to see my hands trembling. So that's good. Hi good morning. City Council members. Um my name is geraldine to I'm just a small part of the wheels and the cogs of this city. Although I am very active. When I see needs that need to be addressed. I've called them. Mayor's office called the City Councilors and, um, commissioners and all that kind of stuff. And so here I am. I ran into susie. One day when I was at, uh um, grocery store somewhere in ross center, and she told me she was about division and I said, I've been dealing with this for a while. I'm going to join you. So that's why I'm here with them today. Um so I gotta talk basketball, and

fatima is going to show a couple of pictures where we've had difficulties almost being hit at 148th in division and also almost as a pedestrian and then almost being here. On 100 and 66th and division going into the theater. Um in my car. I'm so scared. Um I want a voice and picture the traverse stays of drivers and pedestrians along division. I want to pay indelible pictures of the nightmarish and abominable destruction of a good and pretty safe road. Turning into a rat smes. It is very true division and many other poorly designed or redesigned streets in the city have driven in many states. They moved here from connecticut, 20 almost 30 years ago, and I've never seen such lame engineering. I drove across country by myself, and this is just totally lame. Um the street is dimly lit. There's led lights on one side of the road, supposedly being ample for eight lanes of traffic, and it's not. It's a scary, frightening road and I like I said, I feel like I'm in a rats, rats, mies cage and also I feel like I'm bobsledding and luge because it's just like you're being channeled and you don't even know which way you're going. Um I'm kind of an extemporaneous person but doing notes at the same time. It's hard. It's just an irregular irregular road and it's frightening at night in the daytime in this like snow storm that we had, and, um, kate, it's abominable, just abominable, um, were varied group of people. Very group of people in this city, as you all know, and you represent us, um you know, we pay a lot of money to drive our cars. Gas taxes, registration, all that kind of stuff and, you know, we used to be able to drive down division and do a right turn on red. Stop right turn on red after stopping, and, um we can't do that anymore. We're idling and idling and idling. The sequence of traffic lights is inconsistent. I frequently call up writing management, you know, to tell them about it and, um, get through to all different departments. And that light is one 48th division is consistently off. I was actually felt like I was in a sinkhole one time because I went through the light. I thought I goofed and then a couple of days later,

it happened again. So I called up and, um, there was only like four seconds to get down straight, and there was like three seconds to turn left because the setback is so far that by the time people realized to turn it's too late. Um anyways, um, we've had to vehicular homicides on division in the last couple of weeks. Well you know, uh, within a couple of weeks of each other and within 14 blocks fema talked about like 12 14 blocks to do a u turn. It's just nightmares. I'm done. I'm not sure how many of you drive down this road. The other roads are, you know, still have their issues. But if you drive down this road and we do frequently because we're here, you know were part of this outer city community. And it's just awful. Um two people to die young father and a mother. I mean, the senior citizen and I know that there have been other deaths there, too, but what's been done is not solving. The problem is not solved the problem. It's just made it worse. Um I was turning left to go into the theater. Another time. I think I told you about almost being here as a pedestrian by fred meyers and carles carles, by the way, has limited access. They're losing over \$10,000 a month in business because of the poor design of the access into their businesses and plus other businesses. I know the manager very well at carl's on 1 48 and he told me, um, you know he could be here, but he told me that he's losing over \$10,000 a month in business, um so when I was going to turn into the theater, my friend was ahead of me turning and, um all of a sudden they see a car coming towards me. You know, in this edition have been going straight going west, but the guy came into my lane when I was turning left and almost hit me head on and then veered out of the way, you know, and I just was praying catholic. I do the same. For helping angels, but it was just awful and terrifying. My friend was so shaken up that we you know, didn't even really watch the movie. We're both terrified of what happened that night. Just a month or so ago. So I'm still frustrated with division that I picture myself and a crew of others with jackhammers, you

know, just kind of pounding it all down and then repaving the roads. You know, a few nights I don't know. Um I thank you for your time. Like I said, I've talked to commissioners and people before. When I see that there's issues. I know that there was a bike lane and we don't we don't we live here? We don't see bicycle is driving on these roads. We hardly see anybody in the double length bus is either you know, were predominantly a traffic people. So I appreciate you're listening to me. Thank you so much. Thank you. We appreciate your being here. You did still shaking, geraldine. Truth? Truthfully we can't see it. You did really well and we're glad to have your testimony. Thank you for being here today. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Mapps did you want to speak now? Or just at the end? Okay. Very good. Welcome, robert. Welcome City Council members. Underpaid overworked, uh I'm reserve city of Portland for since five years ago. Um. But we are celebrating this morning. Celebrating this morning because this is our first year anniversary of being here. We've been here oh, eight or nine times since last March. So, um we're celebrating, but with empty glasses because that's nothing to celebrate, anyway. Happy to be here. Ah! So we haven't really heard any response from anyone. Except once we got a nice call from sam adams. And there was another person that was really generous with it. So, uh, I want to say that this is, uh. Ah, when I was last here. Commissioner Mapps said that he had heard some rumors floating around about division problems. And so that made me feel like I'm a floater because I'm the one that's been here the most practically plus my team, so I was thinking of starting a rock band. Called voters and our first song will be the yeah. Okay okey voters, but anyway, we have very little time left. Before the end of a historic error in the city of Portland. And we're relying on you. To end on a good dog positive. No. And I asked the mayor to lighten the load of bipoc. And uh, I answered water samples. There is a go show you, brian. Not but I will tell you that. Pbot and the water bureau should

not be under the same commissioner Mapps where we are today. So there's time. To do a better job proud of the work together as a team under a good leader like her mare. Good luck to all of us. Thank you. Thank you, robert. Thanks. All of you appreciate your testimony, commissioner Mapps. Thank you, mr mayor, and I want to thank geraldine, fatima, robert and susie for their testimony today. I also want to let you know that I hear you and I should also say this as the new commissioner in charge of pbot. Of at least two jobs. One of those jobs is to make sure that our transportation system works efficiently and I am also charged with making sure that our transportation system is safe. Now many people in this room and on this call may have noticed that yesterday pbot released our vision zero report. Um that's the report that we issue every year on traffic desk here in Portland's and, frankly friends and colleagues, the news there was not good. Last year, Portland's saw a c 63 people die on our roads. That's an 80% jump from the 35 deaths. Portland's saw suffered in 2018. Um and frankly, division is part of this problem over the past decade, 20 commuters have died on division and 107 have been seriously injured on that street. Now the infrastructure changes that we heard about today are part of a larger effort to bring down traffic deaths on division of let me make two pledges to you before I wrap up today. Moving forward. I will work with the bureau to take a data driven approach to evaluate how how well these this new infrastructure is impacting safety and commerce on division and I make a second pledge, especially to geraldine, fatima, robert and susie. I will come out to division with my staff and meet with you will hear your concerns will take a look at the infrastructure you're concerned about, and I will use your feedback to develop strategies that will make divisions safer and more efficient and more prosperous. So if you will indulge me robert fatima are susie and geraldine. I will ask shannon on my staff to reach out to your team will find its time when we can all get out there

and take a look at what's happening in this space and I look forward to partnering with you moving forward, figuring out how to make the division the best reading canada. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you, mr merrill. Handle mike back. Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Mm thank you. First of all, commissioner Mapps. I just want to say that it's good to see all of you. I met most of you when I was out there for a couple hours in December, and I believe everything you're saying. I experienced the u turn a couple of times. Yeah and so I just wanted to say thanks for your persistence, and I know you're focused on safety and thank you so much. You thanks so much. Bye bye. Thank you. Mhm thank you, and I also want to applaud commissioner Mapps. I really appreciate the fact that you're being very responsive to what's being said, and I appreciate all of you testifying this. Thank you so much. Thank you appreciate that medications leads to thank you appreciate your time. And I believe we have one more communications item. Do you mind if I read the other ones into the record? Go for it. Okay. Thank you, um, 205 requests of fatima magomadov, a to address council regarding southeast division street safety item to a six request of robert butler to address council regarding southeast division street safety and item two. Oh, seven requests of susie worthington to address council regarding southeast division street danger. And then the last communication two. Oh, eight requests of christie bird to address council regarding crime. I believe percy was planning to join us in person. Is christie here? Is she online? She is not online. Okay very good. If she pops up later. Maybe we can take her very good has any items been pulled off of the consent agenda ? No items. Seven cold. Please call the roll. Rubio gonzales maps by consent agendas adopted the first time certain item, please. That is item number 209. Prove the designation of six trees as city of Portland's heritage trees and remove the heritage tree designation from seven trees colleagues. This is the first reading of an

emergency. Ordinance commissioner Ryan thank you, mayor. Good morning colleagues. I'm delighted to introduce this item that is near and dear to many Portland's hers. Thank you, in particular to the heritage trees commission for your devotion to our beloved assets are elder trees. Her trees are defined because of their age, their size, the type the historical association or horticultural value. All are of special importance to the city. The heritage tree ordinance was adopted by the City Council in 1993. And the first heritage trees were designated in 1994. There are currently 328 heritage trees in Portland's representing 134 unique species. I now turn this over to our staff leads on this. We have our forester jen, cairo and also we have the person who I've had conversations with on this topic. Nick essay. So welcome. It's all yours. Take it away. Thank you. Good morning. For the record. My name is nick face. I wanna share my screen. Number botanic specialist with urban forest street science and policy workgroup. I studied trees and how they function in the city. Some of the work that we're involved with includes canopy studies policy work and managing Portland's heritage treat program. I'm here today to present recommendations for new heritage, tree designations and also removal of designation for trees that have declined or been removed in emergency situations. I will begin with a brief program background, including roles and responsibilities and program administration and then new designations and removal of designation for your consideration. Merchants trees are of great size, age, historical or horticultural value, as directed by City Council as directed by city code. They are recognized and officially designated by City Council following the thorough review by urban forestry, the heritage tree committee and the urban forestry commission. Once designated heritage trees received the greatest protection conferred on any tree in the city, and they are required to be preserved unless dead dying or dangerous. We currently have 328 active designations in our program. This map shows where they

are located about half hour in private property and about half on public property in parks or in the right of way. It is important to note that heritage trees on private property are designated with consent of the property owner. Furthermore city code states that with the consent of property owner paul airs the signs and successors to the property are bound to the designation. As you can see from this map. Not all parts of Portland have heritage trees, and we're working actively to expand this program into underrepresented neighborhoods. And as commissioner mentioned since 1993 when this program began, city of Portland has designated a total of 386 trees. Trees are designated each year removal to occur as trees age or are impacted by pests, pathogens and weather. Title 11 our city tree code urban forestry is responsible for overall program management, including permitting and regulation of heritage trees. Heritage tree committee is comprised of staff and volunteers that work together to review nominations and provide recommendations for the urban forestry commission. They also assist with program education for the public. Urban forestry commission is involved with heritage trees in three distinct ways, revealing requests for removal when a tree is considered dead or dying recommendations for new designations and making recommendations for removal of designation, which are generally tied to tree decline or storm related failure. Final steps in the process or actions by City Council to approve the designation or when appropriate to remove the designation. Now nominations are due to urban forestry by may 1st of every year and last year we received 41 nominations across 30 sites, with some sites having multiple trees. Nominations are then subjected to a rigorous review process involving initial screening to ensure that baseline criteria are met for the current cyclone. Six trees recommended for designation and seven which are recommended for removal of designation. Here is a map to show where the new trees are proposed the color

gradient that you see across the city indicates the number of heritage trees by a neighborhood. Who designations are indicated by stars with five of them occurring in neighborhoods where we either don't have any existing heritage trees, or we have very few seven trees for removal are indicated by red xs. I'm happy to introduce the new trees that we propose for our program and a little disclaimer. None of these photos quite capture the wonder that these trees have and so I encourage you to seek out for yourself to use trees visit, visit them in our parks, or, um, look at some of the maps that are on our website and check them out. But here's a snapshot of the sticks recommended designations describe each and more detail as follows, but of these trees for our public public property. Two are on private property. Two of the nominations are for species that we don't currently have in our program and three nominations bring designation to neighborhoods that currently have one or new heritage trees at all. And so drum roll, please. Our first tree is the copper beach located on a residential property in the hospital abernathy neighborhood. This large specimen is five ft in diameter, and with a height of 71 ft. It's capacious canopy rises above the trees and houses. It's pretty impressive to see a beach of this size. London plane tree and cully would be the second heritage tree in this neighborhood. These photos don't do it justice at all, but with a diameter of nearly six ft. This and treat this tree is incredibly inspiring. The owner of this tree calls it the goddess tree, and it is that to be the historic tree painted in a mural at the kennedy school. This turkish hazelnut grows in an open field in and not park. This tree is so impressive and received two separate nominations this past year. The size and form are uncommon for Portland. And this would be the first hazelnut in the program and the second heritage tree in parker's heights. It is an excellent condition. It has wonderful branching as you can see on the photo on the on the right and the nuts are edible, though we do suspect that

the squirrels get the lion's share of them. This atlas cedar is nearly five ft in diameter. It is located on the grounds of the Multnomah arts center and has plenty of space for roots and wide spreading branches. The story is that it was planted with the world war two memorial, pictured here dated may 19th 1946, and underneath this memorial is a time capsule with the names of local soldiers that served in the war. We've got a friend suitor located in a wide planting strip along a residential street in rose city park neighborhood. This would be only the second such cedar in our program in the second heritage tree in rose city park. Standing beside this tree, one notices the deeply furrowed bark, the deep green foliage and the sounds of birds in the branches reminder of the important role of urban trees in providing habitat for wildlife. Yes. The last designation is a japanese pagoda tree in our gay park. You only have two other trees of this type in our program, and this will be the very first heritage tree in the r g terrorist neighborhood. Trees like this in new neighborhoods, brings awareness to their to the two large and unique urban trees and their importance in our novel urban ecosystem. And now for the sad news, the removal of designation going through these slides is like a little bit of a mini eulogy or median. Edward gorey story. If you remember those the histories have either experienced partial or total failure during storm or whether related events resulting in emergency removal from public safety or a significant decline, rendering them dead or dying. This is the first year in the history of our program, where we've actually had more removals than new designations, and i'll talk about that in a couple of minutes. So I went first tree is empress tree and empress tree, formerly located in the northwest district at the Multnomah learning center. For the years, this tree has been experiencing decline, and it was permitted for removal last March. This type of tree is now considered a nuisance species in Portland. So it is the last tree of its kind, or was the last three of its kind in our program. Oregon,

right? Oh, clearly, six ft in diameter was located in Portland heights park. Was designated in 1997 and a beloved fixture of the community. Unfortunately it experienced failure as a result of the winter storm in which occurred last April, which is actually in spring, but it was a winter storm. No one was hurt, but the community gathered to memorialize this tree. American chestnut in the cell with neighborhood was arraigned of way treating it was designated in 1998 and last recorded to be 85 ft. Tall with a diameter of almost 4.5 ft. American chestnuts are considered rare in this tree had many admirers. It was approved for emergency removal after experiencing failure during the period of heavy rain and early November. Since it took down caroline's when it fell. It involves coordination between the utilities and urban forestry operations to clear the right of way. We have two cherries on her list for removal of designation. The first is royal and sherry in this type of cherry tree was once quite ubiquitous in Portland. This multi stem trees in the yard in the creston count worth neighborhood and has a diameter of nearly five ft. Standing over 60 ft. Tall even of Portland's oldest and largest cherry trees that has unfortunately been experiencing decline. Then forestry commission approved the removal of designation for this tree in August. However, the property owner continues to care for this tree and has hired arborists to conduct pruning for it. As for safety, as it defines. A second cherry tree is a sweet cherry tree in the centennial neighborhood, and it was designated in 1999 similar in age and size to the previous, this one had also been experiencing rapid decline in recent years with concerns about safety, the urban forestry commission approved its removal in November. This tree was once resplendent with white flowers, but with its removal. There are no more cherry trees of this type on the list, and they are now considered a nuisance species. You have two more trees to review um this one is a hearty dove tree, unique species, producing flowers ornamented with these showy white bracts

that look like doves. There are two of these in our program. Unfortunately this is known as approved for removal due to decline last August. So when we have one more left, so look out for hardy duck trees to bring back into our program. And our last sad story is this northern red oak designated in 2017, standing at nearly 100, ft, tall and private property. It was a great presence in the neighborhood, well loved by the property owner and a great source of shade and cooling for the neighborhood. Unfortunately during a period of extensive heat events in August of last year, this tree experienced failure of a major scaffold room and you can see the tear out in the picture here, found up inspections by urban forestry determined that the loss of this limb jeopardized the structural integrity of this tree and emergency removal was approved. Look. And so that wraps up our presentation. Six trees for designation seven trees for removal of designation. As I mentioned losing more trees in the years speaks to the importance of finding and preserving these quiet sentinels of time and space within our city, as you can see from these two drone photos taken by the property, owner of the grand for the callous tree and the photo on the left the grand for that was designated last year. Heritage trees stand out among our urban trees, providing a multitude of services for public health and the environment, including a place to rest for birds, just such as this young, bald eagle that was captured in the upper branches of that very tree. I invite you to explore the heritage tree program and attend some of the events that we've planned as we celebrate our 30th anniversary this summer. Through this link at the bottom of the screen. The public can also access or nomination form and learn more about our program. Thank you. Thank you appreciate it, colleagues any questions at this point? Do we have any public testimony on this item? We have one person signed up. Charles bridge. Kate bridge greens. Simca johnson welcome. Beware the ides of March. It's not so bad, really, just just a little bit bad news about losing more

heritage trees than we've got, and, uh, a lot of people concerned about traffic on division. Um especially as mayor Wheeler more than anybody else up. There would no this is not my first time being here for the presentation about heritage trees. Um I just mostly want to speak to trees in general in that, um, when we talk about the heritage trees when you come around to this time next year, it might be good for I think the commissioner charge will be commissioner Mapps. Two parallel that with a report on the general health and scope of the urban can tree canopy because in the media, we've been hearing that Portland's is failing, uh, especially on the east side and in lower income neighborhoods and maintaining a healthy and growing a healthy tree canopy. So um, with this great work of this presentation in the past heritage tree designation removal presentations. I think that's really an appropriate time unless we find out as we go into the archives and that there's a more historically appropriate time. To talk about how well the city is also doing not just in finding ah, exceptional trees but making sure that as the city grows or shrinks, as some population numbers are suggesting. We're really making sure that, uh, people in areas below the median income are getting the benefits of a healthy tree canopy houses that are shaded as we move into situation where climate change is giving us heatwaves. We noticed that one of the trees that was removed here was stressed during a record heat situation so much appreciation to the people have put in this presentation and for somebody going and making sure that when you go to a nice, simple you are like Portland dot gov slash trees. There's a lot there and then if you add heritage at the end of Portland's slash trees you can see the specifics and get yourself a self guided tour to see these individual trees. But I think that the main importance of the heritage tree program is to get us to appreciate, nurture and grow the general urban forestry canopy and to make sure that we maintain later on. We're going to have the fun of talking a little bit about s. D. C s.

And that as the city manages its size, whether that's gross or shrinkage, uh, developers are putting in trees and, uh, the canopy is rated in some way so that we know that it's growing and staying healthy. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Appreciate it commissioner Mapps sure I was just gonna think bridge crane for that testimony and that invitation to participate in the discussion about our tree canopy. I do very much care about the tree canopy, and I have a role to play there in terms of the bureau of environmental services, which uses lots of different strategies from concrete to trees to manage stormwater. I believe, however, the tree canopy. Portfolio largely lives over in parks, but I still basically like that concept here and certainly this time next year, especially as we bring bureaus together to talk about how we can break down. Silos between are different. The different parts of the city, I think would be great to have a tree canopy report. I'll work with my colleague and friend the n Ryan to see if we can put something together for this time next year.

Thank you any further questions or thoughts or discussion? Commissioner Ryan yeah, nick, that was such a great report. Thank you. Could you just do a real quick summary of if someone thinks they have a heritage tree in their yard or in their neighborhood? Um what? What would they do to bring it to your attention? Sure sounds like you're asking about potential heritage treat. Yes sorry. Yes so, uh, Portland duck of slash tree slash heritage. There's a form. Uh which takes you to the nomination process so you need to fill out the form basically described why the tree is value or why you think it should be nominated? Um narrative is fine photos are great and short description of the tree itself. If you can identify the tree, that's great if you just want to show us where the tree is located, we'll go out there and check it out. Great. So you're responsive to all of those messages great. And if someone wants to the flip side, the memoriam of a heritage tree what process do they go through to bring that to your attention? Well that would be through our

permitting department and generally, trees are as I mentioned the beginning. Heritage trees have the greatest protection of any tree in the city, and they can only be removed if they're dead, dying or dangerous. And so if you suspect that your tree is dead, dying or dangerous, we would contact trees at Portland, Oregon dot gov or call 5038233 t r e and if it's an emergency, there's a way to indicate it's an emergency through that phone number. Um dial one, and if it's not. Okay thank you just froze. That's okay. The process for having it from there. Okay. Thanks nick. So it's a different person, a different line that you contact its center permitting. That's what you're saying. If they're dead diner got it. That's really helpful to have that succinctly described. Thank you so much. It's great, thank you. There being no further business. This is the first reading of a non emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Next item, please item number 2 10. Appoint suen hold to the Portland parks and recreation board for a term to expire June 30 2024. This is a report commissioner Ryan. Yes thank you. Mayor the parks and recreation advisory board was established by council in 2001 to ensure that parks system delivers on its mission to provide healthy parks and natural areas. Urban forest management like we just heard about recreation services programming for residents of all ages and facilities are accessible to all Portland's orders. This year, a board member resigned during their bit term, and the board has selected a candidate to replace them. I want to thank our parks board members for their time and passion for parks and recreation services and for their continued engagement, and now the pleasure to pass this over the chair, bonding geodesic who will share more about the recommended appointed. Take it away, bonnie. Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Good morning, commissioners. Good morning, mayor. Uh for the record, my name is bonnie geo sick and I had the privilege of chairing the Portland parks recreation board, um, as a reminder to the commissioners and brain commissioner Gonzalez

up to speed, um, from our appointment process. Last summer, we had many exceptional candidates, and we had a lot of interest in our board at the time we recommended to new members be appointed to the board to bring added perspectives to our body. Also at that time we had a third very strong candidate who we asked to consider a midterm appointment should one become available. Now that's such an appointment availability has become available. We're delighted to recommend to and hold that position. Urban designer who's taught architecture and design extensively in Oregon, and it's served in a diverse number of local nonprofit boards and committees. She's lived in Europe and Boston, Pittsburgh, New York City, France and Hong Kong, and it's been enjoying important park system since 1993. Looks are mostly publicly funded projects that focus on seldom recognized cultural history and stories. As an example in 2006. She was commissioned to design a story. Aziz Bicentennial Legacy Project, the Garden of Surging Waves in Heritage Square funding City Hall in the center of that historic downtown, and it received for design awards. So when is interested in serving on the board because she believes that public parks can bring much needed outdoor joy and relevancy to everyone. I know that the sports advocacy and collaboration will be important for the success of a sustainable future for parks and so on behalf of myself, the board and the bureau we look forward to welcoming swim to the board. I understand the bureau has supported submitted a report for this appointment for your consideration, and I strongly encourage your support and approval. Thank you. Thank you. And does that complete public testimony. I mean, does that complete the presentation? Sorry. Very good. Thank you have public testimony on this item. It's a report entertain a motion to accept the report and approved the mission. Ryan moves can I get a second, please? Second commissioner Gonzalez seconds any further discussion? Please call the roll. Rubio I

Ryan. Yes I wanted to just first of all, acknowledge my wonderful conversation I had recently with newports member. Um I was really wonderful to meet and in person. We had such a wonderful dialogue. Thank you for all your passion for this, uh for the parks and recreation, your passion for urban planning in general and knowing that the tree canopy must be woven into that it was a real pleasure to meet you and knowing that you'll be serving as a volunteer on this and the parks support is really a great honor to our city. Gonzales. I wanna thank miss ho for agreeing to serve on this important committee. I vote I appointment. I'm excited about it always happy when people are willing to step up and serve and do so with a lot of experience a lot of passion. Thank you. Swan I vote I the reports accepted the appointments approved. Thank you. Item number 211. It's a proclamation. Proclaimed March 23rd 2023 to be am 14 50 k bps centennial day colleagues. Our next item is an exciting one. It's a proclamation to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of benson polytechnic high schools, radio station, well known and beloved throughout the community. Am 14 50 k bps. I'd like to introduce jacob patterson, the instructor, k bps, who will provide some remarks today. Welcome, jacob. Good morning mayor. Um for the record, my name is jacob. Dean patterson. J a c o b d e a n p a t t e. R s o n. I am the current kbps radio broadcasting instructor at vincent polytechnic high school and a proud product of pps and k bps was key bps student chief of staff 2006 bps summer sound host. 050609 also part of the first kbps national skills, usa gold medal champions in oh, six. I was a key bps election night coverage co anchor 2012 and 2022. Today I have the honor and privilege of speaking with you for the key bps 1/100 anniversary centennial proclamation. Thank you. Mayor council members for allowing us this very special opportunity and recognition. Gps is the nation's oldest student radio station. The voice of the Portland's public schools, was first licensed to broadcast on March 23rd

1923. Kps is the second oldest radio station in the city of Portland's the student body of Benson purchased the radio transmitter and other equipment from Stubs Electric in Portland's for \$1800. Money for the purchase of the station came from the student body funds. The original first call letters of the station were K F I F. The station made its formal debut on Aaron was officially dedicated on May 4th 1923 on the opening night of the fifth annual Benson Tech Show. Now keep Kps is older than the FCC, which regulates Kbps. In the spring of 1930 the call that is what changed from K F I F two Kbps for Benson Polytechnic School in 1941 Key Bps stop sharing its frequency with other stations and moved to AM 1450 on the dial where it is still there today during World War, two Bps stopped broadcasting in the early evenings every day so radio operators could monitor signals for incoming distress calls from ships in the Pacific Ocean. 1971 the FCC gave the station permission to increase daytime transmitting power to 1000 Watts and Key Bps today is licensed for 1000 Watts 24 hours a day. The Kps studios transmitter and 200 ft. Self supporting steel tower are located near the rear of the Benson campus. AM 1450 signal reaches about 35 miles out from the tower at Benson and thanks to amplitude modulation and sky waves, AM 1450 has been heard and recorded all around the world, including in the Netherlands, and we're not talking about the free internet stream on the Key Bps website. K Bps has always been years ahead of its time having women lead the management of the station from the 1940s through the 1990s, during a time when men dominated the industry and from letting girls and black students host their own shows on AM 1450 during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, when Benson was an all boys school to providing scholarships to broadcasting students who are minorities through the 1980s, uplifting and employing our LGBTQ students today, K Bps is and always has been dedicated to serving all students. The KDP S program would not be what it is today without the

hard work and dedication of generations of k bps pioneers. We don't have time to mention the thousands of people who have helped make key bps happened over the last century. But we'd be remiss if we did not mention these k bps pioneers and instructors. Dr patricia swenson, darryl concert, kevin flink, tim underwood and steve naganuma. Gps radio was only a school club, and it was not a class when the station first launched in the twenties, the 19 twenties, but it was dr swenson, who helped transform k bps into an educational curriculum for broadcast students from 1946 to 1994 k bps was under the leadership of general manager dr patricia swinson. Doctor swenson helped pioneer educational radio in the united states and won numerous national awards for her efforts. She dedicated her life to making key bps an example of how it educational public radio station should be operated. The station only operated for six hours a day when swinson took over, and when she left in 1994, the 14 member staff helped students broadcast days that ran for over 18 hours. Eventually the key bps torch was passed on to kevin flink spent 32 years as the primary broadcast instructor at benson high school, kevin retired from teaching in 2007 as a high school student, kevin flank was a key, deepest sportscaster from 1968 to 71. Kevin was hired to keep gps and then August of 1975 to help oversee the student program, and to be a producer at the station is first task was to make the student program as good as any in the nation, and he did it. Kevin came up with a textbook that was used in colleges as an introduction to radio broadcasting and companion book that would give production exercises. It's called modern radio station practices and later editions of this book are still used in the classroom here today. Kevin and k. Bps wanted the best program of any high school and the chance to give our students a head start over anyone who was just entering college or wanted to begin a broadcasting career. In the early 19 nineties, the brand spanking new k bps broadcast center was built on the benson campus in

the key bps building at 515, northeast 15th avenue. There's two classrooms. Each classroom has to sound treated audio production studios or students when they're not working on their textbook, had the opportunity to jump in the booth and work on production assignments. The idea of kbps is always to keep up to date with what's going on currently in the broadcast industry and giving our students the chance to have a competitive edge over other college students entering the field, or anyone, just starting out in the business with better production skills and industry knowledge, Kevin Flink was able to make the student program from the 1970s into the 21st century. We have been copied by other school districts and has won one nationally and regional awards for student programs and has taught many students how to be productive members of our community. Kevin was my kbps teacher, junior and senior years 2005 and 06 at Benson and Kevin was with us in Kansas City, Missouri, during the summer of 2006 when we won Key BPS, its first national skills, USA Gold Medal for audio and radio production. And today, Kevin still blesses the city of Portland with his amazing voice as the PA announcer for Providence Park, and many other events. Now even though there are many the last kbps pioneers like to briefly recognized today is Steve Naganuma. Steve is Key BPS and Vincent class of 1975 started in the program as a student in the fall of '73 worked his way up to being Key BPS chief of remotes by a senior year after graduating from Benson, Steve was hired as a transmitter technician where he served until 1983. You might recognize Steve Naganuma. He spent 30 years working for some of the top Portland's radio stations. K 103 z 100 k u p l q one. Oh, five magic 107, of course, the mighty 62 kg w then Steve became a radio teacher himself teaching part time about Hood Community College, and then he came back home. Two kbps, beginning in 1997, where he served as the main instructor of kbps until 2021 when he retired. Now currently in my second year as the key bps instructor,

I'm dedicating my life to our students and our program. I've grown the number of students in the key dps program steadily over the last two years, I've secured a new partnership with local community radio station, Portland's radio project, and now prp airs an hour of k bps student content every Saturday morning on the fm dial in Portland. I was able to get Oregon senator ron wyden to visit the key bps studios and do interviews with our students, and not too long ago. Commissioner Ryan was here as well. I've got a brand new updated textbook on the way for students next year, and just last week we were on the cover of willamette week. And we've done interviews recently on some local media as well. My last year last year, my students were able to interview newly crowned miss Oregon and miss Oregon team and we, of course, interview all of the roast festival princesses every year. I could not be more excited about the future of k bps with a brand new benson polytechnic high school coming in a year and a half broadcasting facilities, new connections with multimedia teams that benson and in our community, a new young, energetic teacher, a new citywide recognition of our program. The future of kdp s has never looked better. From alumni like nike founder phil knight to movie star joel david moore to hip hop sensation and mean all the radio and tv stars. I know many, many more are to come all thanks to k bps happy 1/100 birthday. M 14 50 k bps. Thank you, mayor. Thank you. Council members. Thank you. Portland's for 100 years of love and support. Thank you. We appreciate that statement, and jacob. We wish you the very best in the years ahead. You've done a great job here of elaborating the rich history of k b. P s. And I know it's in good hands with you. It's great to have you here and to hear your thoughts. Before I read the proclamation. I want to give my colleagues an opportunity to say a few words. I know they want to heap praise upon you and your institution in the great work you do, and we'll start with commissioner Mapps then commissioner Rubio, then commissioner Ryan, um, let

me start out by thinking jacob for that presentation. I usually kind of tried to occupy the history lane here and I can after having looked into the history of this particular radio station, I can tell you colleagues and listeners, jacob really? He did present us with the definitive history of kpbs. I'm out there, so I encourage future scholars to find this tape when they're trying to put together um, an event to mark the 150th celebration of this brand radio station. Uh with that acknowledgement let me get to the business at hand. I'm colleagues. I'm delighted to join you and proclaiming March 23rd 2023 to be a m 14 50 k bps centennial day. Of course kpbs is the radio station operated by students at benson polytechnic high school. Now, here's a fun fact. The bps in k bps stands for benson polytechnic school. And here is another fun fact which we learned from jacob. Today kpbs is the nation's oldest radio station run by public school students. K bps made its broadcast debut on may 4th 1923, which means that this year k bps is celebrating its 1/100 anniversary. Um and I wanted as we think about this important day. I'd like to return to ponder k bps s origin story which jacob told us a little bit about, you know, one day back in 1923, a couple of benson high school students noticed a radio transmitter for sale at a local electronic shop, and those students convinced their colleagues at benson and school officials to buy that equipment, and the rest is radio history. And speaking of history, it is appropriate that k pps is celebrating its 1/100 anniversary as the benson high school campus is being rebuilt. The new benson campuses rising like a phoenix from the ashes of history, and that is a reminder of the proud history and bright future of benson polytechnic high school. I'm excited to see what vincent students and cable bps will achieve over the next 100 years. For these reasons and more. I am delighted to join this council and proclaiming March 23rd 2023 to be a m. 14 50 k bps centennial day. And I encourage all Portland's to celebrate this day by tuning into k bps at 14 50 on your am radio dial. Thank you, mr mayor. Thank

you. Commissioner Mapps commissioner Rubio. Thank you, mayor. And thank you, Jacob for your very thorough and thoughtful presentation. Really great to hear those stories, and no one can do it. Do it better than folks that have been in that role, so it's especially meaningful that you're here today. Um, I want to say congratulations to K BPS. The students and staff for this amazing 100 year run on the air. And you know, I was just thinking that given all the advances in technology that we have we have smartphones we have, you know laptops, tablets, everything. It's particularly meaningful that the station continues to thrive in that, and it's clearly a testament to the special place of tradition and history that that the station holds for student and alumni. So um, for that that route, those reasons it's really great to see the station being honored today. So congratulations and, um, onward to the next 100 years. Thank you. Commissioner commissioner Ryan. Thank you, mayor. Hey thank you, Jacob Paterson into all your students for your work to keep this proud fabric of our broadcasting industry alive and thriving here in Portland. You do stand on some mighty shoulders. Your humble leadership is seen in appreciate it. In fact, the way your radio broadcasting students have kept Cape BPS thriving during construction. Now that your temporary campus at Marshall really is a testament to that, as you mentioned, one of my favorite moments was a year ago when student broadcaster Alias interviewed me. Those are some great questions and also some really authentic dialogue. So thank you for having that forum. And here's to 100 more years at K BPS and for your leadership during that journey. Thank you. Thanks commissioner commissioner Gonzalez. I just want to thank you, Jacob. What a wonderful history and presentation from K BPS. Here's to another great 100 years. Jacob your your history reminds us, uh gosh, 100 years. Think of all all the students who have gone through that program. Think of all the instructors. Who served all of those students and help them on their way. You're part of a very

proud legacy, and we're all appreciative of you being here today. So now my honor to read the proclamation, mr mayor from point of privilege. I just happened to notice that gloria is online and it seems to be signed up for this this item. I don't know if she was officially going to testify. Gloria we? Yeah would you? Would you like to say something? We don't actually do sign ups for proclamations, but you're certain we'd love your perspective if you got one. I've been working for kdp essence. I graduated high school, so I've been working with the station since 2014. So I I've seen the transition between steve naganuma and jacob patterson. So I've kind of helped both of them and I'm currently in charge of summer sound, which is the teen summer job program for the radio station itself. So it's really exciting to see all of these students sign up for this job and apply to it and expand their skills and their experiences and try to go off into a job that is just communication based. It doesn't have to be radio broadcasting base, but they have these skills because of this program, so being from the program myself and getting to communicate with alumni and teachers and instructors and people that are really passionate about this position, and about this program, um it really warms my heart and I really appreciate it and I really appreciate the chance to be in this role and help guide anyone that needs guidance in this program. So thank you again. Marin city chemistry. There's thank you. Thank you, gloria. We appreciate your being here today. On behalf of the City Council, and by extension, the city itself. A proclamation. Whereas radio station am 14 50 k bps was first granted a license to broadcast on March 23rd 1923 on the campus of benching polytechnic high school. And whereas am 14 50 k bps forever affected the lives of the Portland community present and past students, staff and faculty. And whereas am 14 50 k bps continues to be run from the campus of benson polytechnic high school owned by the Portland public school district. With the mission to enrich the lives of youth that

major in the radio broadcasting program. And whereas am 14 50 k bps, broadcasting majors and neighborhood schools accepted to the radio stations summer sound youth job program, experienced professional work environment to elevate their future. And whereas am 14 50 k bps has been dedicated to the diverse listeners in Portland's by curating a unique educational program that has helped launch the past, present and future careers of local and national broadcasters and working professionals while also serving the community. By promoting events, local stories and people of interest. And whereas thousands of listeners across the Portland's metropolitan area Oregon and the united states and indeed even the world listen daily for music and programs that cater to the diverse tastes in music. And whereas the city of Portland wishes to recognize am 14 50 k bps for their contributions throughout the city of Portland. Now therefore I ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland's Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim March 23rd 2023 to be a m 14 50 k bps centennial day in Portland's and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you, jacob. Thank you, gloria. For your great leadership. We appreciate it. Colleagues our next item is item 212. It's an emergency ordinance. Amend system development charge exemptions code to wave system development charges for office two residential conversion projects performing seismic upgrades. Colleagues these two emergency ordinances actually. Yeah I see 2 12 also please. I'm sorry to 13. Amend seismic design requirements for existing buildings code to adjust the seismic improvement standards of art to occupancy classifications colleagues. These two emergency ordinances, modify system development charges and the city's building code, respectively, in order to incentivize office conversions. In the residential units. Both of these code changes are important tools to drive investment into vacant offices in our central business district to produce critically needed housing and to create greater mixed use vibrancy in our core with

seismically safer buildings. This incentives package is also part of the 90 day work plan that City Council committed to advancing earlier this year. Commissioner Rubio. I want to thank you and your staff for your collaboration and hard work and support and co introducing this item along with me. I appreciate your leadership and creating much needed housing supply and driving greater economic recovery and resilience in our city. And most of all, I just want to thank you for your personal passion on this front. I wanted to first recognize you for any introductory remarks that you might have as well. Great thank you so much, mayor, and I'd also like to take a minute to acknowledge one of your staff people. Andrew fitzpatrick. Um, I want to lift up andrews excellent work on this project and appreciate the time he's dedicated to working with the bureau of development services and other infrastructure bureaus and the many stakeholders necessary to pull to get together. This package of code changes so thank you, andrew. As we're all aware are central city recovery has been slower than many similar cities across the country, and the vacancy rate in our office buildings is about 26% and most likely rising and at the same time we are in a housing crisis and must look to every avenue available to increase production. And what we know is that the cost of converted converting offices to housing comes with a very significant price tag. Which is why we're bringing these two ordinances forward. Using an exemption of system development charges for the cost of seismic retrofit and adjusting our seismic improvement standard for our two classified buildings. We are hoping to create greater feasibility built feasibility for these much needed projects in our central core. But also like to note that the seismic improvement standard is aligned with other major cities in seismic areas, and we are not sacrificing safety for development. These new steps will be will support greater activation in public spaces and increased foot traffic for small businesses and help revitalize the central

district. It will also help achieve our goals for sustainability by increasing density in the central city, connecting people with transit to reduce commuting and encouraging repurposed buildings instead of new construction, so I will now pass it on to Andrew Fitzpatrick to present these two items. Thanks Commissioner. Morning Mayor. Good morning City Commissioners. For the record. My name is Andrew Fitzpatrick. I'm the director of economic development on the Mayor's team. And I'm privileged for the opportunity to speak with you about these two important items this morning. I'll focus my remarks on the overall policy justification underlying these code changes that are being processed to get here today and on the details of item 2.12, in particular the creation of system development charge exemptions for qualifying office to residential conversions, and I allow my colleague from the Bureau of Development Services, Kumar, to speak with a lot greater technical expertise on item 2.13 that I could possibly do so. Thank you for being here as well. With both code changes, the challenges that we are trying to address are a critical shortage of housing supply and our central business district that lacks sufficient residential occupancy and as a result has recovered more slowly than other peer cities. We have a number of office buildings that will remain largely vacant with limited demand for commercial office space unless we intervene to incentivize new investments into adaptive reuse. The office vacancy rate of the central business district today is currently 25.8% which will likely continue to rise as office tenants exit leases or downsize their space. At the same time, central city foot traffic is key for small businesses, for cultural events and the activation of the public realm. And for community safety. More central city residents may be connected to mass transit and require shorter commutes. As Commissioner Rubio mentioned, their homes can reuse existing buildings rather than relying on the costlier carbon footprint of new construction. In response to these objectives, we are proposing to exempt from sdc

s office conversions that must undergo seismic retrofitting for residential use. One of the biggest cost drivers that often makes these projects financially infeasible. As you all know, when a building undergoes a change of use from office to residential in this case. It typically is required to undergo a seismic upgrade due to its elevated hazard classification. This work in combination with other hard costs of renovation often make these projects prohibitively expensive with insufficient returns to cost. Office buildings have generally already been hooked up to city infrastructure and have often already paid s dcs previously. The beneficiary of an exemption must sign a covenant to preserve the housing units created for at least 10 years. In this ordinance, the overall project must also comply with existing inclusionary housing requirements. The size of the sdc exemption may not exceed the lesser of the actual cost of the seismic retrofit, or \$3 million. The exemption sunsets in 2027 to stimulate near term investment and to allow for council oversight and reassessment. Over the last seven months. We consulted with engineering, architecture and construction firms, property owners and developers, housing advocates, business groups and neighborhood associations. We also work closely with the bureau of development services Portland housing bureau, the city attorney's office prosper Portland's the bureau of revenue in our infrastructure bureau counterparts to arrive at this proposal. We appreciate their guidance and partnership. We spoke with and studied approaches from other cities like calgary, alberta, canada. Washington d c. Chicago and san francisco. Given the financial and structural complexity of this work, it's safe to say that no one has this completely figured out yet. Portland can now be a leader in innovating new approaches to reinventing its central city. Prosper Portland continues to work with the northwest and the global design firm gensler to make further recommendations for generating conversion activity, which they both have pointed to as a key ingredient

in medium and long term mixed use, vibrancy and economic resilience and our central business district. We recognize that due to the major financial undertaking of conversions, even for structurally accommodating buildings that we still have a lot more work to do as a city. And alongside other levels of government to incentivize conversions effectively. We have asked the state legislature to provide further layered incentives. We are proud of this significant step in the right direction as we drive investment into adaptive reuse into centrally located housing and into a signal that Portland's is taking decisive action to spur our economic recovery and revitalization. Thank you for your time and attention, mayor commissioners. Thank you appreciate it. Now I understand we're gonna hear from admit, and doug good morning, mr mayor and council members. My name is amit kumar and the supervising structural engineer with the bureau of development services. I'm here today to testify on the proposed changes to the city's title 24.85. The proposed amendments are intended to support cities priorities related to housing creation and reactivation or conversion of existing weakened or underutilized buildings. Two residential units among several factors identified as potential barriers to the conversion of office space to the city residential units is the current requirements in cities title 24.85. Current regulations would require a building undergoing a change of occupancy from office to residential to be seismically upgraded. The current standard for this type of upgrade is called a sce 41 b p or n simply put it is a standard equal into that for which new buildings are built. The proposal is to revise the improvement standard from the 41 people and to a b p o e standard b p o e stands for the basic performance objective for existing buildings. This standard is a nationally accepted standard deemed appropriate for existing buildings. The standard uses a slightly lower earthquake ground motion compared to b p o n standard. Buildings meeting the proposed bpo standard. I

expected to experience little damage from relatively moderate and more frequent earthquakes, but may experience more damage from the most severe and infrequent earthquake compared to buildings improved to the current bpo and standard. The proposed bp standard is considered a life safety standard where occupants of the building are expected to exist safely in the event of the most severe, infrequent earthquakes. This standard technologies and accept some of the differences between an existing building and a newly constructed building. For example, the risk is tempered by a recognition that an existing building likely has a shorter remaining life compared to a new building, and this has a smaller chance of experiencing the most severe and infrequent earthquake event or whether it's remaining years. The constraints of existing building often make achieving the same level of performance reliability as a new building much more expensive and the cost is often disproportionate to the incremental benefit. Accepting the bpo standard also ensures that recently constructed buildings and those that have recently been improved to modern standards are not immediately considered deficient. Whenever the court changes. So in your buildings, and those that have been recently improved, would not need any additional upgrades to meet the current standards. Above all, the b p o e standard is a protective of life safety and correspondent corresponds to the performance objectives of new buildings. Although it is accepting of a greater level of damage in the event of the most severe earthquake. In addition, b p o. E also approximate the regulatory policy traditionally applied to existing buildings in many seismically active areas of the United States suggests yet ill San Francisco, San Francisco and Los Angeles. This change would bring the city of Portland alignment with the requirements of seismic upgrades in other major cities along the West Coast. As part of our outreach bds presented this proposal to groups such as Beaumont, which is a building owners and managers

association, which is the national associate of industrial and office properties. Vds development review advisory committee and bds is structural engineering advisory committee and have their support for the proposed amendment. In conclusion the projects intended to convert existing office spaces to residential use have many challenges. This court amendment will lower one of the barriers and support the city's goals to create additional housing and reactivate vacant or underutilized building space. Thank you. Thank you. And was doug also going to present today or just this is all right. Thank you, gentlemen. Colleagues any questions before I open this up to, uh, public testimony. Very good Keelan. Do we have anybody signed up for public testimony? We do for both items. We have 11 people signed up. I'm sorry for both items. We have 11 people. Totally three minutes each name for the record, please. First up. We have coal. Merkel joining us online welcome cool. In their Wheeler and commissioners for the record. My name is cole merkel. I'm one of the co directors of here together. The organization that convenes the 250 plus member coalition of businesses, service providers and community leaders. Whether we advocate for comprehensive, proven policies to address homelessness in the Portland metro region today, I'm here to advocate on behalf of the coalition in favor of agenda items to 12 and 2 13 code changes that aim to incentivize residential to office conversion. Taking steps like the one we urge you to make today with approval of these code changes is exactly how will begin to make headway on the daunting challenge of closing our housing supply gap. Yesterday I submitted a letter to public testimony signed by 34 organizations and businesses and 40 community leaders include including non profit and for profit housing developers in support of these code changes. You hear together? Coalition has expressed our support for office two residential conversions in both the 2022 2023 roadmaps to accelerate relief to our regions homeless and housing crisis. Desperately need housing of all

kinds to address homelessness, and we should embrace creative opportunities for new housing. We appreciate you all taking this stuff today. Streamlining office conversions will allow private public and nonprofit developers to create desperately needed housing options and help breathe new life into buildings previously used as office space. And assess itty as tele community has become a reality for many in the workforce. This will also be critical to supporting a vibrant city center. In addition to these code changes, we encourage the city to work to develop affordable housing at all levels. Especially with deeply affordable units. These conversions won't be strictly limited to affordable housing were recognized that increasing the housing supply at all levels is critical to providing more housing for everyone in our community. We appreciate you all considering these. We hope that you'll vote yes. And we knew that this vote will only be part of the solution to Portland's housing and homelessness crisis, but it's an important opportunity to bring more desperately needed housing online. Thank you so much for considering we urge you to vote yes, on this creative opportunity. And thank you for your time. Thank you, cole. Next up. We have john isaacs. Welcome, john. Good morning, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. Thank you for your time. My name is john isaacs. I'm the vice president of public affairs for the Portland business alliance. I'm a resident of southeast Portland. I prefer he him pronouns. I'm here today on behalf of the greater Portland chamber of commerce to support to support agenda items to 12 and 2 13, which will start the process of converting obsolete office buildings to residential through incentives and modernized seismic requirements. Last month, we released our annual state of the Portland's regional economy report, as many of you know, it was very sobering report and among a host of alarming data about the health of the economy of our city, where the following points downtown Portland has had the third slowest recovery among the 62 largest cities in the nation based

on foot traffic. This is due to Portland's higher than average dependency on office workers and Portland having one of the highest work from home rates in the nation, visitor foot traffic is only down 27% from pre pandemic levels. But office worker traffic is down nearly 50. And comparatively to our peers. Portland does not have a high percentage of people living in the downtown area. Downtown Portland has a 26% office vacancy rate, not counting leases that are not being used. Leaving over eight million square feet of commercial space currently vacant. This is going to result in the largest year over year drop in property tax revenues to local governments from downtown commercial property since 1997. I focus on these points because it is reasonable to assume that downtowns as we know it are not going to return and due to the pre pandemic makeup of Portland's daily downtown use Portland was more susceptible to these shifts in human office work preferences than our peer cities. If we are to support the recovery of our beloved downtown, the heartbeat of our state's economy and take the opportunity to add badly needed housing units to our city supply, we need to promote policies like these ordinances to make downtown's a place where people can live and work and we need to start putting the policies in place now that will facilitate the conversion of antiquated commercial buildings to residential, which will take several years to come to fruition. I want to be clear that this is not going to solve our urgent housing crisis on its own conversions are more expensive than new housing developments, but nevertheless, in the long term, it will be an important part of the mix and keeping downtown Portland's sustainably thriving for decades to come. We support this ordinance because it is a good first step in the right direction. But as we have discussed with all of you conversion there, variant expensive the ordinance. In fact, states it perfectly. I'm just going to read straight from it in the absence of significant financial incentives, office buildings that are otherwise structurally feasible to be

converted, are unlikely to be changed into residential units because of the cost of undergoing conversions, especially the size of upgrades necessary. For this reason we urge the council to adopt these ordinances, but to not stop there. We hope you will subsequently active, adopt stronger incentives to develop new affordable and middle housing slash timelines and steps for permits to build housing and eliminate unnecessary policy based requirements we have stacked on developers over the years. These ordinances ordinances are a good start, but please keep going and be remembered as the council who met the moment and finally took the actions or housing emergency requires. Thank you for your time. Thank you, and we'll take you up on that challenge. We look forward to working with you and others. Great. Thank you. Next step. We have sarah fisher. Welcome, sir. Good morning, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is sarah fisher and I'm the priest at saints peter and paul episcopal church in southeast courtland. I'm, a member of the 11 community, land and housing coalition and a member of the hair together coalition. I have been a Portland's resident for nearly 40 years and have lived in all four quadrants of the city, including right here in downtown. I support these ordinance changes and urge each one of you to vote yes. I am here because I believe as I hope that you all do that housing is a human right? Not an earned privilege. In my parish. I care for people who long to get off the streets, given adequate support, employment and transportation options. Creating additional housing downtown would directly or indirectly serve many people that I care about people that I know and people that I don't know. Who are currently living in tents. I think about them when I listen to the rain on the roof of my cozy home, I think about them as I urge you to clear the way for additional housing in Portland's I am also here for myself. I love Portland, and I've always loved our downtown. I'm not one of those people. Whoever stopped coming downtown to eat or shop, but I miss

the vibrancy of our city. I noticed the empty spots where there used to be shops and restaurants. I noticed the empty sidewalks where there used to be people, increasing the number of Portland's orders, who called downtown home will increase foot traffic in downtown. Increase the labor pool for street level businesses and contribute to the overall revitalization of downtown. We can bring Portland's back. We can I am excited about the prospect of converting underutilized office spaces into affordable housing. I urge you not only to pass these ordinance changes as a first step but to keep your sights on the north star of increasing the amount of housing where all Portland's orders can afford to live. Thank you for your work to alleviate unnecessary suffering in our city. Next up. We have me chase slick online. Welcome. Thank you. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. My name is mitchy slick, and I am a principal with killian pacific. Um, sarah's on who was testifying next, and I are both members of organs. Smart growth, and we're both here today is Portland based real estate developers. Quietly is where I live and where I work and raise my family and the firms that sarah and I represent our homegrown Portland's future is very much our future. And Oregon. Smart growth has long advocated to increase housing production in Portland and across Oregon as a critical strategy to address our housing affordability crisis, reduce homelessness and enhance our shared economic prosperity. We were really heartened to see the council resolution last fall that specifically called out action steps to increase housing production. And as you know, our region needs to produce 295,000 additional housing units, both market rate and regulated affordable by 2040 to make up for past under production and to be prepared for future growth. That need is even more acute as our city struggles to recover from the pandemic, especially in the central city. It's against this backdrop that you're considering these ordinances, which we fully support. That embrace the innovative

idea of converting underutilized office space to residential use, which in turn produces needed housing and adds residents that will enhance the vibrancy of our central city. These are laudable goals and most notably the city and Andrew Fitzpatrick assembled the work group that included myself and other members of the development community to provide technical input to the city and to get engaged and really great collaborative conversations as these ordinances were in development. I also want to be very clear that office to residential conversions aren't extremely challenging type of development and the projects carry significant risk. These projects are typically more expensive than constructing a new building and also posed tremendous schedule and cost risk because of the unknowns that exist when renovating a building the ordinances before you today are very important in laying the groundwork to eventually enable office to residential conversions, but they will most likely not result in additional housing units important land in the near term. Significant additional incentives would be required to make projects like these immediately feasible, so we have much more to do to address our housing needs and our central city and we owe it to our community to continue working together with urgency to tackle both of these items. Sarah's gone who is testifying next? We'll share our best thinking on next steps to have a material impact on housing production in the near and midterm. Thank you very much for your time. Thank you, Mickey. We appreciate it. Thank you. Next up. We have Sara Boone. Welcome, Sarah. Good morning, Mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is Sarah Zahn. I am the chief operating officer of Urban Development Partners, a local real estate developer here in Portland, and I also currently serve as the chair of the board chair of Oregon Smart Growth. Like me to before me. I am very heartened that the current City Council is taking the issue of housing production so seriously these ordinances before you today represent the kind of

collaboration we have long sought with the city, your team considered and out of the box idea, engaged stakeholders effectively and evaluated technical information to craft policy solutions. Now we're here to urge you today to keep going. Morgan smart growth offers four additional bold ideas to meaningfully move the needle on housing production in Portland. First let's reform Portland's inclusionary housing program to increase production of market rate and affordable units. I'm currently serving on the stakeholder workgroup for the inclusionary housing calibration study analysis. That's already an analysis. It's already several years overdue. We are working hard as a group and will soon share a series of recommendations to the Portland housing bureau. We hope ph. B in the city will take a hard look at the recommendations from this work group and act quickly. We cannot afford to wait another year to get this program right. Second we recommend or hope to encourage you to implement an stc more korean. Burt s. D. C s on all housing projects are housing state of emergency required prioritizing housing above the many investments are sitting needs a temporary moratorium on stc or referrals for housing projects. Development more feasible. Third. We want to urge you to rapidly evaluate the multi dwelling in middle housing regulations, surveys results and move swiftly to implement regulatory changes. Commissioner Rubio we sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share first hand our experience with the city's many regulations. While we support the goals behind many of the regulations in question, including climate resiliency, energy efficiency, transportation choices and livability. All of which are laudable goals. They often stacked together to make it difficult to create places for Portland's to live. Includes encourage you to boldly prioritized what can make pause until we are on track to meet our local housing production goals. And finally, we hope to see speeding up permits speeded up. The city can take bold action and adopt 120 day rule. Per uh per permit issuance with the option

to submit the permit to a third party review from for approval of the city can't meet that timeline. The urge you to look for additional resources to add more permitting staff and consider ideas like self certification for certainly types of permits, recruitment, permitting staff to focus on other applications. Organ smart growth is committed to staying at the table with you. Thanks sarah. Perfect perfect timing. Appreciate your testimony. Next up. We have kai chronic. Welcome. I think I maybe online yes, I'm online today. Good morning, mayor. Relearn commissioners. My name is kai chronic. I'm the owner of fuel yoga workouts. Where a boutique fitness studio yoga studio, small local retail attendant down here in downtown Portland. Right down the street from me on second. And taylor, um, here to speak in favor of these two items to 12 and 13. I've had my business opening downtown Portland for six years. And needless to say, in the last six years, I've seen a lot of change, most notably in the past three years. What was previously a pretty heavily utilized business district has noticeably changed into an area of call it underutilization, um in business, and it's and moved out. More employees are staying home or working from hybrid models, and it seems like a vacuum has been created one that meets filled um as a brick and mortar in the downtown area. We rely really heavily on the health and the usage of the areas, other businesses and buildings. And with this area's transformation, I've seen a substantial decrease in customers, um, actually a substantial decrease in foot traffic in the area. Vibrance um and it's resulted in a significant decrease in revenue. Um, it's a real and significant challenge for business, so we need more usage of space and buildings in the area, not less, and it seems a logical step to take is to facilitate the transformation from commercial to residential. Uh, the usage landscape has changed. So let's create these opportunities and incentives for properties to adapt to the changed landscape and support the local businesses like mine like the others, um, all the ones that we have

deep roots here and the public or in the community. So thanks for your time. Appreciate you and I heard you to vote in favor of these two others. Thanks, kai. Next up. We have preston course. Good morning, preston. Good morning. Thanks for being here. Good morning, council mayor. I'm my name is preston course I am the director of government affairs at the home building association of greater Portland. At our association. We represent six local counties here in the region as well as 40 municipalities in cities within the area, which keeps me very busy in addition to of course, service districts and utility areas, um usually when I start these sorts of testimonies, i, uh I say that our association really only is in our industry. Really only as strong as our members are, and of course, that's true, but that's only part truth within reality. Our industry really is only as strong as um local governments are effective. And of course, I don't think it's any surprise to folks here that, um the local construction and right residential. Construction industry is perhaps the most regulated and impacted, um, industry by local government than any other that operate in our area. Of course. Um which is why, of course, I am particularly grateful to be here today. As a city we hope will take a minute. An additional step two. Be more effective, um, and increase its goals and parameters around having production and housing affordability. Which of course, we believe these two agenda items will do over time. Of course, they won't solve the entire housing crisis within our region or within the city. But it is an important lever that we encourage you all to vote for today. Um and in addition, as john and others mentioned, it is one important step. But we are encouraged by the fact that the city staff and council is even considering taking such an effective move, so we appreciate it and we hope that you will continue to work with us. And as with members and again you guys have are ready, made the rounds to the to the business industry and the homebuilders. Um and I just hope that you guys

continue to take those steps and I appreciate your hearing our testimony and I encourage you all to vote in favor of these two amendments. Thanks. Next up. We have jim atwood. Welcome. Good morning, sir. Morning. Mayor. Council people. My name is. My name is jim atwood and I have some poster boards left from prior testimony I gave to the council and another matter. I don't think most of you are here, except for mayor Wheeler. But this is a building downtown building that I have. And I think that possibly the costs of the seismic upgrades, even at the reduced requirements have been underestimated. The elephant in the room isn't the system development charges. It's the cost of the seismic upgrade. Just to recap quickly for this particular building, which prosper Portland and courage me to do a feasibility study on the cost of doing a seismic upgrade. Uh and which involved basically gutting the interior, putting in the framework and then rebuilding the interior was approximately double the cost of simply tearing it down and building a new building. This is evident throughout the city just a few blocks from here. I was in contact with the california developer who is developing this building on the taylor between 3rd and 4th. He wanted to re, uh, developed this property, and some of these walls are up to over two ft. Thick but because of the size, make upgrade requirements. He did end up demolishing it, and it took six days to demolish to build a new building. Um this morning's Oregonian on the cover page is a story about the yamaguchi hotel down at fourth and glisan. And it's being demolished and undoubtedly, it's because of the seismic upgrade requirements. So if you really want to throw developers and property owners of bone to encourage housing, and I was I was served on the downtown housing advisory committee under mayor neil goldschmidt decades ago. I'm a strong advocate for downtown housing. You should consider eliminating the requirement for the seismic upgrades. I noticed in the ordinances here today. You're talking about giving a waiver of system development

charges. The people who are doing seismic upgrades, but the seismic upgrade basically makes a lot of these conversions not feasible. And I know that my, uh gentlemen, on my right. Mr Ahmed is a strong advocate of seismic upgrades. But essentially, there's just not enough money to make it worthwhile as business owners. Uh you know if we have a major earthquake were in our buildings collapse were ruined. So you know this is important to us to and if there was if it was financially feasible to ah, slaves make upgrade our buildings. We'd do it. I think these existing buildings are an important part of the fabric of the city. And I'd like to just throw it out there that if you can reduce the seismic, reduce or eliminate the seismic update requirement that he'll do something. To contribute to more downtown housing. Thank you mask, mr commissioner Gonzalez. Quick question for you, mr atwood. Um were you showing us a pro form of the conversion? Is that what it was on the billboard? This is a actually it's a cost analysis of the actual renovation, which, uh, was in. This is in \$2015, by the way, a million 773,000 and at the time the replacement cost of the bill of a similar sized building on that lot was 940,000 got it. What was the price per square foot on conversion? Uh so it's the building has above grade 5800 and 25 square feet. I can't do the math in my head. But just the hard cost of the seismic upgrade was 907,000. So I think that's about 160 bucks. A foot was \$2015 to 2015 and that and that doesn't include soft costs for engineering permits, legal and accounting, financing and so forth. So uh, 907,000 for 5800 and 25 square feet, and when we get to the end, i'll have some follow up questions for mr fitzpatrick on this, but thank you very much for your testimony is very thank you. Next step we have which grain charles simcoe johnson. Thank you. I think you let me once slide on saying for the record. I'm charles simcoe bridge. Crane johnson, or maybe I got it in but you've heard a lot of great reasons to vote. Yes we started off with testimony from coal. Merkel who has roots going back into,

uh, street routes used to be significant figure at st roots. Um we should also think about the reasons why you should vote no on this. Um, and mostly the only reason that exists is about having your ducks in a row. Ah I guess this isn't emergency item. Of course. Ted and I have had a little snarky comments about what constitutes an emergency as a procedural matter and what's a real emergency? And the real emergency, of course, exists highlighted by the point in time count, which tells us about the thousands of people living outdoors. Um and so ducks in a row would mean that before you vote yes, on this. You would have an actual plan to take those thousands of people living outdoors and provide them with safe, hygienic indoor shelter, and you don't yet have a plan for that. You occasionally talk about papa pet projects that will address 100. Out of thousands of people, I think on the 18th of March, the mayor is going to be at a town hall about the work on 82nd. Hopefully we'll get some rv safe parking. Although many people there, of course, don't think that's the best place for it. Um and then there's other little nuances about why you maybe should vote no on this because the s d c s came up. The housing crisis is not a reason for blanket sdc waivers. What you need to craft is a tool appropriate to the job when somebody's doing a development, such as you know, the hopefully going to succeed big rich carlton next to the gallery where target is those people don't need sdc waivers. Their job is to recoup that expense from the millionaires that will be living there. Stc waivers when your housing people that need deeply affordable housing if those projects are viable. That's a great time for sdc waivers, so we have to weigh the no. Of this kind of far looking idea of. Maybe we can have some affordable housing in spaces that is commercial. Versus the fact that we don't have a plan that actually talks about the real numbers from the point in time count thousands of people and addressing that at the scale and scope. It exists instead of just saying oh, every few months will rescue 100 or 90 or 107 people out of those

thousands of people that are living outdoors. And so when we weigh those things, it is true that y'all should vote unanimously vote yes. To get this going so that we can maintain a vibrant downtown have more people living here. Um I didn't take time to look at who owns the old first interstate bank, which is now wells fargo. But there's great windows over there. Somebody should rent that editor by it at very high price. But you can vote yes on this. But more important is urgent action beyond what's going to happen in 80 seconds for the full scope of people covered by the point in time count, thank you very much. Next step. We have montanansen. I think mantle is going to join us online. I don't see them as manta here. Okay, we'll move on brian wanamaker. Welcome, brian. Morning, mr morning. Good to see you in person. Good morning. My name is brian wanamaker. And I'm a real estate redeveloper with over 25 years experiencing experience redeveloping areas in Portland's primarily for housing and commercial, retail and north and northeast Portland. In 2014, about a beautiful office building on northwest fourth and glisan, an old town that was sitting empty and dark. It's a beautifully restored building fully retrofit with steel framing for office occupancy. I was able to add tenants and stabilize the building. But during the covid pandemic, these are stopped coming to the office and have since all moved out. The building is back to basically sitting empty as it was when I bought it. But now there's virtually no chance of finding a tenant to take any part of the building, let alone to fill it enough to keep the lights on. I see my choices as converting to housing or shut the building down and let it sit empty again as it was when I purchased it in 2014. Not alone in this experience or in the dilemma of deciding what to do with a nearly empty office building. Portland's downtown real estate market is in crisis mode. The demand for commercial spaces plummeted and vacancies and bankruptcies will get much worse as existing commercial leases expire. At the same time, there's a critical need

for housing downtown. The obvious solution, converting commercial buildings to residential is not feasible, primarily due to Portland's seismic upgrade regulations. The regulations missed the main point that Portland's seismic regulations make conversions exorbitantly expensive because they overstate the hazard level of residential occupancy compared to commercial well. Many building codes treat residential occupancies as a higher risk. Thank commercial that is primarily due to risks associated with fire, not seismic events. It is my understanding that many state codes including Oregon's do not view residential occupancy as more hazardous than commercial in regards to seismic upgrade requirements. Neither does the gold standard of building code agencies. The international code council. Some other cities may have regulations similar to Portland's, but those are by no means typical ones. I'm currently attempting to convert a downtown old town building that I own to create about 80 to 100 new units of housing in a neighborhood where people are currently sleeping outside. The building has recently had a full seismic upgrade. It's legal to fill with 1000 commercial occupants and has exiting and fire measures designed for that many occupants. But Portland's seismic codes says that housing only 200 residents, all long term familiar with the building would require another full seismic upgrade, even though the building can legally house five times that many commercial occupants. Which the changes proposed today will make that conversion less. Unfeasible. And my case is typical. We need basic changes to Portland's seismic codes, one that would bring more in line with the international code council regulations in order to really have an impact on housing downtown. The proposed changes are a step forward, but it remains uncertain if the proposed changes go far enough to encourage converting safe office space into much needed housing. Brian before before you disappear. First of all I want to thank you. You've been leading in this area for many, many years before it became a big topic of

discussion. In the wake of the covid pandemic. I think you and I had a conversation about this probably 10 years ago, and you were you were an innovator and leader. In that regard. I want to acknowledge that first and foremost, second of all, I've been having lots of conversations with lots of people about your building and the perceived inequities between commercial and residential seismic codes. And that is something I'm very interested. In running the ground with my team, and so I want to be clear what we do today can always be revised in terms of the overall seismic codes that I just want. You know, I'm hearing what you're saying. And I'm hearing the arguments, and many of them are very compelling. To me. I appreciate your being here today. Commissioner Gonzalez has a question question. Uh in reviewing this proposed code, what would you protect project on per square basis. Your seismic upgrades would be if you converted to residential with the current code. Uh you mean I'm really looking to get both, but whatever number you have at your fingertips, so I mean, it's uh millions. Millions and millions of dollars building was upgraded already. So like I said, there's this differentiation between office occupancy, which allows for a stunning amount of people compared to housing occupancy, and I'm unclear why why Portland's varied from the I c c code, but they did in 95 decided to sort of continue with a different code separating the residential component from the office component. So the occupant loads for office space are significantly higher than for residential um and I'm unclear why that is the case. But that is currently where it sits sure, and the reason for the questions just as much for listeners listening at home that the sheer magnitude of seismic upgrades on the project costs when we're talking about this conversion, it's so outweighs everything else, at least on the pro form. As I have seen that it's, uh, I don't think we can overstate the impact and the barrett is to creating affordable housing in the city. So i, um we'll circle back when we get to mr fitzpatrick on this,

but thank you for your testimony. Thanks very much. Appreciate it that complaints testimony. Very good colleagues. Any questions at this particular juncture?

Commissioner Mapps nope. Nope commissioner Ryan following up on the testimony that we had from mr atwood. I just wanted to hear your response to some of what he had to say about retrofitting the whole expense with that, and you know, it was very important to listen to that. And I do think it was unearthed it as an elephant in the room, and I just wanted to make sure that I heard your response and thinking. By that great testimony we heard earlier. A couple of responses there. I think mr brian was talking about the discrepancy between commercial and residential. This ordinance very we are moving the, uh, lowering the requirement from a bpu and I'm great to have bpo. You have great, essentially addresses that issue. So, basically the, uh. Residential occupancy is being treated similar to an occupancy for an office building, so they'll be doing the same standard that they're doing for a new office building. So I think that addresses the issue that mr brian was talking about. The one that mr atwood was talking about the cost of conversion. Seismic upgrades. It is definitely an expensive proposition to do any kind of a seismic upgrade. And if you compare it to the building a new building, that is true, but I think these older buildings which are unreinforced masonry buildings, they are have been proven in earthquake. Government earthquake to be very dangerous buildings. You know if you've seen what happened recently in turkey with this type of construction in there, so seismic safety is important when we deal. Yes the cost is there but its importance to the safety of occupants of the building is also very important. And I assume this topic is discussed in other cities that are taking this on. Is there a network nationally internationally and I heard canada was mentioned. That's on this topic looking at those challenges with financing for the masonry buildings. Yes, there is, you know, being standards being developed all

you know, international standards that are there that it specifically addressed. Ah unreinforced masonry construction, and these are the type of buildings that have been separated out from other types of constructions. Uh and in city after city they have adopted especially in the barrier in California. Special ordinances have been taken to address the specific types of buildings because they pose a bigger danger than other types of construction. Could I just ask a follow up on that we don't have to resolve this today. But but it is an interesting question. I think it's a worthy area for us to continue to follow up on the case was made. That. The seismic standards different for residential than commercial, and it seems to me if somebody is working in the building or living in the building during the day, you value those lives equally, right? And so why? What is the basis of the different standard for residential? Is it because they're in the building longer? Is it because it's the fire code issue. What is the fundamental difference? And is there a different way? We could. Mitigate that funding the risk of that fundamental difference. What is the difference? I mean, these the way these are classified back in 1995, and we adopted this existing building code at think it is not just it is the nature of occupancy, although the people who live in those buildings, for example in residential occupancy, as you have children, living in this building. You have elderly people living this buildings in here they are not. As you know, if you're living in office space building you working there? You know how to you know, uh, exit the building in an earthquake and stuff where you have people living overnight in the building in here there, you know, with children and elderly people who are not capable of self preservation. So they are treated a little bit differently than people who are living in work working during the day in an office space. So that was probably one of the fundamental reasons why David classified as a higher hazard because of the nature of occupants in the building, and is that based on assumptions or is that based on

some statistical risk based modeling. What what is that? Based on again? It was just based on you know, back in the in the olden days, very hard, all cord all the conservancy cord, and it was just based on the nature of occupancy had not just and by the way, you do a great job. I gotta tremendous compliment from a constituent just yesterday on, apparently, you've had multiple. I won't mention his name today, but you've had multiple interactions with and he said that um, it guys great. True problem solver, but I'd like to explore this. Yeah a little more and really get to what we think is the fundamental difference in whether we are evaluating the risk. Appropriately and whether or not there are other mitigating strategies that could use the use that don't require a completely different seismic retrofit for one type of building versus another if we have a massive earthquake right now, this building often has people with disabilities it often has. Children has all kinds of little rats. Words were all throughout this, this old building and the earthquake isn't going to know whether I'm living here or whether I'm working here and it's not going to care. So my question is, simply do do we have the calculus, right? And I was compelled by the arguments that were made. That you know other municipalities have a different national standard than what we're using. I just want to make sure we're not overreaching and overburdening. The uh you know, overtaxing the those who seem willing to invest in affordable housing in our community. So if we could just sort of explore and I'm not saying you're wrong, I want to be very clear. I just think it's worthy of follow up. Right mr mayor, just to assure you we have all these started that conversation. We have brought this issue up with our structural engineering advisory committee. And we are hoping that we'll come back to council either later this year or early next year, with some other recommendation addressing this issue, and I really appreciate that at the risk of sounding even more nerdy than I already do. I'd like to see the math. And I'm sure you would, too.

Thanks I appreciate your leadership. Thank you. Any other questions?

Commissioner Gonzalez has one. I just want to echo the mayor's comments there in then, you know. Personally recognized the difficulty of the policy choice. We have to make your right. So we're we're protecting future citizens of against the seismic event, which by definition is likely catastrophic, at least in the scenarios where these codes come into play, um, balancing that against a real true emergency on our streets and the lack of affordable housing right now. And um so I fully appreciate the difficult policy trade off. We have to make here, um, in particular because one is before our eyes and its a definite and one is potentially in the future. Uh that's often hard to weigh those two things against each other. So I just want to acknowledge the difficulty and appreciate the work you've done here. Um this question is as much for mr fitzpatrick but either of you can ask answer. Um there was quite a bit of industry analysis of seismic upgrade costs under our existing code, and that was circulating quite a bit in the fall and winter as the dialogue about this subject really started to accelerate, not just in Portland, but to certain extent in north America, and I'm just trying to gauge where we are, we think on the as anything changed sort of the estimation of getting back to the question. I asked both developers the cost per square foot of meeting Portland's seismic code upgrades standards here. I'm just sort of trying to get a ballpark if you have any current information, including what this code change. Thanks commissioner, don't think anything about the city's requirements have elevated costs more in the intervening months, but I do think cost of capital having continued to increase in construction costs of, of course, have been inflated over time. So we have seen some of the estimates continue to rise. And I know you've seen some pro formas. We're happy to also share some of the ones that some of the folks that he would have testified have shared with us just to demonstrate the enormity of the costs.

And I think this this measure is something that is a good starting point. But of course, we need to do a lot more as a city and we hope that we will have some help from the state as well as a critical resource to layer on incentives. Yeah, and I said it before, and I just don't want to belabor the point. But the magnitude of that hurdle is so significant that it is standing in the way of affordable housing without question right now, um the follow up on that actually wanted to jump to a technical question in table 24. If I be I just want to make sure I follow line two and three. What are the differences there? I just wanted I couldn't quite follow what we were trying to say. I'm looking at more than one third of area or 100. Just trying to understand the difference between line two and three there. So, basically what that table is saying is that if you are changing an occupancy, and the occupancy change affects more than one third of the building area, then that triggers a seismic upgrades. So if you're doing anything less, you know what one third or less change of occupancy you're not required to do a seismic upgrade. Totally follow the difference between line and one and two. I just didn't really follow what you're trying to do with line two and three there. So basically two triggers in there. One is the one third area and then the other is that if you're adding 150 or more occupants, then it triggers a seismic up greatly. So it's either of the two. So if in table 24 85 a. You have different hazard categories, and if you're changing an occupancy, and it's in the same hazard category, then if you're adding more than 150, people, occupants that triggers a seismic upgrade. But if you're going from us lower hazard were higher hazard than you have this additional trigger of more than one third the auction number of occupants, so that's what that table is talking about. Totally makes sense to you might just take another look at line two and three and see if they can be consolidated. Because when I look at that, I'm wondering if there really one and two are telling two different stories. But on mine line two and three are basically the

same. Triggers and they look duplicative other than the last call on relative houses or classification, different classifications, actually, just where you can do it in one line, but that's a scribner's thing. So it's uh you know, I think there's all my questions for now. Thank you, mayor. Thank you, both colleagues. Any other questions? Commission. Rubio no. Great alright, please. Uh these are both emergency ordinances. Please call the roll on item 2 12. Um so are we making our comments on this one? Probably make it on the first one. Great first. I wanna say thank you to you, mayor, um for taking leadership on this since last year, and the collaborative efforts of you and your team with our bureaus, um that these, uh, that has resulted in bringing these ordinances before us. Um thanks for calling us all to action on our responsibility to do our part to increase the housing supply during this time, um, andrew, doug. I mean, thank you all for your presentations and all of the work behind the scenes and that has culminated in today and bringing these changes forward today. It's a lot of work, and I think that's up various repeating that, um it was thoughtfully done. So thank you for that. I also want to acknowledge all of the folks that came to testify today. Um very good insight. Very great. Um, comments to us and things for us to follow up on. Um it's clear that this action today is striking a chord and also some places to dig deeper, um, and bringing some help about revitalizing our central city. Really excited for this project and look forward to seeing how its first housing development out of these buildings so great work and I am happy to go. I Ryan first. Thank you, andrew and I'm it for the presentation for the extremely helpful testimony to all those who are here today, the testimony indicated enthusiastic support to provide more housing, and you also all revealed very different interest. And concerns this diverse coalition alone coming together speaks to why this must move forward today. Thank you, commissioner Rubio for seeing this through. I know the conversations that were started last fall

with the mayor's office. I was in those conversations and quickly the hurdles and obstacles mixed with excitement to move forward was real. The fact that we are here today says a lot about the collaboration from many sectors in our community. Sectors who are not always on the same page and offices across government who are also not always on the same page. Landing this next step to move forward is a big deal. So congratulations. This is this is really complex and very bold. And today this is the right step. We will learn a lot in real time along with other cities. I really encourage us to be a part of a learning network. It's not a Portland's knows best moment. It's really connecting with others around the country and in Canada. They were doing this. To make it possible for us to add housing and ensure safety for residents living in this promising housing and a pencil this out to attract builders in real time, I think that's what we're getting at the heart of the matter, well this pencil out and still provide the seismic upgrades center necessary and clearly, that's work that's continuing in that dialogue is fresh and real and rock. I asked that we remain open to make adjustments to this visionary policy to get the results. We all desire to lead with the story last week, I was engaging with many interests about restoring one square in downtown Portland o'bRyant square. We had experts in design. We had providers of those those who are seeking behavioral health services. We had owners of large buildings and last seen perhaps to me. The most important voices I was hearing was very passionate, small business owners. And current residents downtown. Why? Because they actually are downtown. They don't have a choice. They live there. They're trying to survive in their small businesses. They don't have the luxury like some of their business owners that are above them of being remote. They have to go to work and hope that someone shows up with their shops every day. These are the people that are front and center for all of us up here because we all know that our downtown everyday needs one thing. That's more activation,

more joy in our streets, plazas and squares will be a big part of that. So this is one part of that activation. Um ecosystem that we must really dive into right now. And so as we prioritize this activation so that we have, we can keep thinking out of the box and providing more residents in central part of the Portland clearly, we need to figure out the well named elephant in the room around the seismic upgrades. We must humbly work with other cities again to adapt and learn in real time. This is a start. Decided we'll be back to us. I assume frequently because we're just getting started and let's go. I vote. I gonzales just want to appreciate your work here on this essential matter as we try to kick a kick start the reemergence of downtown. Getting people to live down here is a big piece of that, um, at the same time we address this affordability crisis in our community, so this is essential work. Appreciate the urgency that you've tackled it. I do want to acknowledge two pieces again to reiterate these. We're going to be facing a number of difficult policy trade offs when it comes to our code around housing, and this is but one of many or really, frankly, two of many that we will be addressing. Hopefully in the coming years and every one of these code provisions had a reason for it had justification for it. And I just want to acknowledge that there's work to do when we say well, for right now we have to focus on affordability, even if there are other trade offs that were had venerable reasons why they were in the code. So uh, this will be one of many also recognize the reality. This is not going to do anything to alleviate the shelter shortage in our community today, it won't address our shelter needs six months from now. These will have medium term impacts positive impacts several years from now and yet we still have to do that work. We the affordability crisis in our community, um, will not be solved overnight. It will take multitude of years, attracting capital and getting projects done in the city to alleviate that challenge. So we have to do both of these simultaneously address our shelter needs and remove

barriers to investment in the city of Portland. Uh not just not to say the least about our behavioral crisis behavior health crisis in the city of Portland's addiction and mental illness that are a big part of what many Portland's feel when they see the homeless on our streets, so I just wanna acknowledge we have to do this medium term work. Simultaneously with addressing those other issues that are facing us on the streets. One last note on seismic. Um you know, I'm really hopeful that our state and federal partners will eventually help us and other western cities address this because, um, I think there's a third time I've said it, but the barriers here are so substantial, uh, for these projects to actually come online. In urban settings that, um, we've taken a step here. It's going to help, but I'm concerned it's not nearly enough to really kick start some of this development we like and I think we're going to need help from the states and feds to really make this performance viable. One last note. It's just a technical piece on system development charges. When we're talking affordable housing, there are often waivers already of some sort, so I just went for those listening in um, those already exist. This seems to take this step further, which I think will help more of these projects. Pencils so, um, for all those reasons again, thank you for your work. I vote I maps. Um I want to thank everyone who testified today and I want to thank the mirror and commissioner Rubio for the end of wave of work they have done on this ordinance. I vote. I Wheeler. This is a really interesting subject, and I want to thank commissioner Rubio and I want to thank andrew and admit I want to thank you for I know you guys have put hundreds of hours into this and initially I wasn't really sure how we were going to break this up into ordinances and how we were going to present it in a way. That would make it easy to understand. And you didn't exceptional job in terms of how you organized this. The action steps you've proposed for this council to put in place the outreach that you've done in the community, and I appreciate the fact we heard

a diversity of opinions from people we don't usually hear from. Here at city hall, and, uh, that was great. I also just have to go to the macro issues here. The macro issues are these. The nature of work in urban areas has fundamentally changed and we're not going back. We have an excess of office space relative to what's going to be needed in the future. We even heard testimony from one of our commercial space owners and operators. That his concern is if he can't figure out an alternative to office space, his building will stand vacant along with many, many others here in the urban core. That's sort of the first macro issue. The second macro issue is we have too many thousands of people living on our streets and too many people who cannot afford the increase in cost of housing in our community, and this is where the opportunity is. But that opportunity only makes sense if it pencils out, and that's just the hardcore reality. So we have to figure out the right balance between incentives. Costs. Regulations and the cost of capital coming into these projects in order for it to be successful. Finally we have data that shows that one of the reasons why Portland's recovery from the covid pandemic and its resulting economic shutdown has been so sluggish in the central city is because we don't have a lot of housing. In the central city. And I was pleased to hear jim's comments about working for a previous mayor decades ago, where that was raised as a fundamental concern, and that is definitely played out factually cities that had more housing in their mix. In their central city's recovered much faster than cities like Portland that do not and even here locally, we saw neighborhoods that have a mix of commercial, industrial and housing recovered much, much more quickly than parts of the city that did not have that mix. So if we want to be relevant going forward, this is the kind of strategy that we need to pursue and think about, and it causes us to rethink some of the rules that were put into place in the 19 seventies and 19 eighties and 19 nineties. They may not have aged so well. Given the

challenges and the realities of 2023, so I encourage us as we move forward to continue to reevaluate the assumptions behind some of the regulations and ask ourselves do we still have the balance? Right maybe we do. But maybe we don't. And if we don't, we should revisit that. Again. I really want to underscore what others have said that this is not the solution to our homeless crisis far from it, but this is an important tool that can be used to further our suite of responses to the homeless crisis, while we also address the fundamental question of what makes an urban areas successful in a post covid environment so I'm really proud of this work collectively on the council's part. And I appreciate everybody's, uh, team collective nous on this and our community stakeholders who helped shape this fundamentally and to youtube, gentlemen who worked so tirelessly on it, I vote I in the ordinances adopted, it will be much briefer on the next one. Item number 213, please. Also an emergency ordinance. Rubio. Bye Ryan. I gonzales. Maps, the ordinances adopted colleagues before we jump to the regular gender, let's take a 10 minute break. We are in recess for 10 minutes. Mhm. Mhm. Hmm. Mm hmm. Mhm. Mm mm hmm. Hmm hmm. Hmm. Hmm. Mm hmm. Mm hmm. Mm hmm. Mhm. Mm hmm. Hmm. Hmm. Mhm. Mm hmm. Yeah. Yeah. Mm hmm. Thank you, everyone. Item number 216 a proclamation, please. Proclaimed March 12th through the 18th 2023 to be America or weak colleagues. Keelan just indicated the next item on the agenda is a proclamation proclaiming March 12th through 18th 2023 to be americorps week. Now like to introduce our speakers. I don't know if I have them in the right order or not. But kerry bauer, who is the director of campus compact of Oregon, carmen dennis, in the executive director of campus compact of Oregon. April. Crossed project director of the Multnomah County foster grandparent program. Caroline tidings, americorps vista and training co. Ordinary coordinator and amanda hard program manager of the metropolitan family

services to present on this proclamation, and I believe we're beginning with Kerry. If I've got my notes, correct. Yes hi. Good morning, Mayor Wheeler and commissioners and thank you so much for having us today. So for the record, my name is Carrie Bauer. And I'm the director of Oregon SERBS. Organ Service is the state service commission for Oregon and our role in the state is to promote America, volunteerism and civic engagement opportunities. These opportunities both increase the capacity of communities to meet their most pressing needs and also provide a path for those serving in the local American programs to get a leg up on reaching their education and career goals. American members and volunteers across our state provides services to address critical needs in the areas of education, health, public safety, environmental stewardship, disaster response, youth, senior veteran services and more. In schools, colleges, nonprofits and local government agencies. And often that is that service is enabling them to launch their public service careers from the skills and networks that they developed since 1994 when America are formed over 21,000 people have served in Oregon, including in Portland's for a total of 29 million hours. Which always knocks myself out after to think of that. That's such a huge impact on local communities. So on behalf of the commission, I just wanted to sincerely thank you for recognizing the impact that members and volunteers are making every year by issuing a proclamation to celebrate America or week you're going to hear next from programs that served on the front line of COVID response in Portland. That supported local schools and food banks and making sure that students nutrition these were not during COVID, um you're also going to hear from some programs that support local foster families and youth. I'm inspired to be a part of this work every day because of the likes of those that you're going to hear from and again. We just thank you for making this proclamation today and sending a powerful message that their services valued and

appreciated. You want to let you know that carmen, who is executive director of campus compact, unfortunately, did have to cancel last week. But since their gratitude along and I know would be happy to send further information about some of the innovative work that they're doing around Portland, so I think max. You're actually here from April. Very good. Thank you. Welcome April. Whoa thank you, mayor. Thank you, counsel persons. I am the program coordinator with the foster grandparent program money. Multnomah County foster grandparent program creates opportunities for older adults and the tri county area to connect mentor tutor, youth and their communities. The volunteers who participate in the program have expertise from their professional and there lived lives to share with in the areas that they volunteer in. In order to serve in the program. The volunteer needs to meet the 200% poverty level guideline or greater and pass a background check. The volunteers serving in the foster grandparent program also received benefits from their volunteer engagement. The fellowship from the other volunteers, along with ongoing education and services, trainings, helped them to keep engaged. The stipend they receive helps them maintain some financial stability within their modest household budget. We also support the volunteers by connecting to resources, such as rental where utility assistance and other services through the aging disability and resource connection. Prior to the pandemic. The volunteer foster grandparents positively impacted the lives of 168 children per year in the areas of academic, social life skills and behavioral support. Grandparents are placed at schools, head start programs and after school programs within the communities they live in, which gives the grandparents and the youth additional resources in their neighborhood. I wanted to share some feedback from station supervisors. That they provided when the completing evaluations with the volunteers. Grandma is an excellent in her service and presence with our infant

group of children. Community action. Start head start is such a joy to have with us. She works hard and the children love having for here and are always excited to see her albino head start. Miss volunteer is a pleasure to have on campus we loved. We loved her positivity and care for the students. Portland opportunities industrialization center. Is a source of patients and cheerfulness and our classroom and we are thankful, thankful to have him to head start. I just wanted to share the impact that the programs have with the kids and with the grandparents and I appreciate your time. Thank you. And then carol and I assume you're next. Is that correct? I believe so. Thanks so much. Welcome hello and good afternoon, everyone. My name is caroline tidings. They use pronouns she and bay I am the project director for the Oregon health authority and merrick or vista partnership project. We are in our 15th year of our partnership with the mirror quarter and we have members who serve across the state of Oregon in quite organizations, local public health departments, tribal governments and community based organizations as well as non profits. Our project aim is to alleviate, prevent and these poverty and organs through building that system capacity and through expanding health equity. We currently have 12 members serving throughout Oregon, and six of those members are serving here in Portland. Um typically have two cohorts per year one in the spring and one in the fall, and we often hear that our cohort supports that. We provided just one aspect that is particularly useful to our members during their service year. Members serving across the state, but they really have that. You know, of course. Base of support. Um our program also provides training and professional development as well as team building activities because it's really important for us to invest in our members and further develop their interests in service to local communities, and through this into a strong relationships with our members. We often see members continue to work in public health within Portland

and within the state of Oregon. That the programs are wonderful source of workforce development, and we get these, you know, really excited volunteers coming into doing your service that often stay within the states and within Portland's to build that workforce development. I myself started with this program as a volunteer and service to America in 2016, and I continued in public health since then, and now get to manage the program that I loved being a part of years ago. And so through building the capacity of organizations that promote public health in Portland are members lasting impact on the community and some examples of the current projects member they're working on currently in Portland include preparedness, planning and evaluation, medical preparedness health equity partnership. And communications, public health, volunteering community engagement, public health modernization and also partnerships and food coordination alive. Pillar of our program is really ensuring that the project workers community led a program acknowledges that our members have often have really wonderful skill, but it's also vital to empower the community to take that strength based approach and build the capacity. Um so host organizations regularly sing the praises of the skills of America, vestas. Um but they bring and acknowledged that the work that they do really build that capacity to serve community in a way that wouldn't get done without the participation in this program. And I really see that as the biggest impact aside from workforce development that there's so much great work to be done, but we don't always have the funding or the staffing and the miracle vistas really bridged that gap for organizations in Portland and grow capacity to serve more Portland's and more Oregonians. Um thank you so much for acknowledging the importance of these volunteers today, and our program is even currently recruiting for new members. So if you're interested in learning more about our program or know someone who might be interested in trying to reach

out to me or take a look at our website, you can just google organ health authority vista program. Thank you all so much. Thank you. We appreciate it. And last, but not least amanda heard welcome. Thank you. Good afternoon and happy America appreciation week as my name is amanda hart and I got my start with both America and metropolitan family service nearly 12 years ago as an American member serving in the sun program at schaffer elementary. So go tigers. Uh, this is the first year that mfs hosted in America team and after my two years of service and the mfs some program I knew that this was the kind of community centered work for me. So now 10 years later, it's been beyond gratifying to watch pilot programs that I supported as an American member like our school based food pantries, social emotional learning, youth focused financial empowerment and tax prep outreach become integral service offerings in our communities at mfs as a multiservice, culturally responsive organization that has been serving people across the lifespan. Then. Throughout greater Portland's since 1950. We recognize that we do a lot. We also recognize that we could not do all this incredible work and show up for our communities in the same intentional way without the energy, compassion and commitment from our americorps members that fresh ideas, diverse perspectives and thoughtful questions always inspire us to offer the best versions of our programs and ourselves. One of the programs I'd like to highlight is mfs hunger relief in our school based food pantries. So what started as a bi monthly u haul rental to pick up food for about 20 families? That shaver during my americorps service has now grown to serve upwards of 880 families every week Monday through Friday across five school communities in east Portland. During the height of the covid pandemic. It was one of our only programs that continued to run and even expanded, transforming into an all outdoors distribution that provided free fresh food to all this was possible because of our American members that year who

showed up every day and lots of rain sometimes shine and sometimes no and brought that same passion and dedication. To serving their community, so thank you to the Portland City Council for creating this space today to recognize all of our service members as well as creating innovative programs like the Portland clean energy fund, which supports our mfs mission to build a future of America that is more accessible, inclusive and reflective of the experiences and voices of our communities. Thank you and cheers to getting things done. Thank you appreciate it, and I believe that completes the presentations of those who are going to present at this point colleagues before I read the proclamation alternate over to you for any comments or questions, commissioner Mapps. I see your hand is raised. Thank you, mr mayor, colleagues. I am glad to join you in proclaiming March 12th through March 18th 2023 to be americorps week. Here in Portland, Oregon. As we learned today, americorps is an independent federal agency that connects more than five million Americans to public service opportunities. The agency's mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. Americorps programs include, but are not limited to America, or senior and americorps vista. Of course, the America or senior program consists of a variety of opportunities that connects senior citizens would volunteer opportunities. Americorps vista was founded in 1965 as a domestic version of the peace corps program. Americorps vista provides full time volunteers to nonprofits, faith groups, community organizations and public agencies. Now in more than 1200 communities across these united states more than 5000 vista, volunteers help individuals and communities rise out of poverty and I am very familiar with the americorps vista program. I used to be executive director for an organization called historic park rose now, as many of you know, historic park roses, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting equitable economic development in east

Portland's, and when I worked at historic park rose, I worked with many americorps vista volunteers. But today I want to take a moment to celebrate one mr volunteer in particular. Her name is kate conan. Now for many years, kate worked as my chief of staff at historic park rose kate played in indispensable rope role in making park rose a healthier, safer and more prosperous neighborhood. For example, kate helped organize neighborhood cleanups and the taste of park row street fair. Kate helped get crosswalks built and murals painted and she helped storefront spruce up the outsides of their buildings. Now kate left historic park. Rose and the vista program many years ago. But even today when I walked through the parkers neighborhood, I can still see the legacy that kate and the americorps program left behind. Which is why I'm glad to have this opportunity to honor kate and all of the other volunteers at the americorps program for working here in Portland, and I want to do that by joining my colleagues in proclaiming March 12th through March 18th 2023 to be americorps week here in Portland, Oregon. Thank you, mr mayor. Thank you. Commissioner Mapps commissioner Ryan? Yes thank you. Um I'm honored to be here today to hear about, um all the presentation was great, and anyone that comes from the nonprofit sector like I do as an executive director, and 2008. We were really hit with a lot of challenges. Both our graduation rate was one of the worst in the country, especially for children and students of color, and we also were in the big recession if you will, so it was financially challenging to build at that time, and if it wasn't for americorps volunteers working with us and more in the network, and that included metropolitan family services, it was just key to building the capacity that many of you spoke to. So this is a wonderful program. It's great to see all of you keeping it. Going and I'm grateful that the clinton administration gave this the juice that needed and it's still here years later. So anyway, congratulations. I hope you feel really good about the impact you're

making in the community. And thanks for allowing us to take time today to pause and be grateful for americorps volunteers in this week. Thank you. Thanks, commissioner, Ryan commission Rubio. Thank you. I just want to jump in and also commend the local American members, um, and seniors on their service to the community and hats off to all of the volunteers who served. Um uh and continue to serve in Portland, and particularly those who helped out during the pandemic. Those are really critical times. Um and i, too have seen firsthand the impact of these volunteers on our nonprofit community and in the community, so, um really appreciate that everyone's testimonies were very compelling, and they highlight the power of service and the ability to improve people's lives. So I'm really glad we're honoring this important institution today, and we're better for your service. Thanks thank you, commissioner Rubio commissioner Gonzalez. I am just so proud to participate in celebrating the almost 50 years, America has been energizing volunteers across our country. My both my parents and in laws both served in America's overseas cousin, the peace corps. And so, uh, the energy and connection that comes from volunteering just would like to celebrate with that. I took my hat to your organization and I am honored to join and proclaiming the week of March 12 to 18 2023 as americorps. Celebration week. Thank you. Thank you. Commissioner like to begin by reiterating the mission statement of americorps. It is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. Through an impressive array of programs. We heard many of them today, americorps has been an indispensable way for Americans to give back to their communities, in particular, like to recognize the volunteers of America court who provided much needed help to their communities during the worst moments of the covid 19 pandemic. Nationwide at least 10,000 americorps members and volunteers spent time helping others during the pandemic over 100,000 wellness

checks were conducted. Almost £16 million of food was collected and distributed to those who are most in need when our communities needed them americorps volunteers and members stepped up. And they provided to all of you who put your neighbors and your community first. Thank you. You're a shining example of what we can accomplish when we help one another. Now it's my honor on behalf of the City Council to read a proclamation. Whereas services a hallmark of the American character and has the unique ability to bring people of all backgrounds together in common cause. And throughout our history, citizens have stepped up to meet our most pressing challenges of the day by volunteering in their communities. And whereas americorps and americorps seniors programs provide opportunities for the more than 200,000 Americans to serve their communities through services and nonprofits, schools, public agencies and community and faith based groups all across the united states and whereas in Portland's more than 311, americorps members and americorps seniors volunteers of diverse ages and backgrounds helped to meet the local needs more than 100 and 54 locations in the Portland's area by responding to covid-19 tutoring or mentoring children in youth supporting veterans and military families. Combating the opioid epidemic, restoring the environment. And responding to disasters. And whereas americorps members and americorps seniors, volunteers encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers and service and acquiring the support of businesses, foundations and other local partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives. And whereas americorps americorps seniors programs bring together people across race, age and zip codes to address the critical issues facing our country, forged relationships and cultivate mutual respect and help build resilient and thriving communities, and whereas americorps members and americorps senior volunteers demonstrate commitment dedication and patriotism

by making an intensive commitment to service a commitment that remains with them throughout their future endeavors. And whereas through their service, americorps members in America are senior volunteers strengthen the lives of their families, communities and Portland's orders as a whole, whereas national service represents a unique public private partnership that invests in community solutions, and leverages nonfederal resource is to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars. And whereas America's week is an opportunity for all of us to recognize the dedication and the commitment of the more than 1.2 million Americans who have chosen to serve their country through americorps and millions more who have served in America are seniors and their community partners and to encourage more Americans to follow in their footsteps, footsteps of service. Now therefore I ted Wheeler, the mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses do hereby proclaim March 12th through 18th 2023 to be America, or we can Portland's and urged citizens to thank americorps members and alumni in americorps seniors, volunteers for their service and to find their own ways to give back to their communities. Thank you. All of you, who testified today? We appreciate it. Thank you so much. Thank you have a great afternoon. Next on our agenda is item number 217 resolution. 0.10 pits and sherry smith to the police accountability commission joining us today's American all of the community safety division to introduce this item. Welcome, samir. Good morning. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. Thank you. For the record. My name is samir khan alami advisory boards and commissions manager for the community safety division, which administratively houses the police accountability commission. And the police accountability commission began its work in December. 2021 the commission is currently working hard on developing the structure and details of a new community police oversight board and police accountability system and in late

April or early may, will shift to developing the transition plan from the current system to the new system. It will propose to City Council. The commission will be presenting its next quarterly report in may to update more on that. But at today's item is about ensuring that the commission has 20 active members for the remaining time of its term. There were well over 100 community members who applied for the commission in the original solicitation on this pool of applicants has been used for all previous appointments and was used again. Sometimes a volunteer must resign to changing life circumstances we unfortunately had to recent resignations. And after staff screened the applications to ensure that they were applicants who are interested, available and eligible council staff work together to support the appointments today, which continues the collaboration of all five council offices on this commission and the process of rethinking police accountability in Portland's these two appointees will represent their communities, including the small business community on the commission first pass it to tim pitts, who is here virtually to introduce himself. Followed by shares. Sherry smith was here in person and then we'll have a short closing comment after their introduction. Thank you. Thank you. Yeah. Hi. My name is tim pits. Thank you for having me mayor and commissioners. I am a small business owner and property owner landlord in Portland. I work in the real estate industry for a little over 10 years and so public safety is definitely important. And I am totally aware of the need for more, um, sort of oversight to help rebuild the bond between the citizens of Portland's and the police that serve and protect us, so I'm just really looking forward to being able to serve on this commission to do whatever I can. Thank you. Thanks, tim. We appreciate it. Hi cher. Hi my name is sherry smith. Um I run a small family owned business in the Portland area. I am a second generation Oregonian. Um my passions are gardening volunteering. Um I'm an artist. I'm a people watcher.

I'm an animal lover, and, um, this is an issue police accountability very close to my heart. Um I'm humbled and very excited to have been selected to serve my community and the capacity of a police accountability commissioner. I found ways to serve my community my entire life, including animal rescue, volunteering for gardening, landscape tree plantings. I spent many hours volunteering for elder care as well. Our seniors are wealth of knowledge and enjoy to serve. I bring my ability to see complex problems from all perspectives to this national concern that has come to the forefront. Well, I never forget. That it was very courageous and selfless state trooper that risked his own life to save me and my infant daughter many years ago. I'm also very conscious of the many ongoing concerns regarding police accountability, and I'm eager to participate in finding solutions that can be implemented to save lives. Thank you for your time, all of your hard work and together we can make a difference in our beautiful state. Thank you, cherie. We appreciate it. Thank you and just for any member of the public who is listening, we would like to invite you to take part in the work of the police accountability commission. There are multiple ways to take part. You can give advanced public comment through the online web form voicemail or postal mail. This information is also available on the police accountability commission's website. There's also the ability to join, live and give public comment or testimony to [Portland dot gov slash police dash accountability](http://Portland.gov/police-dash-accountability) and go to events and you'll have the information on how to join. The commission welcomes public testimony for many members of the community. Thank you. Thank you appreciate it. Do we have any questions at this point before I go to public testimony? Public testimony. Yes um, we have five people signed up. First up. We have catherine mcdowell. Welcome, catherine. Good morning, mayor and councilors. It's lovely to be here with you again today. I'm catherine mcdowell. I you she her pronouns and I'm one of the current co chairs of

the police accountability commission. I have owned and operated a woman owned law firm in downtown Portland for almost 20 years, I sit on the commission as a representative of the small business community and have been honored to serve on the p a. C since we began meeting in December of 2021. I'm here to express my appreciation for the support you and your offices have provided to the illustrated this today by your appointment of two excellent new commissioners. I'm also here to ask for your support on changing the timeline, which now requires our work to be done by June 9th 2023 we ask you to more closely aligned this deadline to the timeline in the city's settlement agreement with the u. S. Department of justice. Which requires our work to be complete by October, 29th 2023. As you know, from our prior reports, the has been working extremely hard to complete the many tasks necessary to implement measures 26 to 17. We quickly realized given the scope of our charge, we would need to convene multiple meetings weekly for the last 15 months. We have typically met every Monday and Thursday evening with community engagement meetings and planning meetings on top of that schedule. We've made excellent progress are midway through the fourth phase. Days of our six phase process and we are close to completing the critical design elements of our charge. This pace, and this progress has only been possible because of the huge personal commitment and sacrifice of our volunteer commission members. Unfortunately to complete the final two phases of our work by early June, the commission would need to start meeting at least three times a week, extending our work into additional evenings and weekends. Even with this schedule, the final phases of the work will necessarily be circumscribed. I fear we will lose valuable members who simply cannot give much more time to a volunteer effort on top of their families, work and other community commitments. I also fear that the urgency created by a premature deadline could undermine the equity based process that

has successfully guided our work. To this point, like all members of the commission. I am 100% committed to meeting the council's charge and delivering a set of recommendations that address the needs of all key stakeholders. We just need a little help from the council to get there in the form of a new deadline and a few more months to complete our work with this additional time, I'm confident that the p a c will deliver a blueprint for a new civilian police oversight board. That serves all members of the Portland community enhances public safety and can be a model for the rest of the country. Great so much. I appreciate your being here, and I'd like to just say the testimony last time was very compelling. I understand that you are volunteers, and it's not my expectation. That people dedicate the entirety of their lives to volunteering on a really important city commission. So it is my understanding that an extension is in the works that apparently has not yet been presented to you or fellow committee members. But I want you to know that it has been presented to me in recent days. And so I'm hopeful that we will will extend this very quickly. We hear you when we agree. That is terrific news. I want to thank you and the rest of the council. Thanks. Next individual, please. Next up. We have casey lewis online. Welcome, casey. Thank you very much. My name is casey lewis. I am the current other co chair, one of the three co chairs actually of the Portland police accountability commission. Um I really want to thank the council for considering these two appointments today. Tim and cherie really looking forward to working with you. It's incredibly rewarding work, and it's a fantastic group of people to work with, um, had more lengthy comments prepared. I think kathryn covered most of what I was going to address and I really appreciate the mayor addressing that so I am going to go ahead and not take up anymore of your time. Just really appreciate the council, both making sure that we are getting these replacement members and hopefully soon considering giving us the time we need

to really present you with a quality product. At the end of this process. We appreciate it in casey again. Thank you. Thank you for your service. You've been great. We really appreciate it. Next up. We have debbie iona online welcome w. Debbie here muted. Yeah, okay. There you are. We hear you now. Sorry sorry. So they know that I know that it sounds like sorry, debbie iona. I wanted the members of the, uh, police accountability commission and also want to thank you for filling the vacant seats that we have. Um and I will not go through my comments now that I proved that it sounds like there's some hope for us separate and extension. I just wanted to just give you a little personal story of yesterday. Um uh, the amount of time that we are all taking on this pipe 15. I joined the other co chairs in a planning meeting. Then it's 63 attended a community listening session. Then I spent the rest of the evening writing my statement that you're not going to here today and also working on a, uh, discussion document for our Thursday night reporting and transparency subcommittee meeting. I finished that at 11 o'clock at night sent it out to my co chair and samir and applied after 11 got an email from my coach here who asking for a little bit more clarity on you know what we need to do to get this document ready for tomorrow night, so we're working. It's hard and feeling a sense of panic. And so it's just such a relief to hear that this extension is in the works. So thank you very much. And debbie again. You're underscoring the point. This is a volunteer opportunity. It's not supposed to be drudgery or keep you up into the wee hours of the night. And I appreciate that. You did that. And again. I feel that you and your colleagues gave very compelling testimony. The last time you were here, and I appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you. Next step. We have mark porous. Hey, mark. Yes good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. For the record. My name is mark. Porous he him pronouns and I'm with the group Portland cop watch. We have no objection to the addition of either tim pits or shari smith to the police

accountability commission, and we appreciate their bios and statements of interests have been made available to the public and thank you, mayor Wheeler for saying that an extension is in the works. We still like to get our comments on the record, so i'll go fast here. We echo the consensus request from the members of the police accountability commission to allow them to work until the deadline City Council previously agreed to in the d.o.j. V city of Portland settlement agreement, which is October 29th of this year, um, council had a resolution ready to go in January that would have codified this, but it was pulled from our work by the mayor's office. And it sounds like that resolution will be brought back. So thank you. One of our members, dan handelmann has been attending meetings for the past 2 to 3 times a week and in his capacity as a co chair, sometimes one or two additional meetings. So that's 3 to 5 meetings per week, volunteering to meet this deadline. But the city's pressure of trying to meet that you nine deadlines. Some people are dropping off, and some of the folks who remain seem less inclined to engage in conversations, perhaps knowing that it will make things take longer, and the city was creating an atmosphere that will lead that could lead to an incomplete or inferior product that does not include the voices they start to incorporate into the project. And in court. City attorney robert taylor made an offhand remark to judge simon about how he the judge should know that setting deadlines helps make people work faster. But the deadline set for the court or to pressure paid city employees to make the expectations of the settlement agreement. Not that the council agreed to that the council agreed to psc members, on the other hand, are volunteers as we keep discussing and should not be treated in the same way. We appreciate you understanding this at a hearing on March one around the quarterly report, commissioner Rubio stated that she would support extending the deadline, and mayor Wheeler stated that that he would speak with the public safety division

about the issue, and that was two weeks ago. Um and we appreciate again that you are going to bring this hopefully soon to us. You don't want the two new members who approved today to burn out as soon as they joined the commission. And I just want to get to one more thing. Courtland cop watch has also been asking counsel for a resolution to allow all city commissions to set the quorum to a majority of seated and active members. And it might not seem like a big deal when a 20 person commission has only 18 seated members. However when the number of seated members drops this low, the quorum should be adjusted such that 10 people need to be present to conduct business rather than 11, which is how quorum works right now. The p a. C sent council a letter in June of last year with this request, which would allow the important work that they and other city commissions are doing to continue in the face of the inevitable membership turnover that occurs on these volunteer boards. And so once again, we're asking you to make this happen. Thank you. Thanks, mark. Next up. We have bridge crane, charles simcoe johnson. Thank you. Good afternoon. I'm charles simcoe birdbrain johnson, and I think we should just pause for a moment and reflect on the slow here. Of course, we just talked about America and people who are dedicating a lot of time to volunteering. Um 29, now back up to 20 members on the police accountability commission. Uh, meanwhile, some parallel structures continue. Citizens review committee. Independent police review a lot of time. Um and I hope that somewhere in the city um we're looking at the metrics to get the diversity we want and especially, that applies to impacted communities. And also as we talk about the slow the agenda, of course. Kind of. Ironically the next thing we're going to do. Let's talk about oops, possible police mistake \$60,000 of taxpayer money out the door. Um. I've been stepped back since the days of the co ab and the cocoa. Um but I think you know, police about accountability is expensive, if for no other reason than the fact that it's

expensive. We need to think about the time we invest in the officer involved shooting report. And see if we need a parallel report. That gives you all an annual review. Of. The legal costs of the Portland police bureau. I don't know. Hopefully Ted went off the top of his head since I think he retained the police commissioner hat. If there's an annual summary. You can probably, of course get it, but the public should know how many cases were settled. How many went to trial involving problems in the police bureau. We don't even need to call it police misconduct, but I'll be talking again more when that individual case comes up on the next agenda item, maybe. But if the I p r and the crc we're only addressing complaints raised by those citizens who had the strength and fortitude to go through that complaint process. It does not give us a comprehensive picture of the problems that some citizens are having interfacing with the police. So um, I don't know how the new complaint driven process that's all going to get massaged out. It's interesting that these, uh, co chairs it was really great to see Debbie again. Have talked about this deadline, which they didn't even know yet might be moved back to October and this upcoming case of \$60,000, which low and behold is a case that Judge Simon is presiding over. It won't be a case now because it's going to be a settlement. But the main takeaway I want you to have from this is like just citizen initiated police complaints. Through this channel. Looked at by themselves without looking at the expense of settlements. Um, you know, we all remember the unfortunate premature death of Qantas Hayes shot by police and that that cost the city more than \$60,000. Um there needs to be a holistic. Look at how we build a police department that every Portland's er and maybe not even need to be called the police department. Glad we have this new safety division. Anyway, you've got the meat of the issue. Thank you very much. Thank you. That complaints testimony. Very good colleagues. This is resolution any further questions or comments? Please

call the roll. Rubio um, thank you, mayor for bringing these excellent appointments to counsel and thanks to samir for your leadership and staffing, this important commission and of course, thanks to the testimony that we've heard from commissioners today. Um, I also want to extend our sincere gratitude for your thoughtful work thus far, um, and also appreciation to the two appointees. Tim in and sherry for their willingness to serve our city on this important commission, especially because you're bringing the voices of small business owners, um from more areas of our community to the table, and, um, we appreciate that. Please know we deeply value your service and we're here to support you. But I thank you, sameer. It's always good to see you. Great update and I really appreciate the two people who are stepping up. I agree with commissioner Rubio. It's so wonderful to have people who have a small business experience on the on the on the team, and I'm glad the mayor addressed the timeline. But I gonzales appreciate your volunteers willing to step up. I vote I yeah, I want to thank these volunteers for agreeing to serve on this important committee. I vote I tim and cherie. Thank you, um as you've heard, it's an important committee that she'll be serving on it's one with a lot of eyeballs on it all the way to the federal government will be watching closely. And, um you're joining a group of very, very dedicated public servants, as you heard. Ah, pay isn't very good. The hours have been in my opinion too long. And so I'm hopeful that we're creating a more accommodating work environment for the important work that that you will be joining. Um but I really appreciate it. Appreciate your service and your dedication. I vote I resolution and the appointments are approved. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks, sameer. Thank you. Colleagues the next item is an emergency ordinance item number 28 to 18. Pay settlement of jorge bello bodily injury lawsuit for \$60,000 involving the Portland police bureau. This ordinance colleagues resolves a suit brought against the city

back in December of 2021, deputy city attorney dan simon and senior claims ambulance analyst david farrow are here to walk us through the ordinance. Dan, are you or david going first? David I thought that you were going to do the presentation, but I'm happy to pull up the talking points under the presentation if you want. I'm sorry. Justice on you were. So, dan, are you bringing it up? Thank you. Bring it up. One second, please. All right. Thank you, mayor, City Council City Council. This claim arises out of injuries to mr bello as a result of an encounter with officers of the Portland police bureau while protesting near north lombard and north benwick avenue on August 24th 2020. While ppb officers were arresting a different protester, mr bello stood among other protesters and members of the press, continuing to protest the arrest and ignoring ppb commenced to disperse in an effort to affect mr bellows dispersal from the scene. One ppb officers engaged directly with mr bello and a use of force and then attempted to detain him. Mr bell's attempt to attention additional nearby officers who took mr bell to the ground and detained him. Mr bell provided evidence of treatment for complaints of head and neck injuries sustained during the arrest and evidence of nearly \$10,000 in medical bills for the treatment. The parties negotiate directly and agreed upon a settlement of \$60,000 inclusive of attorney fees and outstanding weans to resolve this claim. Thank you colleagues. Any questions? Public testimony to people signed up first step is mark porous. Go ahead. Good afternoon again. Mayor and commissioners. My name is mark porous. I use he him pronouns and with the group Portland cop watch. We have no objection to the city paying the \$60,000 settlement. Which is the result of police violence committed by officer john oliphant and others on August 24th 2020. We appreciate council putting this item on the regular agenda due to the amount being over \$50,000. Although we prefer to see all police misconduct settlements on the regular agenda, and we hope that mr bello has recovered from

his injuries, and we hope that officer Oliphant and the other cops who brutalized Mr. Bello have been informed that the city is paying out \$60,000 for their misconduct. Because if they don't, then what is to stop them from brutalizing other citizens? So here we are again, knowing that the parties have already come to a financial agreement yet we continue to urge you to engage and discuss the policies governing police behavior that keeps us coming back over and over. This settlement raises the total paid out for protests between 2018 and 2022, at least 1,204,405. Now including the Don't Shoot Portland's judgment from last fall. Paragraph 17085 of the settlement agreement states that the city make available the number, nature, and settlement amount of civil suits against PPB officers, regardless of whether the city is a defendant in the litigation. We are waiting for the city and the compliance officer to make these data readily available to the public, as required. The ordinance states that the total cost to the city to settle Mr. Bellows lawsuit is \$60,000. Now that is just not true. Risk management's time is not accounted for in that \$60,000 and neither is the time spent by city attorneys. At the very least, that information needs to be on every settlement's impact statement, so the public has a more accurate picture of what the true financial cost of policing is. And finally, while the term "encounter" doesn't appear in section one of the ordinance, the impact statements purpose contains the boilerplate. Resulting from an encounter with Portland police officers language and we heard that also from the city attorney. It isn't fooling anyone and the only way we're ever going to be able to have constitutional policing in Portland's is to first acknowledge when officers are engaging in acts that violate the constitution as counselors setting up code to accompany the charter reforms taking place in 2025. A Cop Watch urges you to consider a rule requiring all settlements about police violence of over \$5,000 to be placed before the full council for a vote as they are now, the charter commission

snuck in a clause allowing all settlements of \$50,000 or less to be resolved without council approval. It is permissive, meaning that settlements about police violence, which are of great concern and do not happen with the parks, water or other bureaus can still be required to come before council. Thank you. Thank you, mark. Next up. We have bridge crane, charles simca johnson. The last time my name is charles bridge gain. Some can't hanson and, uh, you know, Portland cop watch, they're able to whether it's due to better mental health or whatever able to give you more competent review, but I think they did touch again on the point of providing to the public a summary of these costs. It's different when a water bureau driver has a little fender bender or serious accident and there's injury. Versus when a police officer engages in behavior that will never know if it was unconstitutional or not, because you all are scared to go to court. Let's be clear that this is \$60,000 fear of trial payment and also the city attorney or whoever just briefed us on this implied that mr bello was. Partially responsible for his injuries because he didn't failed to disperse while mr officer ali font and the others were saying that needs to be left out the city's deciding it does not want to litigate whether it was true that there was any problem with mr bellows conduct at the time about fighting to disperse. Or maybe his attorney says, stipulated. This was interesting agenda item because we could call it the dan versus dan show. Because one of the attorneys for the defense injured party is dan. Then in the city's attorney's office is telling us. Oh it was kind of okay because these people were ordered to disperse from doing their constitutional demonstration. Um please, as you extend the deadline for the police accountability commission, please work to improve your transparency about all settlements involving police injuries and misconduct against people that may or may not have been constitutional. We need to have that information. Ah this case. It's interesting to speculate whether it was felt by the city attorney's office. I was

going to be held in judge simmons personal oversight for trial, and that was an influential factor. The courts are not just about justice. There's a whole bunch of chicanery that goes on there, but I definitely encourage you since we have an injured party and his two attorneys, I think have said this is a fair settlement, they find his best interest. Get this \$60,000 out of the door as an emergency today. Ah well, thousands of people continue to live on sheltered in our city. Thank you. That completes testimony. Very good colleagues any further comments or questions seeing none. This is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll Rubio. By Ryan gonzales. I the ordinances adopted and let's see. Item number 219, please. This is a first reading of a non emergency ordinance authorized competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for the 1900 building roof replacement project. Colleagues the office of management and finance owns the 1900 building, an office building for city bureaus and programs. The 19 hundreds building's roof is over 25 years old. And it has leaks that are causing damage to newly constructed office spaces below this item, authorizes or procurement team to solicit bids for these needed repairs. We have facilities construction manager janna gero here to walk us through the report welcome. Jenny you're meted 30. Thank you. Sorry. I was trying to get in the, um good morning or good afternoon. I guess by now, um, America, missioner staff and public participants. As I mentioned, my name is janet hero and capital project manager that's been working on this project. Um the building is located moment of share some photos with you in a power point, and just to give you a sense of where it's at what we're talking about. You see my screen now? Okay well, it's did hit share screens, so I'm not sure. But I'm not full zoom for some, but I will. I know you've had a long morning, so I'm gonna just go ahead and talk. Um the building is located at, um between 100 south west fourth avenue. It is one of three buildings in a complex

that we share with ps, you start. You can't see these pictures. They'd be helpful and getting them to, but I think all of us are familiar with. Okay yeah. So much for the public. Alright. Well anyway, this roofing project is to replace and I do have pictures of the rift, too. But the rift as was mentioned. I think it's a little closer to 23 years old. The building was built in 1998, so that we have had leaks like the mayor mentioned in a summary, so I really think just the main thing is this has gone to design with this project. We had, um, did a full analysis, including an analysis for an eco or green roof. To make sure if we could meet that, however, when we analyzed both the four section biko riff and a lesser section that is also supposed to help returning water. The structure of the roof just wasn't designed for that type of roof. So we have three alternate rifts in our bid package. When it goes out, um all of them will fit within the amount we've requested in this ordinance, and we would greatly appreciate the opportunity. Need to move forward on this project as soon as possible and be glad to answer any questions you have. Um if you want more specifics on the roof, very good. And uh, jenna, one of the questions I asked when this was presented to me. Was whether there was a warranty available on the roof, and it's my understanding it expired. Is that correct? Yes. I mean, we and soon it was a 20 year. Roof warranty. Um we don't have a copy of it, but it is definitely expired within a couple of years, and in the last three years we've had personal weeks and repaired them with staff. But it's definitely, um in need of replacement sounds good, any questions, colleagues. Alright we're gonna give you a new roof. Call the roll. Wait. Do we have public testimony? No testimony, and it's a first reading right? Jen I do have a follow up. Why is why is this a non emergency ordinance if water is leaking into our facilities. Well we successfully repaired those leaks last year, and honestly this year, it has not had severe leaking. Um very minor and repairs are made quickly. The reason we want to go ahead and do it. This roof

is being you know, we have, um, a major maintenance budget. That can support or replacement of this roof without causing any additional funding to the staff. Right you have any objections to me moving this as an emergency ordinance? No I think that was made an emergency ordinance only because we're ready to go out to bed and it's not as my point. So to amend moving amendment to put an emergency ordinance or put an emergency clause on this ordinance, the emergency sided is the potential for water leakage into a very expensive and currently occupied city facility. Can I get a 2nd 2nd any discussion? Colorable on the amendment, please Rubio. Bye Ryan gonzales. I the amendments adopted to the main motion as amended any further discussion. Please call the roll. Rubio Ryan gonzales miller ordinances adopted as amended. Thanks, jenna. Thank you very much. You bet. 2 to 0 is a second reading. Authorized competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the northeast. Sixth drive pump station upgrade project for an estimated amount of \$4,540,000. This is the second reading of a non emergency ordinance. We saw a really what I thought was a fantastic presentation on this, and we had the opportunity for public testimony. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none. Please call the roll. Rubio Ryan gonzales maps, the ordinances adopted item 2 to 1, also a second reading. Authorized request for proposal and contract agreements for the vehicle towing and storage services and abandoned vehicle towing and storage services. Any further discussion on this item ? Yeah, mister mr mayor, um, I should probably place this into context colleagues who might remember we heard this item last week. It deals with, um people, it's efforts to or desire to, um upgrade our 20 contracts for the Portland and Multnomah County area. Um, I will also remind you that, um, when we heard testimony last week, there was a consensus on the totaling advisory board and every member of council that the fees that were

proposed in the ordinance were too low and there were too low for at least two reasons. One the city wasn't doing cost recovery, um, for our role in running the towing program. Number two we heard from towing providers who said, given what we were charging for doing, they could not pay their employees a living wage. Upon hearing those concerns. I pledge to work with council offices pbot in the towing advisory board to develop a fee schedule that does a better job at cost recovery. So for the past week, we've been engaged in that conversation, and I want to thank each and every one of your offices. I'm for uh, helping us get smarter in this space. Here is the consensus that I think I heard in terms of moving forward with a new fee schedule for towing and Multnomah County. I propose that over the next five years, pbot increased to rates every year by about 15. I also proposed that we add a cost of living adjustment to our fee schedule. If we take these actions by 2026 2 rates in the city of Portland's or will roughly match the rates in our surrounding municipalities. Now, if this path forward is acceptable to counsel, I can just direct pbot, uh, to implement that fiasco drool. There's no need to actually introduce an ordinance to make that so. So um, I think what I should do here is to pause and see, uh, take the temperature of counsel to see if that proposal which I just outlined is acceptable. Sure the tower has been involved in this discussion as well. Other supportive of this approach. Yes, I mean, great. Alright I applaud you. I appreciate because we heard fairly consistent testimony and i, uh and I have been impressed that on multiple occasions under multiple circumstances, you've been very open to meeting with people and trying to reach a consensus conclusions. I just want to say I really appreciate that because I was uncomfortable with the fact that the tab was universally opposed to what was being proposed. And that that left me with some big questions. So I really appreciate your taking leadership on this. Thank you, mr mayor. And the praise goes both ways the dialogue I've had with you

and the tooling advisory committee has made this ordinance on better. I think we're going to do a better job at cost recovery will also do better by virtue of the folks who have are out there actually keeping our roadways clear. So if we have informal consensus on that I can just direct pbot to move forward with the new fee schedule, and we can just now, mr mayor. I believe we can just move to the vote on the ordinance, which is not been amended. Um if you want to have a little bit of a reminder of what this ordinance actually does, pbot is requested. Okay good boom. Let's go. Hang it back to you. We all remember and thank you for your great work. We should appreciate it. Appreciate it. Um I want to thank you, commissioner Mapps and mark for really just tackling this so quick so quickly. I'm really really pleased to hear that there is such a good outcome and that that was a good plan, so just really want to appreciate you on taking action on that so quickly and addressing exactly the things you know that we all just talked about. So happy to vote. I Ryan yes, agreed. Lot of good dialogue between last week and today I but I want to thank the members of the public who reached out to me my office about this item. I want to thank the two advisory board for their input on this item. I want to thank my colleagues on council who provided their thoughts on how to make this ordinance better, fairer and more equitable. And finally I want to thank my team at pbot for their work on this item. I vote I Wheeler. Yeah this is this is really solid work. I appreciate it and appreciate you working with community members who came in to express concerns. I vote? Aye you ordinances adopted. We are adjourned until two pm and colleagues just a heads up. I have an absence filed at three p.m. Today and i'll be turning the gavel at three pm over the commissioner Ryan we're adjourned.

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This is the Wednesday March 15 2023 afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Are you please call the roll? Rubio. Here. Ryan. Gonzales here maps. Take a little afternoon here in front now hear from legal counsel and the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon. Welcome to the Portland City Council. To testify before council in person or virtually, you must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [www dot Portland's dot gov slash council slash agenda](http://www.portland.gov/council/agenda) information on engaging with City Council can be found in the council clerk's web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated, a timer will indicate when your time is done. Disruptive conduct, such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony. When your time is up or interrupting others testimony. Council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will result in injection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Disclosed if you're a lobbyist, if you're representing an organization, please to identify it. For testifying, testifying is joining virtually please

on mute yourself once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. Thank you very much. First up this afternoon is report item number 222, please. Except the Portland's design commission, 2022 state of the city design report, commissioner Rubio thank you. Mayor it's a pleasure to introduce the 2022 Portland design commissions. State of the city design report. The first item of business is to thank the dedicated volunteers who serve on the commission. This commission meets for many hours two or 32 to 3 Thursday afternoons a month as they review land use cases and provide design advice there, a dedicated hard working group that includes brian mccarter, who was our chair, vice chair. Chandra robinson, julie livingston. Don blaster jessica molinar, sam rodriguez and zari center. Thank you all for your dedication and service to our city. Now this commission will be presenting their 11th report before council, but they will have been operating in the city of Portland since circa 1980 providing leadership and expertise on urban design and architecture and on maintaining and enhancing Portland's historical and architectural textural heritage. The premise of this 2022 state of the city design report. Is how and why. Design review matters in Portland's now. The design commission will present an overview of how design review has influenced the very fabric of our pedestrian oriented city for the past 40 years, we have built a walkable, vibrant, diverse and easily accessible central city that is admired by the world for its planning and design innovation. The design commission will explain why now more than ever. The application of design reviews three design tenets one context to public realm, and three quality and permanence is so critical to not losing our cities livability for all who live work and play here. I look forward to hearing more from the commission members and interested public and I'm committed to supporting the commission on all of its efforts. Design commission chair brian mccarter, will you please share with the council of the Portland design commissions? 2022 state

of the city design report. Invite you up here. Thank you, mr mayor and council for this opportunity. Um I'm gonna give a little overview what we'll talk about today we're gonna introduce my colleagues and one of one of them is, uh patching in remote, very center. Well, quickly look at where we work in the city and the design zones with the tools we use, uh, refresher on the citywide designed guidelines that this council approved in 2021 how those were applied to a really great project and lengths that we'd like to show you. That's we're actually gonna be our project of the year. Um don is going to review a little bit about how design review was worked over the decades. And then we're going to look at we're concerned about the state of downtown and how design commission can not be in the way but actually support the efforts that many are doing right now. And so we'd like to talk about that a little bit. And then i'll circle back in with some things on our to do list for the next year that we want to get done and get accomplished, and then we're going to have a couple of testimonials. Um one alex yale from one idea, and then tim eddie is going to talk to us remotely so ah! Just a little brief bio chandra robinson. To my right here. Vice chair of our commission. She is also a principal architect at lever architects. Zeri sandton er, who's dialing in remote is a sorry looking up there. She's a retired landscape architect, was the director of Portland's parks and recreation and she's also remember member of regional arts and culture council. Sam rodriguez to my left, is also a past chair is an architect and vice president for millcreek development, and they've done a lot of work in central city. Jessica molinar is not with us. Today. She had a conflict. She's a senior designer at brick architecture. Julie levenstein livingston. Is chair emeritus. She's an architect and a senior manager for home forward, which is a developer of affordable housing. And then don valley. Lister is a longtime Portland architect and partner and retired now but a partner in alistair, coral architect and also part time developer. Julie. Thank

you very much. Brian the slide in front of you is a slide of the design zones within the city of courtland. I you'll be perhaps surprised to know that design review is not applied everywhere. Design overlay affects only about 7% of the land within the city limits. The large blue area in the middle of the slide is, of course, the central city all of the purple and green areas spread throughout the rest of the city. Uh, are also in the design zone, but are subject to different design guidelines than the central city. We do have two sets of design guidelines, the central city fundamentals uh and then the, um uh, citywide design guidelines, which are applied in design with zones throughout the rest of the city. The town centers, the neighborhood centers and the main streets. Next slide, please. Yes. Thank you. So the tools that we use the citywide and the central city fundamental design guidelines are organized around three major tenets of design context, public realm and quality and permanence. All of the guidelines fall within these three overarching headers. Okay next slide. Uh very recently. We have updated the citywide design guidelines over the last four years of europe bureau of planning and sustainability. The bureau of development services and the design commission worked collaboratively to simplify and consolidate the citywide design guidelines they now represented to track approval process. Applicants can choose based on the particulars of their project to follow a cookbook approach using finite design standards. Or they can choose the design guidelines path, which allows for more variability in the designs. That's where we come in. That's where the design commission comes in by the authority. You grant us we can use discretion to go beyond simple code requirements and find exceptional design solutions. Both tracks follow the three major tenets of context, public realm and quality and permanence. Okay thank you. Thank you, brian commissioners. Um so I'm gonna talk a little bit about the citywide guidelines as applied at 92 h lands site that we reviewed. Our review and approval process are

defined by a firm set of bylaws, depending on the ambitions of the applicant and the familiarity with the guidelines by the architect approval can take several steps and several hearings or finished very quickly. This 2022 project is a great example. Hire an applicant and their design team crafted their proposal to meet the new guidelines, citywide guidelines and direct in a direct manner and were approved unanimously. In one hearing town center is a re emerging is re emerging from an older, car centric commercial strip to a new, pedestrian friendly, mixed use center. This project sits in the inter phase between the new center and the city's existing residential neighborhoods where it is it is how it designed the design response to the guidelines. So next slide, please. You know, julie talked about the tenants and one of them the one of the first ones. We look at its context that this project extend its extends a new context but also makes the transitions to single family homes in length to the north it its main wall and entry phase 92nd avenue for pedestrians. Parking is tucked on the sides and the back. The height is held to five stories. The north and south building wings wrap around the lush south facing courtyard with great solar access. It also frames the lens farmers market to the south. The project has active edges on all sides. Next slide, please. The other other, um kennedy's public realm and as part of the transition, this project employees ground floor residential units with setback porches, stair gates and privacy landscaping to create a successful transition to private. From private to public space, limited retail brackets, the corners where it is convenient for pedestrians arriving on 92nd avenue. Next slide, please. The public realm would be the third tenant that we, we work with tool that we work with and car parking in this case, car parking, utilities and bike parking, all located well away from the public areas. Um ah! Quality and resilience is the other tenant that we abide by in the site landscaping. This case is layered and consistent, extending pedestrian streetscapes along 92nd avenue with

consistent tree canopy and understory planting throughout all areas. Next, please. Finally the building. The building design features simple, consistent use of metal and concrete panels breaking cast in place. Concrete is a way to differentiate residential porches. Recesses recessed entrances, setbacks, upper floors. And they lights, daylights, hallways and roof caps to provide an outstanding architecture for the neighborhood. Don. Yeah, this project really knocked it out of the park. And it was. It was a pleasure to have it come in, and one hearing and out the door one and done so it really demonstrates. I think when architects really pay attention to the guidelines, don't hrm. How was the design review served the city since its inception in 1982. A little background in the 19 seventies during the time of urban development. Ah a, uh, development pattern emerged of doing a single podium on a square block with the buildings towards the center of that, uh, lock which was disaster from the pedestrian standpoint, because you're walking by this fortress like vertical walls, and there was often no windows or anything to address the public realm. So in the 19. Seventies and in response to this, uh, a group of architects and planners got together and advocated for design guidelines. To take the city back to its production friendly routes. Next slide. Uh, whoops. Fact was okay friendly routes. Uh, from those. From those efforts. The central city fundamental design guidelines were born and have served the city well for the past 40 years by encouraging quality urban design and architecture in both public and private development projects. A desire commission was established at the same time to help designers navigate through the process and ensure that the guidelines or met. Design review in the 19 eighties. This is an example of some of the design review guidelines being applied to a major project in the city of this one. In some ways, there's a transitional project because it no longer sits on a pedestal, but it also pulls itself away from the public sidewalk. And most of the sides of the building. However

what they did do was put really nice plazas and total transparency on the ground floor, which opens it up again for retail and enhances the pedestrian experience. Next slide. Design review in the 19 nineties has evolved. At this point, the building has been taken back out to the sidewalk line. Ah the materials are light and reflect some of the historic building character in the shining areas and provides audience for pedestrian whether protection as well as, uh. I again allowing a lot of activity at the ground floor. Next slide. This is the elliott, which was one of the projects. That was developed during the time when there were a lot of a lot of condominiums being developed in the city of Portland. And they used really high grade materials. They did rooftop green areas a lot of balconies. And also opened up madison. Avenue which or straight, which had been closed off for I think the past 50 years, so there were there now became kind of a nice pedestrian pathway from all of the housing to the west of 10th and 11th street right into the park blocks so that you know, arguably, it's one of the nicer pedestrian. Walkways in the city. Next slide. This is the night to design reviewing the two tens. Other ramona in the pearl district provides a pleasant public realm and street level with ground floor courtyard. Courtyards balconies, green roof and high quality breakfast side. It's happens to be an affordable building and from the design review perspective, market rate and affordable project building projects are treated and reviewed equally, and this one I think is a real success. Uh, next slide. The design review process. Has works in conjunction with the design. Team. Development process during the schematic phase, we often request that there be a d a r so that the design team get some early feedback and that was the direction and support from what they're doing. And then, during the design development they submit for a formal review and that usually takes about two months, and that's about the time it takes to go through the giant development process they have to do, um, building uh, construction

estimates as well as approval of the developer and, uh, the banking institutions, etcetera, so it's not an arbitrary schedule, but it syncs up very carefully with the design process next slide. Now let's uh let's see if zeri keep looking up. Very if you, uh if you can see us, and we can see you and hopefully we can hear you. Yes, I can see you. Hopefully you can see me. Can you hear me? Very well. Okay great. Good afternoon, mayor and members of the council. My name is very sandner. I regret that I was unable to attend this meeting in person and really appreciate the opportunity for us to talk to you about what we do and how we do it. We would like now to pivot to the near future and focus on the central city. Post covid most are Portland's neighborhood. Urban districts have come out of the pandemic and the work from home intact and pretty vibrant state pre pretty vibrant, but the downtown core the area between the river burnside and I four or five where there is it's ah, most, um, greatest investments. And uh yeah, and asset has been, um this group this proportionately affected and still struggling. Next time, please, as you're aware, many civic and governmental organizations are actively involved in various efforts to reinvigorate the downtown core. With that in mind that design commission members have been working with the leaders of most civic and public organizations in the past few months to get up to speak on the world variety of works that they are involved in with the goal of identifying what. Designed commission and below of development services can do to facilitate and encourage mm short and long term efforts. Next slide, please. Why do we all under design commission are in agreement. Where is the importance of activating downtown open spaces as a critical element of attracting people to downtown. It's really sobering to remember pandemic activities. Downtown parks and plazas compared to today as illustrated in these pictures. I know that discussions are underway regarding how to begin the process of programming events that can bring the

public back to cities core and these efforts should be coordinated with bureau of transportations newest program of activating certain streets as temporary open spaces. Design commission will support these efforts in an advisory to pick the capacity and whatever man or that is a factor. Next slide, please. The sad state of the o'brien square. Is a prime example of how it poorly maintained and inactive, open space can negatively impact is surrounding land uses they re imagining of this space, currently led by Portland parks foundation is a welcome move. Have encouraged all the involved entities in this effort to coordinate their work with the reactivation of other downtown parks and plazas to ensure success for all these collective efforts, and now I will turn over to my colleague chandra and thank you for this opportunity. Thanks. Very so I want to talk about a couple of things that design commission has been thinking about that can improve what's happening in downtown Portland. Right now, one of those is thinking about storefront activation. So really thinking about refreshing prosper Portland's storefront program where there's interest for that so that tenants are able to put more into their into their storefronts and really make them more inviting again after. Um if there's been damage done to those we can also really think about supporting efforts by building owners and cultural institutions to infill temporary activation into those spaces that are empty, so those are efforts that wouldn't require owners permitting or design review. But you can imagine, you know, temporary art installations. You can imagine a pop up market or performance or think about, you know, ks mocha, the kid curator from the mlk school in northeast Portland, they could curate an art show and all of those places. There's a lot of really great things that Portland's are already doing that they could temporarily activate those spaces while we're kind of building back up. Up. Another one is thinking about storefront security upgrades if you switch the next side of things, um so there's a related programs, storefront

security design commission and bdf staff could really develop a catalog of best practices for securing storefronts downtown and protect the glazing and the merchandise. And this that you see on the screen now is really successful example of that, because it does meet context, public realm and quality and permanent guidelines. And it also secures the interior of the store after hours and what you really see here is that even at night, there is the ability of the light from interior over the store to be out on the street, which makes people feel more safe. It feels more active because you can see the merchandise inside and oh, hey, that's really awesome code. I'm going to come here tomorrow and buy it right. If you can't see anything, then it feels dark and closed and if you go to the next slide, here's an example that is less successful. So the experience of the pedestrian is really worth noting here. That first example is light and bright even at night when it's closed, but the second example is really no views into the store, and it kind of feels like you're not supposed to be where you are right. Which is not true. The cities for all of us, we should all be everywhere. I think it's telling to toggle back and forth between these two and just what, what it's like to walk down in front of those. It's day and night difference commission and bts staff can work together and create. Here's a bunch of examples of what you can do on your property that will still look great for everyone passing by, but will secure what you needed to see here. I think that would really benefit us so that we're not left with conditions like this forever. Could be staff level review that don't don't need to come before the commission. By giving them a catalog. Here's here's some good ways to do this, they can proceed. And then if you want to go to the next side, the last one i'll talk about is thinking about some long term strategies. Everyone everywhere is thinking about how to transition office buildings that are empty into residential right. We all need housing everywhere. We needed to be affordable. There are a lot of hurdles to get over in in

those kind of transitions, because the floor plates are very different from what you typically need for residential. But those are design problems that can be solved by designers. And so, um, we should really consider how those things can potentially happen. Um. If in cities where they have been successful in creating this kind of transition from office to residential. They've used major public subsidies to actually close that gap and make these projects feasible, so it's not all going to be on the developers. There will be some funding that needs to be organized in order to make those happen, so from the permitting and approvals standpoint. Um those are two building type examples of downtown office space. There is a historic building and 1/20 century tower. So if these were proposed for conversion, bts and bps, along with design commission and historic landmarks commission advisory reviews could modify code language to facilitate shorter bts staff level reviews to keep those things moving forward and to get the city more housing to revitalize the downtown. A lot of awesome things can come out of that. So um, on our to do list that we want to tackle soon. Um, I think we've now had the new citywide design guidelines in place for about 18 months. We've had a few projects come through with them, and I think we'll hear from one of our testimonies today about how that's going, but in general what we're what we're hearing is, is the simplification of what was a big set of design guidelines. In citywide now down to about 10 guidelines has really just making everybody's life a little bit easier. Just not so many things to have to go through. So right now our central city fundamental design guidelines are about 29 guidelines long they're old. They spent the last time they were updated, I believe was 18 years ago. They're probably 30 years old at the core. We think we can get those down to about a dozen design guidance really simplify everything. So that's on our to do list. There is also an interesting little guide. I don't know if you guys were aware of it, but a previous commission about 56 years ago

put together a little primer like a cliff notes version of some of the most critical things that we typically see. About the do's and don'ts of central city design guidelines. And they put that out. We think that we could do and it has no illustrations in it. We think we could take the example from the citywide design guidelines with which which was richly illustrated with a lot of great examples around town, just showing here's here's a great, successful way of meeting that guideline. We think we could take something like that and put out an interim bridge kind of document until we get the full formal central city guidelines revised again as a help to applicants coming in. Maybe somebody hasn't dealt with Portland's design guidelines before. Here's some things you should be aware of, and it just keeps getting the process going, and it's easier for everybody easier for them easier for us. So that's on our to do list, too, and we hope to be tackling that very soon. So, um. Probably not surprisingly, the project dawn or sam showed you is our project of the year for 2022. It just does so many good things in terms of reinforcing the new emerging lands town center and really just providing a really friendly but pedestrian realm facing the neighborhood. And so we want to congratulate palindrome communities to architects and their design team and you'll get to hear from alex yale. We reviewed about 11 major projects this last year we approved 95 of those were in one land use hearing, which we always aim for if we can do it. Um so what I'd like to do now is ask, um, would you like us to pause for q and a now or or would you like to get through the test? We have two testimonials. We could do those and then go to q and a. What's your preference? Okay? To no one signed up, right? We have invited testimony. Sorry I wasn't clear about that. Okay? So I'd like to invite alex yale up to the table. And then, um, from y b, a architects and then tim eddie is going to come in by zoom from henneberry, eddie architects. There you go. Hello welcome. Hello thank you being here. Yes uh, good afternoon. My name is

alex yale, and I'm a founding principle. And why be a architects? We're very grateful and humbled to receive this recognition for our work by the planning department and the commission. Ah, we're fortunate to have lots of work in the central city. Currently we've got two projects under construction there. Seven story housing projects in northwest. Uh they've been in the works for many years. 1 2014 it started came in the door and another 2017 projects. Our take a lot of a lot of time, and there's a lot of twists and turns along the way. Um and it's just sort of an example of, um, sometimes how long some of these projects take and finally, now we're realizing some of these being built. What I really appreciated about the drp process for knight to h was frankly, the open and honest communication that we had with our planner hannah bRyant. Along the way. We had dozens of communications early on about the new zoning code, the nuances of that, and she really helped synthesize and answer a lot of those questions in kind of an informal way. And man that really that really helped this particular project one of the challenges with this project, like all multi family projects that we face is the difficulty of getting active ground floor retail to pencil and to work. Um so our client like many are always asking. How do we get the residential on the ground floor. And so, um I like this project being up on the screen now because I think it's a it's a good example of how we really looked at historical brownstone precedence and examples and thought about the layers that needed to take place between the sidewalk and the units on the ground floor. And then recognize that the corners. Really um, we're a great opportunity for active uses active retail, so we concentrated the corners as as being glazed. And um, and then we're able to use the rest of the meat or the body of the building for residential. And so that was that was kind of a fundamental and so that's just an example of one of the ways that the planning department and design review process help kind of bridge the gap

between what what really, our clients need to get these projects to pencil and what works from good quality urban design. That would be a we believe it's our professional duty to enhance the quality. The community through better urban design. And fortunately our clients understand that when we do that everybody prospers and they have, um better investment and better project that's beloved by their occupants. Um. Some uh some of the areas that I could suggest for improvement going forward that that were new, um, for us was the neighborhood. Ah contact process was was new. We were sort of a little bit of a guinea pig and that and that was I will be honest, rather challenging and tricky to navigate. Ah um and overall, I was very happy with the design review process on this one. And, um, look forward to hopefully as streamline building permitting process going forward. I think that is probably an area in terms of time. I really like the graphic that was shown about the timeline of design review, and it generally fits in very nicely with our overall design process and doesn't typically add too much. Time or complexity, so. Um yeah. Thank you very much for your time. Congratulate questions.

Commissioner Gonzalez quick question on the first floor residential and i'll struggle back to the design more broadly about the potential implications for downtown, but, um e. You know, you often hear from developers that that first floor residential requirement that's almost a tenant of design in the city of Portland. For generations, it feels like is a real loss leader. Right? It's a real challenge, so um but your solution here was you have corner. Each of the corners is retail. And you have residential. Uh in between is that that I get that right? Yes yes. Yeah. So, um it's a it's a constant debate that we hear a lot when we have units on the ground floor about having live work units and being able to walk kind of straight in and have them at at street level. But they're typically used as apartments, you know, and, um we recognize that when they are at street level and their flesh and you can walk right in

the windows are closed. The blinds are closed. And I don't think that helps anybody and so we really look at other your examples on the east coast in europe. And how does that really? How does it work? How does it work well, and how how is it lasting and enduring and so you know, I think in this example um we located the units on the site also so that we had some great change were able to take advantage of that. That really helps. I think having a couple of steps requires having an 80 a accessible hallway in the back. That's not your only it's really your secondary means of getting to your unit. But anyways, um, situating a unit so it's up and raised, so you're not I level with the street really helps and then setting it back. Um typically, there's in these higher density districts. There's an up to about a 10 ft. Max allowable set back from the property line. So we took advantage of that and then created as many landscaping layers and defensible space that we could generally be curious what further the city can help can do two in the code or you know to facilitate that because I certainly it feels like this is a barrier sometime for projects to pencil and, um if we can, one of the one of the great um things that design review through design commission affords is some discretion in where on the other hand, if you've got to follow the code, right down to the dimensions and the letter and everything like that, but design commission allows us if an applicant is coming in with something that's actually better meeting the intent of the guideline or the code. You you get you allow us discretion to say. That's well will grant you that modification. So I think having that flexibility is. You know, a lot of the architects recognize that we even have architects who come through. Through a type to review, but they request to get feedback from design commission even though they're going to go back to a type to review and get get actually permitted and approved through staff. They still want to hear from us. So we try to infuse that that discussion with some dialogue. I think I think what to your point, commissioner Gonzalez we oftentimes

see a project come through a ground floor residential they might have given us the setback, but not the steps they might have given us the steps, not the setback. Or they left out the privacy, landscaping and all those in our mind, or would it makes a difference between trying to live in a unit right at street level and having your living room right outside of the sidewalk. You you need to have some sense of separation from that, to really make that successful and you guys checked all the boxes? You did all of it and that that was what was so impressive. And meeting the guidelines, and I think that that's a model that could be applied in central city. I'll talk about the central city. Thank you for that. But we'll circle back later on that. Thank you. Could I ask just sort of maybe this is a theoretical question, but it's when we live with every day, which is the dramatic change in urban areas nationally, and this is a subject of great conversation. Amongst academics amongst mayors amongst City Councils amongst economists. And the fact of the matter is there's been a major shift. From large urban centers towards the sun belt towards suburban areas. And those are macroeconomic issues. They're related to changing work environments that were precipitated by um, remote work. It's precipitated by rising crime rates in urban areas all across the country, including here in the city of Portland. As you think about design. How much do these megatrends that are now demonstrable nationally. Um. How do you think about this in terms of Portland isn't going to be Portland's in 1996 going forward. It is a totally different dynamic. How do you think about these new changes? As you think about your work around design? Are you designing for the same people? Are you designing for the same demographic for the same income levels for the same purposes? What do you thinking about these things you want to take? That's a really great question, and it's something that we think about and we talk a lot about, uh, internally and with our clients and ah, I think you're right. I think to some extent, it's cyclical. I think that, um Portland. Uh

there's a lot of a lot of appreciation for the environment here. I think folks moving to the sun belt and other other places. Um the impact there. It's just a different vibe in a different different feeling. Our office were in old town, chinatown, and we to be honest with you. Our staff doesn't feel safe there anymore. We're forced. We've been there. We found it. You know with that? Here's my point. I'm not in any way. You know, moving away from our problems that we are responsible? Yeah for here, you know, violence, gun, violence, homelessness, livability. We own them. There are problems. But I sort of wish it was only a Portland's problem. It would make it easier to solve its not and there's considerable survey materials out there. Now. That suggests these are national economic trends. I mean, this is a fundamental shift in demographics to shift in the way we do business and the way we work the way we interact. And we're seeing the hollowing out of cities. We're seeing the growth of suburbs and sun belt cities. And I'm I'm not convinced. The that we can grow this one alone and my question is how do we turn the tide? How do we prevent the hollowing out of our city? And sort of a spiral of decline. Are there things we can do around design that reflects my desire to make sure that Portland's remains successful going forward? I think it's the. In in attacking the problem that's going to require from multiple fronts from security to police into social program, everything but our contribution and design. I think we've built we've built one of the most pedestrian friendly cities on the planet. And I personally don't want to see us abandoned those values, I think those are still something that conservatives in the long run but I can tell you now I look at projects coming in with uh, common open space proposals and I ask a lot of questions. How are you planning to make this secure? How you plan to have this open space used in the way you think you want it to be used? How is it going to be programmed? I've been listening to some of these conversations about the future of o'bRyant that randy gregg is doing through

Portland parks foundation. I think it's very interesting about what other cities are encountering and under the same thing, but, um, I just think we have so much investment in such a great fabric downtown of parks and plazas and open spaces and transit. And cultural institutions that, um. We gotta find a way to infuse new energy around the good thing. The good assets we already have. And be able to bring those back to life, and I know that's not going to be easy, and it's not gonna happen overnight, but we have to just start plugging away at it as hard as we can. One of the lessons we learned in the council talked about this just this morning. Ironically um is that cities that have more housing in the mix and their central city of clearly done better post covid in their recovery than cities like Portland that have a shortage? Of housing in our central city. Do you think it is? You do your design. Thinking do you think more about a shift towards housing and maybe away from office space and commercial? I think I think housing probably ought to be at the top of the pyramid right now. I think in the last in the last well, here's here's the guy really somebody them in the last 30 years we had. We had a tremendous growth in housing, but most of it went north of burnside because we had a lot of open land up there. But if we can begin to turn our focus back south of burnside and look for opportunities. I just wanted to add a couple of things. I'm developed housing in the city in multiple parts of the city, east side west side, all of it, mostly in the central city, mostly through the design review process. But I think one of the things that needs to be really understood is that the value proposition of living in the city needs to change. I mean, it was a wonderful value proposition, and it's not anymore. Multiple you mentioned that many multiple sides of it. It's safety. It's uh, but the design piece of it is important because that is what makes the city makes that value proposition work eventually. The question is, how do we get more people into the city? I mean, there's anything from taxes to job issues to employment to

safety to security to the restaurants themselves. I mean, just the survivability of what makes it uh, what? What makes it important for people. To live in the city is being able to have access to all those things in a very, very palpable way. Uh you know, I anecdotally, I would say a bunch of friends who have looked at moving to like a sweet girl or Vancouver or whatever. And they don't find they still don't find the value proposition is quite as it's still a mix. They still love Portland. They still want to live here, but they still struggle with the fact that it's hard to live here, sometimes in the downtown area. Nonetheless, a lot of them still come back. So how do we make it so that? They all want to come back. Um, I'm it's multilayered. It's multi is very complicated. And you sure you deal with all the and I appreciate that. And again. I didn't expect to resolve it here. I was just curious to what we're all thinking hard about it. We're thinking about taxes or thinking about regulations thinking about spurring affordable housing. We're thinking about how to make the community safer and more livable. And it occurs to me that obviously designed is a huge component of this. Historically Portland's has had phenomenal content. And, as you say, the walk ability I think is critically important. The open spaces have been great. Until they're not right. Yeah all of a sudden there's more considerations there, and there's a palpable example of that if you look at the different different sub markets within the city, you see how certain ones are doing much better than others, and it has to do with ice on the streets with people walking the streets with those business has been opened so that people actually want to patronize them. And that's what's important. How do we get that central city map? How that course area took to get that obviously lived off the office space for most of it because it still wasn't a 24 hour city downtown. With a little bit of housing. It needs a lot more and not sure, you know, office trends, transforming offices complicated in our market size, making all sorts of other reasons. Costs are very high, but how do we change

the value proposition? I think it starts at the ground level, which is something that we deal with constantly. The ground level is super important. I mean, what happens above is important, too. But initially if I can walk down the street and have a reason to go to different places that's going to activate the city, and that, in turn, will activate the things going growing up up above. So I think we need to take radical measures very, you know. Emergency measures to make sure that that ground floor is phenomenal. It really brings people up and you see it in the pearl district. You see it in slap time. You see it in some other places, so it's important. It's very important for us to make sure that that stays in place, but somehow it's incentivized to actually be activated. I appreciate that. Thank you. It's something. I spent a lot of time thinking about these days. This is a footnote, but in my 46 years practicing here you know, I was here when they removed harbor drive when they put in waterfront park. But I've looked around and I see other cities, a major river and a major park. You would think we would have some of our very best development facing nato parkway down there and it it feels like it's been a leftover and I've forgotten edge for all these years. I don't know why that doesn't have more. More value and more attraction because that would help a lot with what's going on. I mean waterfront park unless there's a festival. It's not a pleasant place to walk through. Right now and in our city and in 2023 so. It's just one example of an area but it just feels like that ought to be prime real estate down there and it feels like it's not rene, did you question. I mean, it may just be an observation on your last point. I mean, I wonder about the historic overlay and the way that impacts the properties closest to the river. Um we have had a strong desire, you know, to protect some of those buildings, but I am not sure it's the product of real analysis, but I've often heard there is substantial. You know, limitations I want you can build their currently. And i, um I don't know it's an interesting planning

question. How we how we energize that space because it is just feel like missed opportunity, particularly on the west side where you don't have a highway, disrupting the flow for say, so it's um, but i'll be interested here next, folks, uh, talk to that I we can maybe have the next person testify or you can answer this now I had was it did you have one more person? We had one more person joining us remotely. Tim are you there I am. Do I have audio? There you do. We can hear you great. It's that that sounds really good. Well uh, mayor City Council members. I'm not tim, eddie. And I'm president of henneberry eddie architects. I just want to say that this most recent conversation you just had exceptionally encouraging for me to hear, um, as a downtown Portland's firm. We've been involved as volunteers and these civic processes for over 20 years. And I served on the design commission from 2003 to 2010, my partner, david work. So for nine years, my partner, andrew smith, who you're going to hear from in a little bit, is currently the chair of the landmark commission and one of our associate principals. Erika thompson currently serves on the planning commission, so we're very committed. To the success of downtown Portland and Portland as as a whole. Um I'm I'm here today, really? In support of Portland's design, review processes and design standards overall, uh, design is a critical tool in solving the multiple crises that the city faces today and our work and that of our clients in Portland's, especially in downtown is rooted in an optimism. For the future of the city. And um, so design review has been faulted along the way with increasing project timelines and project cost, and I wanted to enforce it. Design review is not the problem process needs to move quickly, but it's an important part of the solution. And as we just heard from alex, who, by the way that that was really well crafted project at 92 h. Um uh, designer view has become a relatively, it's become relatively routine for most applicants. Um the timelines are reasonable and you know they track with typical project design

phases. Um contrary to this, though, are the triggers. And extended review periods and fees levied by other bureaus. Uh that often get overlaid after design reviews approved and that's, uh girls like transportation, forestry and others that may follow an approved design review application and sometimes plow the same ground. Um it can be very frustrating, and these processes add red tape, they had time cost and make acquiring a building permit much more challenging and time consuming. And speeding up and simplifying these processes. We helpful overall. Um we, you know, we look forward. We all look forward to seeing, you know busy storefronts and eyes on the street and a healthy public realm and downtown. Um but getting there is going to require that the city provide more carrots and use fewer sticks, uh, in the process and making it easier and faster to talk with planners and their colleagues before starting the process is before you even have a pre application conference waiving fees for things like early assistance conversations. And generally promoting, you know more early dialogue between planners and applicants, I think will help and those of us, you know, dawn and brian and everybody been around for, uh more than about 15 years have that experience and courtland was, um ah, planning was very accessible. Uh and it's much less accessible today because everything is kind of behind a paywall and you have to apply and wait. And so those early conversations really do help. I do support the simplification and consolidation and updating of the central city fundamental guidelines. Design guidelines and moving forward with these revisions promptly is really important. Um. I also encourage the city to consider extending the use of design standards. Or discretionary design review to the rapidly developing parts of Portland that are not currently subject to design review. They're not indies owns and particularly the unregulated centers on the east side of Portland. When you travel around Portland's, it's clear when you pass from a design zone to an area

with no design standards and urban design, resiliency, quality and permanence are all inherent to long term thinking about our city. And they're important to building an economically healthy, desirable set of neighborhoods throughout the city. Uh you know, many more housing and commercial projects are going to be constructed across these unregulated areas, uh, in the next few years, and it's really important that we build projects that contribute to great neighborhoods. Instead of expedient that thoughtless buildings that lay the groundwork for future slums. And you know in this effort, design review and prescriptive community design standards can be an important tool. Uh, for the for the whole city. And I just want to finish by saying that design review and design standards help everyone. Everybody involved, build value. Whether it's for you know that the developer who develops the project at 92 h, uh in lance or a project in downtown that's uh you know, say storefront rehab. Um it's all about building value for the you know the entire city. So thank you very much. Thanks, tim. Thanks to him. Well we'll close here or or taking, taking any other questions you want. But I wanted to just mentioned that, um a lot of our bts staff colleagues and some of my design commission colleagues. We've all worked downtown. Some of us have been lived downtown parts of our lives. And so I love this place. I've spent most of my career working on projects downtown, so I'm keenly interested in whatever we can do. To help. Downtown recover. Great thanks. This is great information. Terrific terrific slideshow. Good conversation time. Well spent. I really appreciate you being here. Thank you. Thank you. This is a report last I checked. I want to make sure I lost it. But it is a report, greg. Yes this is a report will accept emotional take a motion to accept the report. Some of Rubio moves commissioner was the commissioner Ryan seconds, any further discussion, saying none. Please call the roll. Rubio. I want to thank our stellar volunteer commissioners for their dedication and high level of service to help help make

Portland's such a better place a more beautiful place through your design review work. Um it's clear that because of your expertise and even in the conversation today, we can really see how your work really? It makes us better poised, you know, to continuing our trajectory in quality urban design here. It will take some effort. But um, our councils super aligned with you, and we care about these things and have a conversation has been really great today makes me really eager to engage with you more and learn more about your ideas, particularly intrigued around the ground floor and also equally intrigued about the mention of some radical ideas. Um and what that sound what that looks like for you and so very interesting. Uh conversation today. Um but overall where we're really ready to look at all the tools that we have to use and apply all that we can do responsibly, of course to catalyze more projects and increased housing and livability to the city, so I just want to thank you all for your deep dedication. Um your service. It's very evident in this report. Also wanna thank tim herron for his work in managing and coordinating. This commission is time, so thank you, tim. This was a great presentation, and I'm happy to vote. Yes, I to accept this report. Brian thank you very much. This was actually really refreshing and very timely. I don't know if you tuned in at all to the morning session. You probably didn't have time for that. But we were talking about the conversion of office space to housing. And so this dialogue actually allowed it to go a little bit deeper. Um a few takeaways that I have here at the moment are one. It doesn't slow things down. The design review is not where we need to place the blame. And I think I've heard that blame place there and, um, in my experience. You called out where the delays are and rather adequate, rather clearly, and it's why I assembled all of the many bureaus involved in permitting I know it's making progress, and we had to get to the root causes of why it doesn't work. I think my best description of that is when we first had a task force meeting. We had people

that have been doing permitting work in different viewer for euros that met each other for the first time, so if they're just meeting each other for the first time, I can only imagine what it's like for the customers that are that are out there trying to figure this out. So thanks for bringing that up. I also really appreciate the award that was given to um 90. What what is it something? Let's 92 h lens. I've been in too many conversations about storefront, retail activation or none at all. And so the one that was actually hit it on the mark, especially for I live near the interstate corridor along the max line, and you can tell the areas that it's one or it's one thing or the other. It appears like it's all storefront. They're struggling to get people in or it's I think some bad examples of what you were discussing when you said floor people accessing their units by the floor with without having the amenities that I saw in the 92. H linz buildings, so that was really great to catch that, so I hope this will become a norm as opposed to this either, or proposition that we have been dealing with and the third is because I've been hanging out with the Portland's parks foundation on o'bRyant square. I really appreciate that that was lifted up all of our plazas and squares waterfront park. That will be a priority for the parks department as to be the part we play with downtown activation. I think, sam, you nailed it when you said we have to have a value proposition that makes people want to live in downtown Portland's I met with somebody recently. They were not making this up. They penciled it out, and they're contemplating living in new york city over Portland's because it actually offers a lot more amenities. In their opinion as a pedestrian that lives in a urban core, and it's not that much more expensive because they're not tax bracket here that taxes them quite highly. But in new york, it would not. And so we have to look at even those, um those moments in those conversations and not and believe them and really believe them because this is somebody that's in approaching their retirement years. And we don't want them to go away. We need

their currency, their intelligence, their livelihood and their grand babies hanging out with them, um, hanging out in downtown Portland's so, um, anyway, this is very timely. It seems like we have a theme today, and it's been a wonderful theme, and also we had a very brief lunch period. And so I ate rather quickly, and I'm like, oh, god, this is gonna be rough. And it wasn't it was rather entertaining. So thank you so much. Gonzales report. Thanks so much for your time. Today i'll just observe a couple of things. That residential project and lengths was exciting and the way it activated that storefront or first floor is really interesting. Um appreciated the observations on pop ups and what we can do to activate the short term. That's not necessarily long term planning per se, but any discussion that can be had what we can kick start empty storefronts right now. What barriers we can remove, I think is a rich conversation, um, to get people living downtown and smiling again. Downtown uh, I passing note. I have mentioned this too. Sherri peterson at the county, but I just would throw out. I do walk around downtown sometimes and wonder with some of this empty storefront. What about preschools? And what about childcare centers? Um this is, uh, we as a region we've committed to be more welcoming to a young families were certainly subsidizing it heavily with our tax base and um I just sometimes wonder about what opportunities there might be, um, with some of these older buildings that have big storefront spaces and what decent setbacks. I wonder, so I just throw that out for contemplation. I also just mostly wanted to note the point on what happens after design review and the cost and the time. I think when we talk about the future of downtown, I think we need to recalibrate the conversation about transportation policy as well. How do we lean in on some of the beautiful parts of our legacy? Pedestrian friendly, um, public transit friendly, but they seem bike friendly, but at the same time, make it so that we can get projects going. And how do we how do we sync up better? The design review and the and

the transportation elements that often follow and so it's not my those aren't my bureaus, but I it's mostly we just heard what you said. Take it seriously, and I hope we can stay focused on that. As a city of a streamline those pieces on the tail end with that I vote. I Wheeler. I'll keep my remarks very brief. Thank you. This is great work to be continued. Obviously. We're in a new day, and I will just put my cards on the table and say some of these seismic shifts we've experienced. I don't think our short term I think there are long term trends and I think everything we do from planning to taxing to service provision. All of these things need to take into account what I think is the new reality. And I really appreciate two aspects of what you said. Number one. We still need to think about street level activation. That to me, was you said many, many important things during this presentation, but that's the one that's really key to me. We have to think at every level. How do you activate a city? How do you make it walkable, livable, exciting and dynamic for the people who live here or the people who visit here? And by the way, I met with a group of hoteliers this morning who don't think so much about the people who live here as much as they think about people who might be coming here for pleasure or for work, and they had a whole series of thoughts about what attracts people to come to this community. Interestingly enough, and not particularly surprising its ancillary services. They know Portland's an amazing place. They know from a design perspective. It's unique. They know we have our green spaces are parks of culture of creativity and innovation. They're worried about the public safety when they're here. And we need to take all of those things into account to last, but not least since I won't be able to stay for the historic commission. We also can't turn her back on history and who you know where we've been, and the importance of preserving some of those cultural icons as we think about what are we doing as we look to the future? How do we retain what's the best of the past and make that part of our

future? Um so I vote I the reports accepted. Thank you was great. I look forward to hearing a lot more from you in the days, weeks and months ahead. Um colleagues, I have an excused absence starting 10 minutes ago. I'm going to ask that we take a two minute recess while we shift around in commissioner Mapps of this session. We are in recess. Thank you. According stopped, you want to move to my seat? No. Mhm. Mhm. Yeah. Hmm. Mm hmm. Yeah. Hmm. Right? Yes. Yeah. On. Mm hmm. Mhm. You good. Okay? All right. Welcome back for the afternoon session, r e m. Please read the next time. Item 2 23 except the Portland's historic landmarks commission, 2022 state of the city preservation report. Okay welcome. Thank you, mr Rubio. Yukun us up. All right, take it away. Thank you so much, um, council president. It's a great it's a pleasure to introduce andrew smith, the chair of the historic landmarks commission, who, along with vice chair can, really moreland and former chair kristen minor will present the commission's 2022 state of preservation report, and I also want to welcome other historic landmarks. Commission members met matthew roman maya foti and peggy moretti, the historic landmarks commission is a seven member volunteer commission that advises city bureaus and City Council on matters related to historic preservation and reviews, new development in historic districts and alterations affecting historic landmarks. The commission typically meets twice a month for several hours at a time, and we appreciate their service and dedication to preserving the city's historic resources. As the commission's report notes. Preservation is an important tool to aid our efforts for ensuring housing affordability addressing climate change, revitalizing our downtown and neighborhood cores and advancing or equity goals. The report also acknowledges that there are different scales of preservation, including the large scale government supported rehabilitation projects to the grassroots efforts by individuals and smaller organizations, all of which are critical for maintaining

economic and social stability. As was recognized in the report. The formal practice of preservation has not always represented the larger community. The commission has long pushed for a comprehensive update on the city's historic resources, inventory, and, more recently, the creation of a cultural resource management plan in order to ensure significant parts of our history are not lost before we know what resources we have and what stories there are to tell for a more complete picture of Portland's and its history. Recently two nominations were forwarded to the national register of historic places with the assistance of the bureau planning and sustainability through funding allocated by council last spring and the support of the historic landmarks commission. These nominations, one for the doctor, John Dee Marshall building and one for the gym pepper house are representative of this work to paint a broader picture of Portland's history. And I'm excited to hear more about these resources and for this type of work to continue. The report also highlights the commission's project of the year. The Albino Library edition and the Street Roots investment in Old Town. The Albino Library project includes a bold addition to the backside of a storage library and the design of which was informed by substantial public input. Meanwhile Street Roots purchase and light treatment of a historic building in Old Town demonstrates their investment in the oldest part of our city and will give greater visibility to this important journalistic institution. Now I'd like to invite members of the commission to start their presentation. Thank you for being here. Thank you, Commissioner Rubio. Good afternoon. I am Andrew Smith, the new chair of the landmarks commission, and, uh, the national register nominations that you just mentioned Commissioner Rubio are the ones depicted on our title slides, so that was very fortuitous. Just a quick reminder of what we do as the landmarks commission. They're sort of four primary areas that we focus on the first in our quasi-judicial capacity. We review type three land use cases, as well as

type two staff level appeals. Um we make recommendations to this council. Um that includes type forward demolition review cases, as well as changes to historic district guidelines such as the ones that we made for the south Portland historic district last year. Next we provide advice. We provide advice to land use applicants as part of design advice requests. We also provide advice to city bureaus such as parks and pbot. In addition, we make recommendations to the state of advisory committee on historic preservation when it comes to things such as national register nominations. Finally we provide advocacy, advocacy and outreach related to cultural and historic preservation in the city. Hi I'm peggy moretti. I'm the newest member of the historic landmarks commission. And it's really nice to be seeing you all in person again. Um from my little part of this presentation, I would just like to say the number one thing. I hope you will take away from our presentation today is that preservation and repurposing of our existing buildings is one of the key ways that the city will achieve its biggest priorities. We must recognize respect and use first what we already have, which is such a good common sense. We tend to look at problems in silos but happily preservation and reuse offers real progress on multiple fronts. As commissioner Rubio already sort of mentioned building reuses key indeed to meeting equity, housing, economic and climate goals regarding climate. The graphic shown here on this slide is from a study commissioned by restore Oregon from echo northwest. And their findings and by the way, there's a link to the study, in your written report showed that rehabbing just one small home instead of demolishing it and replacing it with a bigger house equates to taking 93 cars off the road for a year and rehabbing a modest commercial building instead of demolition and replacement of that. Equates to taking over 1000 cars off the road for a year. And when you multiply that impact across the city for say, five years, it has the ceo to reduction impact of taking literally hundreds of thousands of cars off

the road. So we do hope that the city will incorporate this fact into the larger emissions reduction strategy that is underway in the in the city organ bureaus. Um in the quest to create more housing, it is faster and often cheaper to reuse an existing building than to build new and the fountain court apartments, which you see there in on the slide is an example of built in or completed in 2020 by the home forward organization that provides a tus 80 units of housing. Just one example of that, and as we take overdue strides towards equity. How important to emphasize that everyone's history matters. Saving and rehabbing the places that truly embody the diversity of our heritage creates greater social sustainability and community cohesion. Next slide, please. And finally, as we urgently focus on downtown are older buildings may well hold the key to success. They're older, historic buildings are best suited for conversion to housing and in depth new york times article was published just this past week that made that case quite strongly. Older buildings. Floor plates are better configured with access to light and ventilation and create more livable spaces more easily. And of course, that reuse creates less environmental impact. The thing to note and this will be addressed a little later in the presentation is that right now we're missing some economic tools that enable the fast tracking of that conversion, a state rehabilitation, tax credit and or other incentives to offset seismic costs would be essential and could really, really help us jump start that effort. Um the slide. The picture of this building on the slide here is actually my former office building. That's the meyer building, located on southwest 12th at morrison right on the streetcar line, and I think nobody's talked with the owners about this, but it just struck us as building that may very well be the type of building that would convert into an awful lot of residential units. And has that right kind of configuration and also the sense of place and community that would be fostered by that conversion, so the possibilities are really, really exciting. But we do

I think need the city's support to make sure we have the tools to make them happen speedily. And with that, I'll turn the bike back to commissioner Smith. Thanks commissioner Morici, um so we'll move on to some recommended action items. Um first off lower economic barriers to restoration and reuse. And I think that the actions that the council took this morning or a huge check mark in that regard, and I was very pleased to see the result of that ordinance. Um we do urge you to support important state legislation, and commissioner Moreland will detail that a little bit later on. Um as commissioner, Moretti said. The state really does lack the economic tools that most other states have to better enable building owners. To save, upgrade and repurpose their buildings. Particular focus should be incentives for retention and creation of housing as well as seismic retrofits. Overall we just really encourage the mindset of putting in place policies that reward reuse and discourage demolition. Ah! Comprehensive plan policy for 4.51 states maintained city owned historic resources with necessary upkeep and repair. And there are certainly a number of examples throughout Portland of the city, upholding this policy. Sadly there are many examples where the opposite is true. Engine number two centennial mills and the memorial in firefighters park are but a few of the properties which are not being adequately maintained. Proper stewardship begins with understanding the full breadth of the assets we have. Which leads us to our next item, which commissioner Moreland? We'll discuss. Greeting commissioner. My name is Kimberly Moreland, and I'm the vice chair of the Portland historically might commission. And we would like to talk about, you know, one of our recommended council. I don't completion of a cultural resource plan. This is something that the historic landmark commission had requested for several years, and there's more of an urgency today cultural and historic resources out there in life. Um big to demolition, demolition and new

development and, um, not a. Recognition of the importance of the cultural resources. And we thank you, um, the City Council for supporting, um, the 22. 2022 probably served documentation and listening of the previous, um, just like the doctor john marshall, who and it's building had path what approved by the state of drug, um, at about three of historic preservation to move forward to the national park service, so we're excited and waiting to hear if the national popular will approve the nomination. So we support thank you for all your support of the previous one from dings, beauty and barber shop building. West hotel billy webb lodge. Well destinations are important is not enough. Um it we need long term protection. And that's what a complete, uh, citywide comprehensive cultural resource management plan will provide that protection. For a critical um. Tools and assessment and identification of the movements of resources that we have laugh in our community. And understanding the complex and diverse nature of our building volume mint will require ongoing research. And including resource survey maps, and this is a large part due to the city of both history with it and representative on historic um. On the history of a city which has never been surveyed, and there's a movement within the national, uh, historic preservation movement to go beyond architectural significance to cultural significance where we're looking at the lives of the people and um and the culture verses of architectural jim and. And so oftentimes these cultural resources on, um, stately previous architectural, um. Building and so it's important that we, um, sophie, um, resources what a different length and we have done in the path. And so, um and we also know really grateful for the historic resource code that was originally adopted by the city because it does provide greater love local control over historic destinations and what we want to hold up and acknowledge as important touched on in our community, and we have an ongoing obligation to make, um, progress and identifying detonating in

protecting important historic resources. Before they are locked and the city of port name funding and dedicated staff deployed into 2023 critical critically important to ensure that the buildings, places and stories of our point and communities recognized and preserved for future generations. Next slide, please. We are really helpful. The additional preservation tools that commissioner smith and commissioner already had alluded to be considered for state and federal um, regulations and we argued. To um, to be mindful of days. Um we are. The several programmed on the screen, the first to the s. I 22 94 fb 1 49. I had the pleasure of working with um, the steak group, um, led by representative of alabama and representative levy to identify ways to make these tours more equitable. And um and also as being 1 54 is an outcome of that work group and like to thank, why don't spectral hard over his leadership on that group as well. And so that group had, um, extended the. The expiration of the bill. Taking the study to look at the maximum value because they had to become a boat and for some property owners and we also, um, looking at, um we imagine a historic tax credit growth and not um, I'm sorry. Um, we imagining the hick, quick tax credit and the population grant program so that members of our community who, um but I have not been able to take advantage of the benefits will be able to especially how owners of tiktok home to maybe have a fixed income or, um, are not, um I cannot make that initial investment, so they're looking at a grant program. And so, um, that's also a federal program that's been looked at looked at to the historic tax credit growth and opportunity act of 2021, which is 2294, which will improve and enhance the historic tax credits, including permanently increasing the credit to 30% for the project under two point five million and make it easier to do it for smaller projects. So that's another equity initiative to help. Um. I do access this program as well. Next slide. Um. The start up of the pandemic meeting legacy businesses in Portland's struggle

going out of business. Like Geneva barbershop and several others since 2022. Portland's historic landmark commission has advocated for the City Council staff to study and financially support. Um the implementation of a legacy business program designed to support the city vulnerable legacy businesses and I had the opportunity to work with a graduate student who work at the foundation of this legacy program. I would like to thank Brandon Special Harto and for his leadership and acquiring a congressional direct spending. Uh um. 352,000 to initiate legacy business program in Portland's part, this program will provide relevant resources to our legacy businesses that need specific, um, criteria to remain economically viable. And protective, protect older buildings and will cut more about fragment upgrade and hopefully, um, that would be included in the college. Well many of legacy businesses are occupied by older building an important historical historic landmark again commend special harder for her to leadership. And we would look forward to what the program has to offer. Um two members of the legacy business community. Cheers and, um, I would just like to talk about, um, the monument programming part part of the watch list and what? I'm really excited about what? Before we published its report, um we've done. Tiktok's landmark commission had um, I identify this as a priority and to make sure that any decisions about the replacement of our monument would include broad community. Um, feedback and support. And in as you know, there's some difficult histories that um, have been associated with some of the monument and so we're really happy that racket divided and now that they're moving forward with the steering committee to look at, um and really get broad community be back when the replacement of the monuments and hopefully not only will we talked about the replacement, but we also think about new ways of knowing, um, history of important, um, number, the black community and our and our communities. And so we, um oh, ju. To continue

to set that as a priority. That we, um at we also would love to be a part of those conversations. Yeah thanks. Continuing with our watch list. This is a newcomer to it. The vista bridge. Um as as I'm sure you all know. A decade ago, fences were erected on the vista bridge due to a number of suicides that had taken place in previous years. Thankfully the fences have done their job and they've prevented successfully prevented additional tragedies. However there are downsides to the temporary fences having remained in place for 10 years now. First off, they negatively impact the visual integrity of the national register listed bridge. But for perhaps more importantly, is the physical harm that the fences are causing. Leaves and debris have collected between the fences and the historic balustrade. Trapping moisture and allowing it to seep down into the steel reinforcement in the bridge deck. Uh vegetation has also begun to grow along the balustrade as you can see in the lower right image on the screen. Um. In the roots of that vegetation grow into and weaken the bridges, joints. If the cycle of deterioration is not interrupted soon, it could have significant effects on the structure. We understand that pbot has previously sought funding from oh dot to address the vista bridge. And we would be happy to assist with join in advocating, uh, on on the bridges behalf. And we also recommend that a condition assessment be performed along with a design concept study to look at what a permanent solution might be for the vista bridge. Uh the final two items on our watch list are, um obviously quite familiar topics you rms and our own downtown. As you're likely, well aware there are about 1650 you rms within the city. 200 about 250 of those buildings alone contain over 7000 residential units. Commissioner fahdi and I participated in a u. R m workgroup, which was convened in 2019 to study and recommend a path forward for these structures. The work group was disbanded by the bureau of emergency management and the bureau of development development services during the upheaval of 2020 and was

not reconvened. Meanwhile our peers in Seattle are pressing forward with an ordinance requiring owners to retrofit their buildings, but they're doing so alongside. A resource program that will support those owners. A renewed commitment from the city of Portland is needed to address the significant public safety risk. And then downtown. Obviously it's an economic driver of our region and the place where visitors really focused their exploration when they when they come to our city. Every effort should be made to revitalize downtown from a cleanliness, safety and economic standpoint. We recognize the expediting groups that this council has authorized to study and implement creative solutions, and we view those as a very positive step forward. And we'll move on to success story. My name is kristen minor and I am in my last year of serving on the landmarks commission. And I'm just going to add my voice for a few slides here. It will be my last time at the diocese. But there's a new leadership team, which is great. Some of the preservation successes that we're highlighting in. Our report are happening at older buildings and not necessarily those that have the formal historic designation. And these places can be businesses. As commissioner moreland talked about in the legacy business program that's going to start being implemented in Portland. But I also wanted to talk about a couple of programs that are happening that are focusing on residential. One of those is called taking ownership pd x and the owner of that will be talking to you a little bit later in this presentation, so I'm not going to focus too much on that, but you'll be hearing from randall wyatt as one of our invited testify. Irs. Um the other that we're focusing on today is at the rebuilding center. The rebuilding center in north Portland sees firsthand the demolitions and, um the building materials that come in as a result of gentrification. And they've been developing programs specifically for bipoc homeowners. And maybe renters in these are early days, but these are very exciting programs that are really coming

up as grassroots to, um, to create successes. Next slide. And then finally, we have several slides to show our projects of the year. This is the first time we have awarded an award to a staff level review. The street roots. New building has actually been around since 1926 think that lower photo is perhaps in 19 seventies vintage. But it's a hugely visible sight at northwest third and burnside. And again, you'll be hearing more about that project. We have the owner of street roots ks end as another of our invited testify. Irs. But I did want to say that there's so much great, thorough work happening in bds, and it seems appropriate as code changes allow for more reviews to happen at the staff level review rather than coming to us that we occasionally recognize these projects. Next slide. My pleasure to announce that we one of our projects of the year that buying a library thoughtful planning process had created a significant building on the community is a to be so proud of. And on December 12 2022 to hit drug like landmark commission approved that um activation into the heck torque. Albino library, located at 216 north ninth street. And proposed work includes seismic retrofit rehabilitation of the interior of the historic library as well demolition of one of the later editions and construction new construction. Ah, a new 32,000 square feet addition to the to accommodate the library space and you'll learn, hear more about this wonderful project, but I just wanted to say that the project team conducted over five community outreach event with I was a part of what some of those with specific focus on engaging in nine dominic stakeholder groups. And the community out, we had determined any aspects of conditions design anyways, led by sandra robertson, level architect and how thoughtful and mindful leadership really created a building that, um that really will define that ilya and add a wonderful addition to the existing building. And I think I want commissioner Mapps already such a best when she says, I want you to put on record how excited I am and how grateful for the wonderful quality of

thought and want to say love that went into the design of this and that softness and engagement. I can only imagine the amount of effort and to me to two games, he said. This was the kind of thoughtful out with that is needed in all projects, and this community deserves something excellent. And after you know that the community has experienced quite a bit of negative history, and it's patrick really elevate from positive energy. Thank you. So commissioners that concludes our presentation. We do have three invited, uh, testify. Irs if you'd like to roll straight into that you all could without invited testimony. Yeah okay. Uh randall. I see that you are on the zoom. So please, please proceed. Right um, I was told I can control my own slides. Um I think I need to be made a host to share my screen. I will stop sharing thank you. Alright I'm rather white. Thank you very much for allowing me to share my work and speak to you all. Um I'm the founder and executive director of taking ownership d x. Taking ownership. Pd x is a community and reparations based organization founded with the intention to activate and utilize community members and their resources for equitable change. Together we renovate and revive black owned homes and small businesses that have requested our help, with an emphasis on enabling black homeowners to age in place, generate wealth and simultaneously deter predatory investors in real estate professionals to deflect the gentrification process. Why this work is important, important spoiling has a history of racist and predatory real estate. And, uh, I'm sorry. Can't see that. Oops. Um real estate practices that have targeted and excluded and displaced. The black community and small business owners and homeowners since black people have been permitted to live in the state of Oregon due to a lack of efficient and impactful, equitable change from our policymakers and enforces we decided to take grassroots actions to provide equity and justice to the black community of Portland through reparations in the form of home and small business to repairs,

renovations, financial assistance and advocacy. We also needed to provide a clear path of reconciliation and justice for our allies who want to provide resources and physical labor to create quick, tangible results that help combat the consequences of economic exclusion in various forms of oppression the black community has suffered for hundreds of years. Also the ombudsman report recently showed that the city's bts the department, the reliance on complaints for property maintenance enforcement disproportionately affects diverse and gentrifying neighborhoods with leans and fines disproportionately impacting black and brown homeowners in areas where affluent people are moving in. How we do this work we fund raised through donations and grants. We use volunteers to do basic cleanup jobs, um, and landscaping and also prep work for our contractors and vendors. Uh we have partnerships with many other organizations and companies in the city. Um and we collaborate to provide resources. We hired contractors and vendors to do the work. We have a real for referral form on our on our website to where the homeowners can go and business owners can go to sign up and be put on our wait list. List and we currently have a over 200 people on their wait list, so there's a severe need. Or the services in the city. And we provide advocacy. We raise awareness on what's going on in the black community. And what what kind of resources are needed, um what we've accomplished since our inception of in June of 2020, we have raised over \$1.6 million, mostly through private donations from our community members and allies signed up over 400 volunteers who have done an estimate of \$160,000 worth of labor for homeowners and small business owners, helped over 100 and 50 black homeowners and small business owners with various repairs, renovations, cleanups and financial assistance and I participated in the Portland charter reform community, which helped create some measures on the 2022 midterm ballot, and I've met with several city officials and government branches about creating more

equitable and inclusive practices. This is our goal for this year. Um, we need funding. In a major way, so things have slowed down. I guess something going on in the economy. Um where were you know? With us? Surviving off private donations? Um we've seen quite the cut in donations. So um, any kind of help with funding sources would be greatly appreciated. Ah the future of taking ownership pd axes. We're getting our nonprofit status so far. Currently we operate as an I. C with the fiscal sponsor, which is all ages. Music pd x, but we're in the process and should help hopefully have our status by the summer. We collaborate with pre apprenticeship programs like Portland youth builders. Um we basically we provide hours for the students to, um, get certified in the trade that they're pursuing, and they provide free labor, um, for our projects. It's a great symbiotic relationship, and I'm looking to start more collaborations with more pre apprenticeship programs. We have a partnership with Portland state university capstone students and the racial equity in Oregon capstone class they do grant writing for us and other projects for us in exchange for hours towards their capstone credit. We also the big picture is to expand this model of group economics and reparations. Um and community, uh, to all marginalized communities nationwide. Uh how people can get involved is you can make a financial donation through our website taking ownership dx dot org. Uh you can submit a business or organization to our public resource list. This list is an area where you can go and see, um different businesses that align with our values, and they're categorized by their lgbt q. Bipoc allies or woman owned. Um you can sign up as a volunteer refer a homeowner or a small business owner with their permission, contact us or learn more about our organization. That's all I have for you. Thank you very much for let me share that with you. Thank you, randall. Next. Um. Next. We have k a sand with street roots. She's here in person. Welcome, kaya. You know how it works. Put it on the street.

Get your slides pulling up. Thank you. Good afternoon commissioners. I am so grateful to the Portland historic landmarks commission for honoring the street roots. Burnside building as one of the projects of the year. We actually break down break ground tomorrow at 11 a.m. So this is incredibly timely. In fact, right now, our vendors are rehearsing in the streets of old town. They are practicing a swing dance that they're going to do through the neighborhood because we really are celebrating our whole neighborhood as we start this project. So in I haven't seen you in a while in in 2018, dave adi principal host architecture pledged to me that when the time came host would design a new space for street roots pro bono. That was an incredible pledge and a significant seed of confidence. So when our services is expanded beyond what we could really handle in our very tiny space, I called him and this was during the pandemic and he was ready. So first we had to find a building and we were committed to the old town neighborhood because it is such an important nexus of transportation so that our vendors can deploy all the way around the region to sell the paper, but also because of the neighborhood. It is a neighborhood of historic displacements. And that knowledge grounds are work. It was a bustling neighborhood of japanese American families who in 1942 were four stop the sidewalks and from the motels and the homes that they lived in with only what they could carry, incarcerated first in the Portland expo center on government orders, so it's important that we bring that knowledge forward in this neighborhood in which we work. This history of displacement of incarceration and also poverty. I actually can see the motel where my grandmother as a teenager tried to survive in what she called skid row with her brother. And so that I can see from the windows of our building a street vendor jason sheer found this building for us. I was biking around a map in my hand when I ran into him, and he told me that there is a building on west burnside and third avenue. That should be ours,

and he thought it was perfect because it's prominent. And our vendors wanted to be seen in this city when they're so often told to not be seen, and it also is on burnside. And that again is a historic importance to us street roots set started about 30 years ago as burnside cadillac, which is a nickname for a shopping cart. So many people experiencing homelessness grew up here in Portland and feel connected to the city's history to its buildings, remembering, for instance, when this building was united clothing, and before that, of course, the whole architects began this project with conversations with vendors nikki stauffer and hannah resnick are here today, and they have put in so much work just rate him wave tried to do a selfie with them earlier, um and they are pursuing the design. Historically as we approach this, we're striving as an organization for people's foundational needs, and also we're attending to their dreams if we could just advance slides, so this is actually showing concept for the design that you might recognize as maslow's hierarchy of needs. The physiological the base needs are the basement of the building the showers and laundry going up to safety and love and beyond belong. Singing and esteem where vendors gather when they earn income all the way up to our rooftop. This is a narrow building in all town. It's a historic building. So it was difficult to come up with everything we needed. But we used this design pyramid and the rooftop actually recognizes dreams. So that is where hannah and nikki worked hard to design a space that works for our city. In terms of universal design, it's bringing in actually more green space to burnside and our old town the whole wall around this classroom that we're building is green space, so it's going to be beautiful. It will be a space where people experiencing homelessness can do job training classes and actually have a safe space. That's natural because they do not often it's very difficult to feel safe when they are always uprooted and swept in the streets. So it's very important that people have a place that actually where they

don't they know they're not going going to have to move. So I just want to also point out that this whole project is partner after partner shields a blitz johnson o'neill construction. Um, but I want to say that we're really pursuing this building as a building for the whole city that this is we want this to be a prominent space that everyone can be proud of. That's beautiful, because poor people deserve beautiful things. And that connects the past to the future one that brings people experiencing homelessness into the heart of the city into all of our heart. Into the heart of humane policy and the heart of what it means to revitalize this city by making sure that the people suffering have what they need. Thank you very much. I have, like flashlight dogs. I think I was blinding them. Was I blinding you? Accept bid here. All right? We have one more. Chandra robinson with lever architecture. Might need to advance a sled there. Hello again. I'm chandra. Principal lever architecture and we're really honored to, um be on the list of best projects this year as nominated by the historic landmarks commission. We actually were tasked with designing new additions for both the albino and the north Portland's libraries, both libraries in the black community. And so as kimberly mentioned, we did do an extensive amount of engagement and I myself was at all of them so probably 65 different times. We went out into the community in different ways and talked with folks. And that was during the pandemic. So we did a lot of things on zoom, but we also did things in person and it was really great just to be out in the community and to connect with people and see what it was that they needed in their lives at the library could potentially offer so both of these libraries. What's remarkable about them is these are both small carnegie libraries. And over 100 years old, really beautiful, but not seismic, seismically reinforced to perform in an event here and so part of what we're doing is, um, upgrading both of these libraries both of the carnegie buildings so that they will be safe in an earthquake event. The other part

of what we were doing was adding, what additional space we could so all of this funding came from the bond that voters voted for in 2022. Upgrade all of the libraries essentially and do a flagship library. So um, what you see on the screen right now is the new edition for the albino library, and it's the one that had a larger amount of space amount of sight. So that's the 32,000 square foot addition that you see there, and it's a two story library. There's administration space on the ground floor and then a really large reading room on the upper floor and in the existing carnegie library is where the children's spaces, so it's going to be a really great play with beautiful historic details and very charming and fun colors. And kids size furniture and things like that, so it's going to be really cool. Um what was really great about working with historic landmarks commission on this was that when we came in, we had a building that looked similar to this, but not exactly the same. And we had metal panel that was this color, and we had windows that had sort of a more. I don't know. I'm going to just call it playful, a playful sort of placement and what we heard from landmarks was that even though this neighborhood you know you can't actually see the addition from the existing carnegie, you can only see a little bit because there's a big grade change on the site. So even though you can't see those buildings together, we still wanted it to resonate with that period of time, at least a little bit. And then across the street from the addition is the wonder ballroom and another historic building, so that's stucco and characteristics of that are very short ground floor at a very tall, luminous upper floors, right. So what we heard from landmarks was that it wasn't quite there wasn't fitting in with the historic nature of what was right across from it. Even though there's not a lot in that neighborhood that actually is historic. So what we did was we instead of metal panel, we have a really interesting brick. Details of the bricks are all kind of canted, and that still gives this kind of strayed and pattern on the exterior, and then we

placed the windows differently so that they were a little bit more regular, which was more like what was happening in the historic buildings and so I think the whole point of this is that you know, we're not trying to imagine historic building, right? We're just trying to make sure that what we're designing isn't in competition with it isn't sort of opposite to it, but allows that building to be appreciated for what it is. While we can make much more modern additions onto it, but I still just using some older materials right now. It's not all glass. Um, and because we had all of this community engagement that really decided what it was that we needed to do with the library, historic landmarks commission was very excited about that. And they really understood that we're designing in a different way. Because we're designing for community today and not a building from, you know, 1911 right and not community from 1911, and, uh, it may be surprising to know, but because these buildings are up on plants, you have to walk up to them. They now have ramps, of course. But for some folks in the community, those actually seem intimidating. It's more like a court house type of building where people feel like they don't want to go into that space, right, so creating something on the other side that's very low, still and human scale and is actually at the ground plane instead of elevated on a pedestal is a way to make people feel more comfortable right, so there are a lot of things that we did inside the building that are specifically for the kinds of folks who are coming in what they've asked for, but really, I just wanted to say thank you so much. Historic landmarks commission for working with us on this and for understanding that, you know we can't we can't just build something that looks like a historic building. So lots of folks don't really know what it means to work with historic landmarks and in review. Um but it's very pleasurable. You have great conversations about design and what our communities are like. Today. A and so for the north Portland library, even though we weren't going through historic

landmarks, it was a type two. We still did a voluntary d r with them to discuss the design. And then for the albino library. It's a type three. It's in a uh, more bigger designation zone right? That so, um, we did a type three. So that means we did have to do the actual hearing with landmarks. But we also did a d a r before that, so, um, you know, yes, I'm on design commission. And so I obviously think that it's valuable. But even being an applicant, um it's always, uh, a valuable experience and conversations that we have about design. That really make projects better every time. Thank you. Thank you so much. Rwanda and this is the albino. But do you have the north Portland photos? I don't think we have a view of that. But I can send it to you. Okay and that's not killing. It's super cool. Yes I'm so glad you had the aerial photo in here. Yes yes. Helped put this all together and it those. That's the operations building. So there's a lot that was being taken out of there. But seeing the aerial, you can tell that it's not this giant building that's going to overtake the little carnegie, right really see the flow of you're talking about you have a question did super exciting project I was on the library foundation board when the bond measures yes. Yes wonderful to see these projects coming online excited, you know you I actually learned a lot from that project about historic landmarks and sort of, you know, the type of architecture that's deemed would you call it compatible with the there? Okay, so you know, there's so much discussion inside the city right now, for residential neighborhoods where you may have historic overlay. And is there anything from that project that helped shape the discussion in residential neighborhoods? Because when I look at this, the goals compatibility, not replication, and it's a um again I'm just it's eye opening for me, and I just curious your perspective on how that might apply in residential neighborhoods that might have the story because design commission often does see projects. It seems small in their infill projects into place. Or maybe it is a bunch of victorians or something

right? And so when we think about compatibility, we think about the scale. We think about the materials we think about placement of the windows. If there's a porch or no porch, so you can imagine, you know, in an area where there are a lot of the big old Portland's homes, if you put something in there that turns its back to the street, that is, you can't really see where the living room is. You don't think that you don't know that there are people in there right? Or the garages forward instead of the garage being underneath or behind, right? Um I think part of the life of the street is having people on porches having people being able to look out onto the sidewalk and see that their kids are playing in the yard and just see who's going by, right. That's what makes it feel like people live there. You're welcome to be there. And so I think when we think about new ah new buildings that are going into those places. It's really about that. It's about how it doesn't have to be the same materials. But you know if you can get windows that sort of feel like they're in the same places, even if they're much bigger, or they're sort of skinny, like, um, those are we're really thinking about all the same things. I think there's opportunity for educating Portland's on this because the historic designation creates so much tension sometimes, but to see something like that, where you're really you're adding real square footage. You're opening up the community and you're not trying to replicate what existed is opening. Um I guess just I'm deking out on libraries for a second. So when you talk about the change of libraries and use different than maybe when it was originally designed for east side libraries, we're talking about a lot of reading rooms. I mean, the old library that's like it's always overfilled with young families. What are some examples for that library in particular that we're different from the original use. Maybe a, you know, roughly 100 years ago, so libraries have gone through a big change instead of just being a place for books and a place for education where there was a sense of like we're educating you where welcoming

you to our space, but this is a place for academics. That's changed very much now. Libraries are for people so yes, you can get your books online, but you go to the library because it's a place where you can be with the rest of your community. So for instance, in the albino library, we have a really large community space because community members asked us for they said, hey, you know if I'm an immigrant from another country and its covid and I cannot go see my family, I would like to be able to see this wedding on zoom in a big room with other members of my family who are here. Right so it's about connecting people to other places as much as anything. There are also specifically designed teen rooms that we actually worked with a group of teenagers in north Portland, and we did this through sort of every phase of the design, but they designed that teen space. You know what kind of furniture what amount of privacy do they feel they need. They don't want to be in sort of a fish bowl, where everyone staring at them. Even though people want to monitor them. They don't need that kind of surveillance. Right. There's spaces in there that now have water so that they can be maker spaces, and a lot of different kinds of activities can happen in there. And then there are both outdoor spaces that are completely surrounded by the building. So they feel really safe because people said that they wanted to be able to read outside. Um but they didn't feel safe, just sitting on the sidewalk on a bench. They wanted a place where they could take off their shoes and ground themselves to the earth. We really worked with a bunch of different affinity groups so that disabled community indigenous folks, latin x folks and the black Portland's community and also immigrants and refugees, and so we had very specific focus groups for those all of those folks that we have a sensory room in that space. So for neurodivergent kids, it's a place to go and kind of calm down there over stimulated, but it's also the space that's going to be used for prayer. So if you are a person who prays multiple times a day if you're muslim, then

you can go in there. You can spend more time at the library because you have a place where you can pray and then you can go back and do what you were doing in the library. So there are so many I could talk to you forever. I know you're seeking out on libraries. I do, too, but there are so many different things that we put into libraries. Now that we did not do when the carnegies were built in a context of historic over light. It's fascinating. Thanks so much history you'd say when the carnegies were built. Well, you just elaborate a little bit on that. So um, you know, the carnegies were all built through specific funding from the carnegie family, right? Um and they were that was philanthropy. They were making it so that we had access to books and, um, and educational tools, but the libraries were also sort of created in this time where it was like there are classes of people and some of us have this access to knowledge and education. And we're gonna essentially do you a favor by by letting you also have access to it in your little western boom town. Whatever you know, um and so, really, now, what we think about in terms of libraries is they are. The world is a hard place to be right, especially in this last four years. Um and so I'm not going to say libraries are community centers, but they're very focused on people because people need, um I need more. People we've recognized. I think that people need more people always needed more right. But because libraries are public, they have to provide this public service and they have to base it on what people actually need. So it's not food bank. It's not a closed bank, but it is a place where you can go and learn how to do your taxes or take a class on computers or take a class that helps you understand. How um, how mortgages work and how you can buy a house right? And so help your family set set up themselves for success. Right so and libraries invite everyone. All different languages are spoken. There are Multnomah County libraries have five languages that they translate everything into and those languages change over the years. You

know, when I lived out in in rockwood, it was a lot of russian immigrants and hispanic folks like myself. I'm half mexican and today there are so many different african languages, spoken there that the libraries change what they offer. Based on the community, and the community has changed over the years. The libraries have to change as well. Thank you so much. Uh anymore invited testimony. Okay and before we do our deliberations, is there anyone signed up for? Yeah we have three people signed up. Great let's let's hear that before we vote before we talk. First up. We have wendy ram. You're muted. Wendy. There you can see me. Then we can hear you. Your time is going to start ticking right now. Okay wendy braun and thanks to City Council and especially to the landmark commission for this report, and this discussion was great, and so is the design commission discussion. Um I'd like to call out one item. Um uh, the loss of monuments noted in section 8.1 page 22. We need a public engagement process that is transparent and unbiased. I am not convinced that is what we are heading towards. I suggest you look at new york city's model whose process resulted in both inclusive and forward looking conclusions recommended was was an acknowledgement of gaps in our history, which this report supports by urging saving not just what is beautiful, but what is meaningful, uh, that will fill in historic gaps. The report also urges us to quote acknowledge and protect cultural, historic and meaningful places. Uh it urges you to quote keep the city's commitments to preservation and quote to discourage demolition incentivize adaptive reuse, including converting downtown commercial properties to residential yes to all that to fill in those historical gaps, the new york model urged an additive approach, not a racer or subtracted one. What does that mean? Take for example, lincoln statue fell two by vandals. Abe like other statues, removed this way, is designated historically significant. For the new code eight has not been put back on his south park block pedestal. Leaving him in storage is a

form of demolition, but without following the demolition code requirements to follow its own code, the city has an obligation to put a back now not doing so is subtracted. To be additive is easing. Put him back with the new denton is for head now part of his story. His plant sits on a four cornered slab. Each corner or side could have a new historic marker that tells a fuller story fills in missing missing historic gaps for one corner, prioritize the native American story of loss of life. The forehead dent could be in another story, the emancipation proclamation. Another. This more nuanced approach tells a more complete story recognizing all stories matter president who saved the union certainly matters with all his flaws and missteps that human beings inevitably make restoring downtown statues, meats and leather goal in this report, that of quote breathing new life into the tourism industry downtown. Able always a favorite of tourists and students who regularly put flowers in his hand, restore these monuments now and then have a process. Thank you. Thank you, wendy. Next next up. We have aubrey russell. Aubrey russell. Opry. Russell. You there? Why don't we go into the next one and then come back to aubrey? Yeah, next up. We have rod merrick. And I think rod is joining us online. Is that ron arad? There he is, rod. Broad works cited. We could see her square if you can mute show your face would be great if you can, and your time will begin. Just muted. Can you and mute. It's still that we can hear you, ron. I'm getting there. Sorry. It's all good. Alright i'll see you. There you go. Good to see you guys. Um I'm rod merrick and co chairing the Portland coalition for historic resources. But speaking on my own behalf I just wanted to briefly express my appreciation for the opportunity to support the preservation of historic resources in our city. The historic landmarks commission is doing important work and the work of its dedicated and capable commissioners and supporting staff are to be commended and are much appreciated. Preservation of historically significant buildings,

landscapes and artwork, including memorial statues are integral for sustaining tourism. Promoting economic development and for the education of present and future generations of Portland's citizens. More than anything, Portland needs to dedicate funding. And I'm speaking here about the budget process. Um for Portland government needs to dedicate funding to update its inventory of historic resources process, which is been all but dormant for a generation. And now speaking to the report itself, the report before you highlights the cost to the environment, the culture and the massive contribution to the solid waste stream of demolition of viable structures. The points to the measurable environmental costs of new constructions as well. Of this speaks to the need for policies that support preservation as the first consideration when new spaces and places are needed and underdevelopment. Thanks for your consideration. Thank you, rod. Are you next? Um that completes testimony. Okay. Opry? Not here yet. All right. We'll move on. Council members any questions before we go to the vote. Okay? Would you like to make a motion? Pardon me to make a motion. That's right. We have to make a motion for reports. Do I hear a motion moved commissioner bot and it's been seconded by commissioner Gonzalez. Rubio. Um so first I want to thank andrew and kimberly and peggy and kristen for your presentation on this report. Uh, it was really, really informative. Um this is really, really important work, and it's a very timely presentation and it ensures that we can retain and preserve the important parts of Portland's history. That's off fuller and tour recognition of that history because Portland belongs to all of us, um and as exemplified in st roots and building and the albino library. Um these are great great projects to lift lift up as an example of that. So thank you both for being here and sharing about those projects. It was very inspiring to me. Um I also appreciate the thoughtful recommendations and I want to state my eagerness and my commitments to

engage more with you on these, especially on the cultural resources management plan and also the legacy business program. Those are very important things and they need that support to get off the ground. It's keep moving. Um so that no other pieces of our history our lost. I too want to shout out to brandon spencer hartal because I think he's amazing as well and he's such a strong backbone for this work. So, brandon, you're you're wonderful. We're very lucky to have you here in the city. Um and the regarding the legislative work. I'm also happy to note that our government relations team is advocating and salem as we speak for all the tax incentives that you've outlined to support historic building preservation, so that's good news. And finally, i'll wrap up. Kristin thank you for your service to our city. Thank you so much. Um and for the culture and approach that you've helped build on this commission during your tenure here, so, um, thank you so much. We owe you a lot. Um and to the commissioner's thank you for your excellent work, your deep dedication. It's very it's coming through in your presentation and your work. There's a lot of love there and care. Um and thank you for caring about what makes Portland's Portland so very happy to vote. I gonzales. Thank you for a comprehensive report. This has been a rich day and somehow they all connect has been a long day. But it's been a rich day. Um certainly want to high highlight some of the economic drivers that will help preserve and protect, um not don't necessarily need echo every part of commissioner Mapps. But ah, I am intrigued by the Seattle model of sticks with carrots. You know, that's always the issue here when we're talking about you, rms and I think that's something we need to keep in mind. It's a huge opportunity. Huge challenge for the city of Portland. How we, uh, preserve that. Feel of the city, particularly in certain neighborhoods, but also addressed the real seismic risk we're facing as a community. And find a way to build more affordable housing in tying it all together. So, um the seismic upgrade credits

again. I just think we all need to keep that in focus. I love the emphasis on cultural icons, as in addition to architectural ones, I think you very well said and um I will also build off of mr romney's comments about potential on monuments being not just exclusive but inclusive. Can we preserve some of our history but also bring new voices and new faces? Can we do that simultaneously, and that's that's a challenge for our community. How do we do both to preserve what was beautiful about our past? And also recognize that certain voices were excluded and bring them to the front or at the same time. I'm not sure we've struck the right balance of the community on this very difficult topic, but I look forward to partnering with you all in the future and how we might do that. And obviously I geeked out on the library project that I vote. Thank you. Ryan. Yeah I think we've all been eking out in a good way of this afternoon. I think combining the design commission than with historical landmarks. It's uh I remember I have trouble sometimes detain kaling them and maybe it's because I'm not supposed to. So it's by design that you are going back to back this afternoon. No, it just so happens we had, you know, wonderful dialogue today about how to convert there's just office buildings into housing as we talked about earlier, so it has been a really long day, but it's been sometimes we have long days where you're just staring at the clock and you're really hoping it ends soon. But this has been really exciting. It's been, um um and I think every time I would meet with the historic, uh, group I would always end up going over. Remember, my staff always telling me knock it off. And it's um and I'm gonna blame you a little bit christian minor because we always get into a conversation that just uncovers layers and layers that goes well beyond what the scope of the original conversation was. And I think when you came up to talk about the al buying the library and then we did kick out on librarians with it was yet another opportunity to have some authentic dialogue about how the world is changing. I was in new york like 20 years

ago. Whenever that big library new york was redone. And I had a friend who was an architect on that project. There were quite a few and again. This was at least 20 years ago, but they're like what's different about the library? And I'm like, well it's not. I don't feel like someone's going to tell me to like, shut up like it doesn't feel like it's a cathedral. It's a church. And then I got oh, it's a do this like I don't hear pages moving. But you hear that, you know people are so it's like even that sound and you know there's certain conversations will never forget that was one of them. And then since then, working with schools and families, especially out in east county. You would just see the nest how necessary was to have the library up and running. I mean, the covid lockdown with our schools and our libraries for a while, was just so devastating on children and families, and I really would noticed that when it came to that combination of them both being shut down for a while it just how nervous I was about. What was happening with our children's learning loss, and, uh so anyway, I'm really grateful that we're here today. These projects are exciting you report was amazing. And I kind of wish every sort of council meeting have things going to conversations, but together, we have to keep figuring this out. It's always going to be messy. Congratulations kaya. Um tomorrow's a big day for you all and for the community in general. Thanks for telling me that story about the swing dancing, you said. Alright that's pretty cool out of 11, 11 o'clock, 11 o'clock swing dancing little end it. Barnes and morgan, the new tea shop that's in the other lessons or you just have to wing it. What's that their lessons or you just have to wing it? You're just gonna have to join in, but the music will just start you swinging. Yeah alright. Love it. Those who dance together stay together. All right, I vote I wait before you end. Andrew and I just wanted to thank, uh we're very grateful for the company staff that we have support in the historical landmark commission. We just want to especially thank hillary adams for all of her support and time with the

historic landmark commission. Sure we love you, hillary. Oh there she is. Modest, yeah. Thank you for pointing that out. Yeah. Alright, I vote. I and it's been approved. That report's been approved. Yes. Accepted. That's the term got it? Okay now we'll go on to our next item. Thank you so much for being here. Thank you appreciate it. There's so many happy people in here right now, can we? Can we like, freeze this moment? Yeah what to tell mayor and mingus Mapps? Yeah yeah, it's all there. Yeah. 72 tomorrow. My god. Jack. Okay? Okay? Go ahead and read the next item item to 24 deny blame a west and teresa west's application for special assessment of open space land at 10615 southwest 42nd avenue. Okay, commissioner Rubio. You um colleagues today we're holding a hearing on a request by a property owner to have their property taxes deferred through a state provision called the land called the special assessment of open space land request. Stuff from the bureau planning and sustainability will present the ordinance and findings so welcome. Sandra would good afternoon commissioners. My name is sandra wood. I'm with the bureau planning and sustainability and I'm accompanied today remotely by two of my colleagues. Shannon bruno, senior planner at b. P. S and stephanie beckman, who is with the bureau of development services in the land division. Um, land use review section um we are here to have a public hearing on an ordinance to deny a special assessment of open space land for property at 10615 southwest 42nd avenue. This is not the type of project that we usually do. So I just wanted to, um, mentioned that, um it's not a legislative project that affects many properties. Rather it's an application that affects one property and one property only. Um I wanted to take a moment to explain why the Portland's City Council is involved in a tax assessment request because, as I said, many of us haven't done this in the past, um I wanted to thank also, um lauren king, who has been guiding us our city attorney through this process. The Oregon state statutes, which are the rules of the state of

Oregon, allows property owners to apply for a special tax assessments to defer their property taxes. One of those special assessments is for open space. The intent of the open space assessment is to maintain, conserve and preserve open space land on December 30th 2022, the property owners, blaine and teresa west, applied for a special assessment for open space land for their property at 10615 southwest 42nd avenue. The statutes require that the local jurisdiction in this case the Portland City Council, approve or disapprove the application and that council notify the county assessor of your decision by April 1st of this year. So if council doesn't make a decision by April 1st, the application is automatically improved by approved by Multnomah County, um so i'll pass it on to my colleague shannon beaune. Oh she's going to describe the specifics of, um of the proposal. Sandra hi, shannon. Hi thank you very much. Could you go to the next slide, please? Thanks so the west property is roughly 2.4 acre tax lot located in southwest Portland. It's highlighted in red on the slide. It's between soccer's capital highway and jackson middle school if you're familiar with southwest Portland, a lot is zoned residential property is not zoned open space, and it is not designated as open space in the city's comprehensive plan. The property also has environmental conservation, and it constraints sites overlay zones. That's the small c and the small z after the r seven in the zoning the property is present use is residential, and it is developed with a house and an accessory dwelling unit. Um, next slide, please. The property is large enough to be divided into additional locks in 2007 of former owner applied for a land division to divide the property into 12 new lots. This is a tentative plan plat of that, uh, subdivision. The proposal was recommended for approval but was withdrawn by the applicant before final decision so it it was never finalized. Next slide. Open space assessment statutes list four factors that must be weighed in deciding to approve or disapprove an application for the special assessment. Um i'll

briefly walk you through each factor and summarize are recommended finding for that. The first factor to consider relates to the cost of extending urban services to the effected lot or parcel. So regarding factor when we conclude that there are no protect projected costs of extending urban services to the lot. The property currently has access to urban services such as water, sanitary, sewer, police and fire protection, mass transit and schools. The second factor relates to the value of preserving a lot as open space. Um in this case, we find the value of this particular lot lies in its residential designation rather than as open space. The property is not currently in an open space use, and it is not designated as open spaces in the comprehensive plan, so there's no intention for it to become a park. Um at any point in the future, the comprehensive plan guides how and where land is developed, and it was updated within the past five years. Plan balances the need for housing and jobs and the need for open space and natural areas. In this case, the property is part of the supply of residential land designated to address the housing needs of the city over the coming years. Next slide, please. The third factor has to do with the cost of extending urban services beyond the lot as with the first factor, there are no projected costs of extending urban services beyond the property because urban services already exist to and beyond the property. And the first factor relates to the cost of expanding the urban growth boundary to compensate for any reduction in available buildable land as a result of approval of a open space assessment. Approval of this particular open space assessment will reduce the supply of buildable land for residential use. In the city. However it is unknown whether that reduction would directly trigger and expansion of the urban growth boundary, but a reduction in buildable land opportunities will further constraint housing options in the city at a time when the need for housing has significantly surpass the supply. And housing emergency has been declared. Next

slide. Therefore after weighing the factors and considering the fact that the property is zoned residential and is being used residential e and in the light of the current housing crisis stock recommends that this application for a special assessment of open space land to be denied building in favor of this ordinance will disapprove the application. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. We're happy to answer any questions before or after the public testimony. Thank you so much. Shannon. Is there any public testimony on this item? No one signed up. Okay? I will ask that we'll go ahead and close, oral and written record. At this time. Yes. Lauren. Yeah that's fine. Sandra you didn't have any communication with the applicant to think that they have been communicating with the applicant all along and sending them the documents and letting them know that today was the public hearing and they got a copy of the notice. Um so elected not to attend up. We can go ahead and close the record. I appreciate you putting that dialogue into the open into the public record. And so now we can go ahead and close the oral and written record. Um council members any questions? Discussions for sandra I only had only one. Can you explain the second factor? I just didn't quite follow that. I wanted to make sure I understood. Which factor cuts in favor of granting or not just the way it was so the second factor was the value of preserving the lot or parcel as open space. Of course, we're here in Oregon. We love our open space, and we definitely love our open spaces in cities, but there is a balance. Also, this property is residential zoned, so it's planned to be developed with residential units on it. As and as shannon stated, there's a house with an accessory dwelling unit on it. There's actually three parks in the close books, vicinity. Jackson middle school is there. Wall um, I just want to look at the ordinance wildwood wildwood natural area and holly farm park there all within a quarter or half a mile from this property. Um so it you know, it's not deficient and in parkland. Got it, and I guess I was just

struggling with the way it's framed here. But I when you draw the conclusion that property the value of the property is, as residential you're saying is communal benefit. It's more important that it is residential as opposed to open space. Given the close proximity to other parks, exactly, and it factors into our buildable lands, inventory of what properties we expect to be developing in the next 20 year horizon and this is one of those properties because it can be as the preliminary platt from the previous owner showed it can be divided into more than dwelling units. Okay, that answers my questions. Thank you. Nope. Okay as I understand it. This is a non emergency item. Is it that same category cracked and would go to a second reading on March 22nd. It is. You can add an emergency clause if you wanted to, but otherwise it's a non emergency item and we can roll it to the