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Report to Council

May 8, 2013

TO: Mayor Charlie Hales
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Steve Novick
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

FROM: Paul L. Scarlett, Director
Bureau of Development Services

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SUBJECT: 2013 Portland Historic Landmarks Commission State of the City Preservation Report

The attached report is a required Annual Report of the Portland Historic Landmarks State of the City Preservation Report for 2013. The report is required by Portland City Code [Title 33] to fulfill the Annual Report requirement for its actions and accomplishments for each fiscal year.

In March 2013, I spoke before the Landmarks Commission in my yearly address to thank them for their service and advocacy on behalf of historic preservation for the City of Portland. I also indicated to the Commission that the bureau has experienced an increase in construction activities triggering historic review, in large part due to the Irvington Historic District, which is primarily single family residential zoning. I shared I was committed to increasing staffing level to better match the workload. The Landmarks Commission is an active volunteer Commission, meeting 16 times in 2012 for Land Use cases and holding 16 required advisory briefings on matters ranging in scale from the Gateway Identification Markers for Terwilliger Parkway to the Historic National Register Nomination of the Hawthorne, Morrison, Burnside and Broadway Bridges.

The Landmarks Commission is proud to have been apart of the following 2012 Historic Preservation Successes:

- Adoption of the Historic Resource Improvement Code Project (HRCIP)
- Reducing the application processing fee for minor modifications of historic resources to \$250 as a means of incentivizing preservation
- Submittal of the Buckman Historic District for listing on the National Register
- Creation of the Portland Coalition for Historic Resources
- Infill Development approvals in the Kings Hill + Alphabet Districts
- Positive Enforcement of Illegal Alterations in the Irvington District

Background:

The Historic Landmarks Commission provides leadership and expertise on maintaining and enhancing Portland's historic and architectural heritage. The Commission identifies and protects buildings and other properties that have historic or cultural significance or special architectural merit. The Commission provides advice on historic preservation matters, and coordinates historic preservation programs in the City. The Commission is also actively involved in the development of design guidelines for historic design districts.

The Historic Landmarks Commission consists of seven members, none of whom may hold public elective office. The Commission must include a historian with knowledge of local history; an architectural historian; an architect; two members from the following: landscape architecture, real estate, construction, community development, urban planning, archeology, law, finance, cultural geography, cultural anthropology, or related disciplines; and two members at-large.

All members must have demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge of historic preservation. No more than two members of the Commission may be in the business of buying, selling, leasing, or developing real estate for profit, or be officers of such a business. Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The terms shall be a maximum of four years with a maximum of two full terms.

Powers and Duties:

The Historic Landmarks Commission has all of the powers and duties which are assigned to it by PCC Title 33 or by City Council. The Commission powers and duties include:

1. Establishing or removing Historic Landmark and Conservation Landmark designations for specific buildings or sites in quasi-judicial reviews;
2. Recommending the establishment or removal of Historic Landmark and Conservation Landmark designations to the City Council in legislative actions;
3. Recommending the establishment, amendment, or removal of Historic Districts and Conservation Districts to the Planning Commission and the City Council;
4. Recommending and developing design guidelines for Historic Districts and Conservation Districts to the City Council;
5. Reviewing development proposals for Historic Landmarks and Conservation Landmarks and in Historic Districts and Conservation Districts;
6. Reviewing demolition and relocation requests for certain Historic landmarks and buildings in Historic Districts;
7. Providing advice on historic preservation matters to the Hearings Officer, Design Commission, Planning Commission, Portland Development Commission, other City commissions and committees, and City Council; and
8. Initiating and coordinating historic preservation and public outreach programs in the City, including reviewing recommendations for national register status and making

recommendations to other governmental agencies regarding historic preservation programs and issues.

TO THE COUNCIL

The Mayor concurs with the recommendations of the Director of the Bureau of Development Services and


RECOMMENDS:

That the Council accepts this Portland Historic Landmarks Commission State of the City Preservation Report to Council and report as set forth in Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Hales, Mayor

Agenda No.
REPORT NO.
 Title

Accept the 2013 Portland Historic Landmarks Commission State of the City Preservation Report (Report)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Charlie Hales	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>MAY 03 2013</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL  Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By:  Deputy ACTION TAKEN: MAY 08 2013 ACCEPTED
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	
Position 2/Works - Fish	
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	
Position 4/Safety - Novick	
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Development Services Bureau Head:  Paul L. Scarlett, Director	
Prepared by: Leanne Torgerson Date Prepared: 4/23/13	
Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date 5/8/13, 2:00 TC	
City Attorney Approval	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: 2:00 p.m. 2:45 Total amount of time needed: 45 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: 45 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	_____	
3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	✓	
Hales	✓	