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MEMO

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TO: Chair Richter and Portland Landmarks Commissioners
FROM: Karl Lisle, Senior Planner, BPS
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SUBJECT: Central City 2035 and the West Quadrant Plan

At your meeting on August 12, 2013, the BPS Central City team will be briefing the commission on the status of the Central City 2035 (CC2035) planning process.

Last year we completed the CC2035 Concept Plan and the first of three detailed area-specific quadrant plans, the N/NE Quadrant Plan. Currently, public processes to develop the other two, the West Quadrant Plan and the Southeast Quadrant Plan, are underway. These quadrant plans will implement the direction of the CC2035 Concept Plan at the district scale while also addressing other issues that are unique to the different districts of the Central City.

Portland Historic Landmarks Commissioner Brian Emerick has been an active member in the West Quadrant Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC).

In addition to providing an overview of the process and progress to date, staff would like to take the opportunity to highlight some emerging preservation-related topics in the West Quadrant study area. These include (but are not necessarily limited to):

Old Town/Chinatown:

- Skidmore/Old Town Historic District issues and potential directions
- New Chinatown/Japantown Historic District issues and potential directions

Downtown:

- Yamhill Historic District issues and potential directions
- Historic Resources in Downtown's West End



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Pearl District

- NW 13th Avenue Historic District issues and potential directions
- North Pearl Plan Historic Transfer Provisions (from HRI properties)

Quadrant-wide:

- Design guidelines for historic properties and districts
- Historic FAR transfer programs

We look forward to your insights on these topics as well as any additional thoughts you wish to share about the West Quadrant study area or the larger CC2035 planning effort.

As the Southeast Quadrant Plan process is just beginning, we do not intend to discuss historic resource issues in that study area at this briefing. An additional briefing will be scheduled with the commission in the future to discuss preservation issues in the Central Eastside.

Included with this memo is a copy of the West Quadrant Reader which summarizes the context and planning issues facing the West Quadrant. In addition, if you would like to find out more about the work being done in the West Quadrant process, there is a great deal of information on the project website: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/cc2035/westquad

Of particular interest to the commission might be the *West Quadrant Charrette Recap* and the *Old Town/Chinatown Planning Events Summary of Results*.

