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Report to Council

July 31, 2014

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

PLS

SUBJECT: 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 2014. 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 August 2013, both Commissioner Amanda Fritz and I met with the Landmarks Commission in our yearly address; I thanked 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 continues to experience an increase in construction activities, including projects that trigger historic resource review. A subset of these reviews are heard by the Historic Landmarks Commission. BDS is committed to providing sufficient staffing levels to manage the increasing workload.

The Landmarks Commission is an active volunteer Commission, meeting 15 times in 2013 for Land Use cases and holding 8 required advisory briefings on matters ranging in scale from the Halprin Open Space Sequence National Register Nomination, to the Portland Unreinforced Masonry Building [URM] Project, to the repurposing of the Multnomah County Courthouse.

The Landmarks Commission is proud to have been a part of the following 2013 Historic Preservation Successes:

- 2035 Plan and West Quadrant Planning efforts
- One year anniversary on May 1, 2013 of a well used and successful Historic Resource Improvement Code Project (HRCIP)
- Collaboration with Public Agencies on all publically owned historic resources; the Water Bureau particularly has engaged the Commission early and often on upcoming projects
- Continued success, in collaboration with BPS, of earning Certified Local Government grants to chip away at updating the City's last updated 1984 Historic Resource Inventory

- Removal of the Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center from the Landmarks Commission endangered buildings list

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 Commissioner of Public Utilities 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,
Commissioner Amanda Fritz

Agenda No.
REPORT NO.
Title

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

<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Dan Saltzman <i>Fritz</i></p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JUL 25 2014</u></p>
<p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>Amelia Fritz</i></p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p>	<p>LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <i>Susan Parsons</i> Deputy</p>
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Development Services Bureau Head: <i>P. Scarlett</i> Paul L. Scarlett, Director</p> <p>Prepared by: Leanne Torgerson Date Prepared: 7/22/14</p> <p>Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Council Meeting Date 7/31/14, 2:00 p.m. TC</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN:</p> <p>JUL 31 2014 ACCEPTED</p>
<p>City Attorney Approval</p>	

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN
Start time: 2:00 p.m. TC

Total amount of time needed: 45 minutes
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR
Total amount of time needed: 45 minutes
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

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