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**Cc:** Moore-Love, Karla; Council Clerk – Testimony; Anderson, Susan; brian@emerick-architects.com  
**Subject:** Budget for City of Portland - Historic Preservation FTE Position

May 24, 2005

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RE: May 27, 2:00 PM Agenda Item #545 (City Budget)

Mayor Hales and City Commissioners,

I am unable to come to the city council meeting to testify so am writing to encourage you to include in the budget under review a **provision for an FTE position with a nationally competitive salary to be devoted solely to historic preservation within the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability**. Historic preservation is a high priority for the city and the Downtown/West End area. These areas are seeing rapid development plans being reviewed with little to no consideration of the historic treasures that will be demolished largely because most of these older buildings have not been officially inventoried for 30 years. Their stories are not known. One West End building recently destroyed likely should have been on the National Register by virtue of its importance to African American musical history in the city. These buildings need to be officially documented.

The West End provides ample evidence of this FTE need, where there are over 100 historic buildings currently threatened by hyper-height allowances that devalue existing low and mid-rise buildings, many of which should be protected but are not. Most of these buildings were listed in the 1984 Historic Resource Inventory, meaning that they deserved consideration for protection/National Register listing THEN. These buildings are even more important now, 30 years later. A very few were placed on the National Register and so have some protection. However, the large majority remain unprotected.

- **Historic Resources Inventory and National Register Multiple Property Documentation**. Documenting the remaining unprotect buildings with a new, updated Historic Resource Inventory is a high priority in both the West End and Goose Hollow. Note that in the Central City Plan (CC2035) this priority is called out in Action Item UD7 (p.51):

*UD 7. Update the Historic Resources inventory for the Central City, prioritizing the West End and Goose Hollow (2 to 5 years).*

With the rapid rate of development anticipated, the Historic Resources Inventory update and modifications to the National Register Multiple Property Documentation (see West Quadrant Plan/West End UD4 below) need to be done as soon as possible.

- **Economic and Innovation Policy**. In the West Quadrant Plan's (WQP) West End section, preservation goals and their monitoring support Economic and Innovation Policy priorities- #5 (p.77):

5. *Encourage the preservation, renovation and rehabilitation of existing and historic buildings.*

- **Urban Design Policies.** In the WQP Urban Design Policies, the number 1 policy (p.81) for the West End is

*1. Architectural Diversity and Historic Resources. Retain the personality and character of the West End by encouraging the preservation and rehabilitation of existing buildings and historic resources that represent a wide range of architectural styles, scales and eras. Encourage infill development that respects the district's urban character.*

Supporting this #1 Urban Design policy in the WQP West End section are two Implementation Actions (p.83):

*UD3: When updating the Historic Resource Inventory for the Central City, prioritize the West End and Goose Hollow. (2-5 years)*

*UD4: Review and revise as appropriate the two National Register Multiple Property Documentation forms for Downtown development to encompass a broader range of potential historic resources in the West End. (2-5 years)*

- **Sustainability Goals.** Also to be monitored and prioritized are sustainability goals in the CC2035 Concept Plan/Policy #33 (p.52), which supports historic preservation:

*#33. Conserve resources by encouraging the reuse of existing building stock....*

This goal was expanded in the WQP in both Policy and Action items (p.53).

*Policy: Low Carbon Development . Reduce carbon emissions from existing and new buildings, ....*

*Action #1. Building Retrofits. Support retrofits to existing buildings to reduce energy use, improve indoor air quality, preserve historic resources, and improve seismic resilience.*

- **South Park Blocks.** The WQP Downtown action item UD10 (p. 71) also supports the need for a full time employee:

*UD 10: Obtain Historic Designation for the South Park Block; develop a strategy for maintenance and operations (2-5 years).*

- **Affordable Housing Preservation.** As important as any reason to create an FTE position is that many of the unprotected "historic" buildings in the West End are currently devoted to affordable housing units. As these buildings are at risk of coming down for new development, the affordable units they house will more than likely disappear and if history is any indicator, the units will be very hard to replace. Historic preservation and affordable housing interests often go hand in hand. This would seem to be a very important reason to fund immediately an FTE position dedicated to historic preservation in the West End and Goose Hollow so that many of these buildings and their affordable housing units might be inventoried and preserved. See WQP West End Housing and Neighborhoods Action Item HN2 (p.80):

*HN2: Develop and implement an affordable housing strategy for the West End that preserves or replaces existing affordable housing, including buildings that are privately owned.*

Without an FTE position, it is unlikely that historic preservation, affordable housing preservation and sustainability goals outlined in both the CC2035 and the WQP can be effectively monitored or encouraged from a historic preservation perspective. I urge you to include a competitive salary for this FTE Position in the budget.

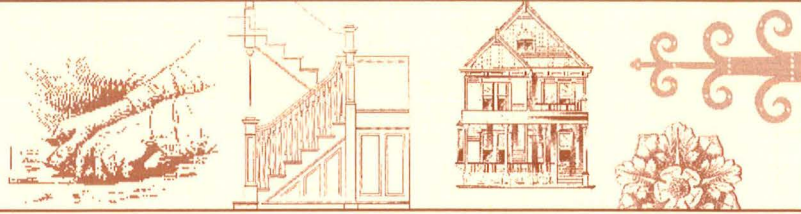
Thank you for your consideration.

Wendy Rahm

NOTE: Page references are for the West Quadrant Plan Recommended Draft/December 2014



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May 22, 2015

The Honorable Charles Hales and Portland City Commissioners  
City of Portland  
1221 SW 4th Ave  
Portland, OR 97204

**Subject:** *The Mayor's 2015-16 Budget Proposal for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability*

Dear Mayor Hales and Council:

The Architectural Heritage Center supports increased attention to historic resources in the City of Portland's budget. The AHC, which is owned and operated by the non-profit Bosco-Milligan Foundation, advances the environmental, cultural, and economic value of historic preservation.

We thank the Mayor for including the Single Family Study in his recommended budget, and urge Council adoption. In a time when many neighborhoods are witnessing more building activity than they have seen in a generation, it is important to use the city's planning expertise to ensure that they remain recognizable and retain their sense of "place" into the future.

The AHC's highest priority request is funding for professional planning staff to ensure that historic preservation functions are carried out with expertise and efficiency. A skilled preservation planner is needed in BPS to disseminate important information about local and national policies and programs regarding cultural resources. It is critical that this expertise be readily available given the current and forecast high levels of redevelopment and remodeling, and to maintain the credibility of the Certified Local Government designation which undergirds landmark processes and makes grant funds available.

Finally, we ask for the addition of \$130,000 to initiate the update of the Citywide Historic Resources Inventory as requested by BPS. This is a first step in a longer-term effort, but an important start to address how much has changed in the 30 years since the last concentrated effort. Many more buildings are now more than 50 years old and considered eligible for listing as historic resources. Second, the City's area has increased substantially, mostly in East Portland. Finally, the definition of "historic" has changed since 1980, when it was often limited to architectural styles and prominent people. "Historic" now includes more social and cultural factors, and more emphasis on emigrant and ethnic communities. An inclusive and updated Inventory will document the diversity of our past and present and be much more relevant to the city envisioned by the Portland Plan and the nearly completed update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Sincerely,

Cathy Galbraith  
Executive Director

Fred Leeson  
President

Steve Dotterer  
Chair, Advocacy Committee

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**Subject:** Fwd: RCPNA -City Council Testimony supporting Mayor's Budget on Single-Family Development Code - Hearing May 20, 2015 <Update>  
**Attachments:** RCPNA-SupportBudgetSingleDwellingDevelopmentCode05202015-TDR.pdf

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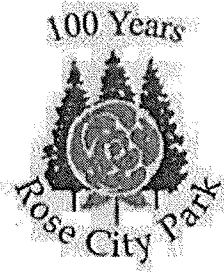
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Dear Karla,  
Please forward the attached testimony to Mayor Charlie Hales and City Commissioners for the 2015-2016 Budget Hearing today, May 20th, 2015.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

My best,

Tamara DeRidder, AICP  
Chair, Rose City Park Neighborhood Association  
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May 20, 2015 (Transmitted this day via e-mail to the following)

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Subject: RCPNA Supports Single Family Development Code Project Funding, Add Package PN\_01

Honorable Mayor Hales and Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the proposed 2015-2016 City Budget. On Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association Board singled out and identified their support for Mayor's proposed funding for the Single Family Development Code project. It is our understanding that this funding is needed in order for the City to make good on its promise to develop an Infill Task Force to address new residential developments in our single-dwelling neighborhoods. I ask for all the City Commissioners to join us in supporting this add package.

Recently, on April 28<sup>th</sup>, our Board held a Community Visioning workshop in place of one of our quarterly general membership meetings. The event drew over 65 people to participate in identifying 3 particular questions: 1) what makes RCPNA Livable? 2) what opportunities and challenges do we face as we grow that affects this livability, and 3) what steps should we take to act on these changes to livability?

By far, 'Promote good infill design' was selected as the most important issue with 21 votes. The second most important item received only about half as many votes, 12, for "Need building height limits on Sandy (Blvd.)." Clearly, the majority of the active members of our neighborhood identify the Infill Task Force funding as a priority.

We support this funding as a positive response to the growing neighborhood concerns about new development compatibility. It is our hopes that this project will include:

1. Evaluation of how the scale and pattern of single family development varies across neighborhoods. It is our hope altered implementation measures for new construction will help moderate impacts of these elements on established single-dwelling neighborhoods.
2. Proposals for changes to zoning code provisions that affect scale and design of new single-family dwellings:
  - lot coverage,
  - height,
  - setbacks, and
  - required rear yard area.
3. Update to rules and policies related to infill development on “skinny” lots. Concern has been raised in regard to current allowance of single-dwellings being constructed on 25’x 100’ lots in an R5 zone,
4. Update to rules to increase the types of infill units in single-dwelling zones to allow more households and a greater range of incomes to find housing in single family neighborhoods. This includes allowing flexibility that could encourage innovative living options and types of development. One of our primary concerns would be to increase flexibility in housing options that would allow property owners to age in place.
5. An economic and planning analysis of how these proposed changes might impact housing supply, housing cost, and services needs for these areas.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify on this important issue. I hope that each of you will join me in supporting this element of the Mayor’s budget.

Respectfully,



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**Subject:** Lan Su Chinese Garden Lake Zither Reconstruction - Letter to City from OTCTCA Chair Helen Ying  
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To: Mayor Charlie Hales  
Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
Commissioner Nick Fish  
Commissioner Steve Novick

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Re: Lan Su Chinese Garden Lake Zither Reconstruction

I am urging you to support the funding of City of Portland Project #4. This Major Maintenance and Asset Replacement Project Request was submitted by Portland Parks and Recreation, on behalf of your park, Lan Su Chinese Garden.

Lake Zither, the central feature of this beautiful neighborhood attraction, has been losing water for many years. Despite ongoing maintenance by garden staff, the water loss is now 21,500 gallons per day. We are concerned about the loss of this important natural resource and its possible, unseen, impact on garden infrastructure, neighborhood streets and adjacent buildings.

The Chinese Garden attracts 134,000 visitors a year to our neighborhood. 4,000 members (most Portland citizens) come regularly to the garden and 100 volunteers come and go in support of this neighborhood gem. **It is important to the future development of the neighborhood and the present and future businesses here, to keep these visitors and locals coming to OTCT.**

This one-time project would restore the lake in a way that the Suzhou/Portland collaboration initial design recommended. The poured concrete (Gunitite) shell has a life span of 40-50 years. **Your non-profit Lan Su team will be able to use the dollars saved from present water bills to continue ongoing maintenance, essential to preserving this treasure for our neighborhood, Portland and Oregon.**

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and for supporting this cornerstone asset in Old Town Chinatown.

Sincerely,

*Helen Ying*

*OTCTCA Chair*



Date: May 20, 2015

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'H. Ying', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

*Helen Ying*

*OTCTCA Chair*