

## RESOLUTION No. **37207**

Direct City bureaus to prioritize reuse of artifacts from the Eric Ladd and other cast-iron artifact collections in the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District (Resolution).

WHEREAS, City Council, through the *Comprehensive Plan*, enumerates goals and policies that seek to establish and enhance liveable neighborhoods, a strong economy, historic resource protection, citizen involvement, and quality urban design; and

WHEREAS, the *Comprehensive Plan* guides the future development and redevelopment of the City; and

WHEREAS, *Comprehensive Plan* objective 12.3 F seeks to preserve artifacts from structures and sites that are historically, architecturally, and/or culturally significant and seeks to reintroduce these artifacts into the City's streetscape and building interiors; and

WHEREAS, the *Central City Plan* guides the future development and redevelopment of the Central City; and

WHEREAS, *Central City Plan* policy 11, action item HP1 calls for salvage, storage and reuse of historical artifacts; and

WHEREAS, the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District was created by City Council Ordinance No. 140311 on September 11, 1975; and

WHEREAS, the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on December 6, 1975; and

WHEREAS, the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District was designated as a National Historic Landmark by the United States Secretary of the Interior on May 5, 1977; and

WHEREAS, the updated *Skidmore/Old Town Historic District National Historic Landmark Nomination Form*, prepared by the Portland Bureau of Planning, documents the local and national significance of the district and was approved by the United States Secretary of the Interior on October 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the *Skidmore/Old Town Historic District National Historic Landmark Nomination Form* describes the exceptional architectural values of its mid- and late-nineteenth-century cast-iron commercial buildings as one of the finest collections in the nation and perhaps the most outstanding in the Far West; and

WHEREAS, many building demolitions prior to the establishment of the historic district resulted in significant loss of fabric within the district and many surface parking lots that are a detriment to the historic character of the district; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Development Commission and various other foundations and collectors together own over 110 cast-iron artifacts from Portland's demolished Victorian-era buildings, many of which were salvaged from Skidmore/Old Town; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Development Commission has acquired the Eric Ladd Collection; applied for and received a federal matching grant to evaluate, clean and repair the artifacts in the collection; and is currently exploring reuse of collection artifacts in area development projects; and

WHEREAS, many of the above artifacts, collectively known as the Eric Ladd and Bosco-Milligan Collections, have been documented and could potentially be reused in Victorian-era historic districts, including Skidmore/Old Town; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to continuing efforts to reaffirm the value of Portland's historic resources and promote the preservation and revitalization of historic districts in general and the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District in particular; and

WHEREAS, the City can support the long-standing goals of district revitalization and preservation by using all available tools to encourage reuse of cast-iron artifacts within the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all City bureaus and offices will pursue efforts to reuse cast iron artifacts in development projects within the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District in a historically and architecturally sensitive manner:

- (a) City bureaus and offices shall make all reasonable efforts and are strongly encouraged to integrate historic cast-iron style facades and artifacts from the Eric Ladd or other cast-iron artifact collections in projects involving development or renovation of City-owned or controlled buildings, structures and sites located within the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District. It should be noted that some interpretation and reproduction will be required as rarely are whole facades intact in existing collections.
- (b) In the event City-owned or controlled buildings, structures and sites located within the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District are sold or otherwise transferred to different ownership, the disposition and development agreement for the sale or transfer shall ensure that the property owner and any developers shall comply with the policy described in subsection (a).
- (c) Financial participation by City bureaus and offices in private development projects located within the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District shall be contingent on the developer agreeing to comply with the policy described in subsection (a).
- (d) Projects that involve renovation of contributing historic buildings within the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District that did not originally incorporate cast iron elements in their design are exempted from the policies described in (a), (b) and (c), above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is binding city policy and shall be attached as an appendix to the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District Design Guidelines.

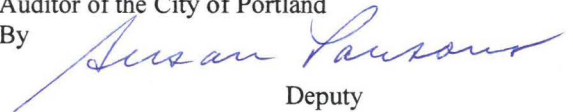
Adopted by the Council: MAY 04 2016

Commissioner Charlie Hales  
Prepared by: Nicholas Starin  
Date Prepared: March 18, 2016

**Mary Hull Caballero**

Auditor of the City of Portland

By



Deputy

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<p><b>INTRODUCED BY</b>                  Commissioner/Auditor:  <b>Charlie Hales</b></p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>APR 26 2016</u></p>
<p><b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b>                  Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales  </p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Mary Hull Caballero                  Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By:  _____                  Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p>	
<p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p>	
<p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p>	
<p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p>	
<p><b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b>                  Bureau: Planning and Sustainability                  Bureau Head: Susan Anderson  </p>	
<p>Prepared by: Nicholas Starin                  Date Prepared: 3/18/2016</p>	
<p>Impact Statement                  Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Portland Policy Document                  If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.                  Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>City Auditor Office Approval:</b>                  required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p><b>City Attorney Approval:</b>                  required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan <span style="float: right;">64</span></p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date <b>5/4/2016</b></p>	

**AGENDA** 1012

**TIME CERTAIN**   
 Start time: 2:00

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

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**CONSENT**

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**REGULAR**   
**Total amount of time needed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (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	✓	