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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **17th DAY OF APRIL, 2019** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish and Hardesty, 4.

Mayor Wheeler left at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Eudaly presided.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and John Paolazzi and Christopher Alvarez, Sergeants at Arms.

On a Y-4 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

The meeting recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS		
316	Request of Sally F. Fronsman-Cecil to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
317	Request of Brian Jackson to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
318	Request of Naomi Dagen Bloom to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
319	Request of Edith Gillis to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
320	Request of Lew Church to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		
321	TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Authorize the Mayor to sign the updated Stadium Good Neighbor Agreement for Providence Park (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 45 minutes requested for 321 and 322	PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 24, 2019 AT 9:30 AM
Motion to accept Office of Management and Finance amendments 1, 2, 3 and 4 to the Stadium Good Neighbor Agreement: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fish. Vote not called.		

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322	Approve the updated Providence Park Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler)	PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 24, 2019 AT 9:30 AM
323	TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM – Create a local improvement district to construct street, sidewalk, and stormwater improvements in the NE 97th Ave Phase II Local Improvement District (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly; C-10067) 15 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 24, 2019 AT 9:30 AM
CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION		
Mayor Ted Wheeler		
Office of Management and Finance		
*324	Pay settlement of personal injury lawsuit from Angela Branford in the sum of \$50,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-4)	189454
*325	Pay property damage claim of Andre Dengo in the sum of \$5,434 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Water Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-4)	189455
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability		
*326	Authorize application to Metro Regional Government for grants in the amount of \$1,144,000 for a package of three City projects as part of the Cycle 7, 2040 Planning and Development Grant Program (Ordinance) (Y-4)	189456
*327	Accept a \$50,000 grant from the Bullitt Foundation's Resilient Cities, Healthy Communities and Energy, Climate, and Materials program for the Portland Climate Action Plan 2020 Update Project (Ordinance) (Y-4)	189457
Portland Housing Bureau		
328	Approve and terminate limited tax exemptions for properties under the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program (Resolution) (Y-4)	37420
*329	Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Arbor Lodge Apartments located at 6545 N Denver Ave (Ordinance) (Y-4)	189458

<p>*330</p>	<p>Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Killingsworth North D Block located at 5510 N Denver Ave (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>189459</p>
<p>*331</p>	<p>Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Kōz on Killingsworth located at 151 N Killingsworth St (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>189460</p>
<p>*332</p>	<p>Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Nomad located at 5620 N Interstate Ave (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>189461</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Portland Bureau of Emergency Management</p> <p>333 Amend the code governing the Bureau of Emergency Management, Disaster Policy Council, and Emergency Management Steering Committee to reflect greater citywide engagement in emergency management (Second Reading Agenda 306; amend Code Chapters 3.124, 3.125 and 3.126)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p>189462</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Transportation</p> <p>*334 Accept a \$2 million grant from TriMet, authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for the Division Transit Project, and appropriate \$750,000 in FY 2018-19 (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p>189463</p>
<p>335 Accept a \$2 million grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation, authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for sidewalks on the westside of SE 174th Ave between SE Main and SE Stark, and appropriate \$20,000 in FY 2018-19 (Second Reading Agenda 307)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p>189464</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p>336 Increase the flexibility of arts and cultural businesses to host periodic events in their places of business through an annual permit (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners Eudaly Fish, and Hardesty) 15 minutes requested</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>		<p>37421</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Ted Wheeler</p>		

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Office of Management and Finance		
337	Accept bid of Faison Construction, Inc. for Glenhaven Park Play Area Improvements for \$1,179,000 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 00001167) 10 minutes requested Motion to accept the report: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fish. (Y-3; Eudaly absent)	ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT
338	Authorize a temporary interfund loan not to exceed \$2.6 million from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Solid Waste Fund to the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund to provide interim financing for startup costs of the Clean Energy Community Benefits program (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 24, 2019 AT 9:30 AM
Portland Housing Bureau		
339	Revise homeownership financial assistance guidelines for the Portland Housing Bureau (Resolution) 10 minutes requested (Y-4)	37422
Commissioner Nick Fish		
Bureau of Environmental Services		
340	Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of Hillsdale South Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E10681 for an estimated cost of \$2,065,000 (Second Reading Agenda 311) (Y-4)	189465
341	Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct stream habitat surveys in Portland waterways not to exceed \$498,686 (Second Reading Agenda 312) (Y-4)	189466
Parks & Recreation		
*342	Declare tenants-in-common real property interest in two tax lots in the Gateway District as surplus, authorize the Director of Portland Parks & Recreation to convey its real property interest to Prosper Portland and accept real property interest in a tax lot at Gateway Discovery Park (Ordinance) Motion to add emergency clause to prevent delay in Prosper Portland proceeding with mixed use and affordable housing project: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fish. (Y-4) (Y-4)	189467 AS AMENDED
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly		
Office of Community & Civic Life		

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343 Accept Advisory Bodies Program First Annual Report on
Resolution No. 37328 (Report) 45 minutes requested

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Fish and seconded by
Hardesty.

(Y-3; Wheeler absent)

ACCEPTED

At 1:00 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **17th DAY OF APRIL, 2019** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish and Hardesty, 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Matt Farley, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and John Paolazzi and Christopher Alvarez, Sergeants at Arms.

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Proclaim April 2019 to be Fair Housing Month (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 1 hour requested

PLACED ON FILE

At 2:56 p.m., Council adjourned.

**DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WAS
NO 2:00 PM MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019**

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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9:30 AM

Wheeler: Good morning. This is the April 17, 2019 morning session of the Portland city council. Please call the roll.

Fish: Here. **Hardesty:** Here. **Eudaly:** Here.

Wheeler: Here. With that, we will turn it to legal counsel for rules of order and decorum. Good morning.

Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney: Good morning, and welcome to the Portland City Council. The city council represents all Portlanders and meets to do the city's business. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during city council meetings so everyone can feel welcome, comfortable, respected and safe. To participate in a council meeting, you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. If it does not, you may be ruled out of order. When testifying, please state your name for your record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When you have thirty seconds left, a yellow light goes on. When your time is done, a red light is on. If you are in the audience and would like to show your support for something that is said, please feel free to do a thumbs up. If you want to express you do not support something, please feel free to do a thumbs down. Please remain seated in council chambers unless entering or exiting. If you are filming the proceedings, please do not use bright lights or disrupt the meeting. Disruptive conduct such as shouting or interrupting testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruptions may result in the person being ejected for the remainder of the meeting. After being ejected, a person who fails to leave the meeting is subject to arrest for trespass. Thank you for helping your fellow Portlanders feel welcome, comfortable, respected, and safe.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. First up is communications, and Karla, I assume the five individuals today would like to come up together. Is that correct? Very good. Why don't you go ahead and read all five of the first items, please.

[background talking at same time]

Item 316

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Item 320

Wheeler: Good morning. Three minutes each. Name for the record.

Edith Gillis, Portland Gray Panthers: Hello. I'm Edith Gillis and I have this wonderful solution for you. It is doable, win-win, economical, logical, quick, and easy. It would be increasing city funds for what is most important for Portland residents, as city policy, practices, and budget priorities. It reduces reasons for lawsuits, recalls, turnover and budget cuts. It increases public trust, employ morale, productivity, and city livability and increases the investments in our city. The solution? Hahaha. Require all individuals in the

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city limits who are wearing riot gear, or clothing, or equipment to have clearly visible within 20 feet, their last name and/or badge number. If they don't have that, they can be arrested for impersonating a law officer, which is a federal felony. They can lose their pay, or benefits, or the contract if they are mercenaries or other agencies. And the public is not required to obey them. For example, we would have all riot cops, batons and shields must show visible id, this is all agencies, all individuals, all companies, and contractors. On the chest, and on the upper back, the last name would be three inches high. On the helmet front, top, and back, it would be the number, three inches high. The top of the visor would be the number, half inch high. The upper arms on the outside, would be the number, two inches high. The back of the hands, the number, half inch high. Above the front of the knees, the number, half inch high. The outer ankles, one inch high of the number. And the top front of the shield, the last name, three inches high. And three inches from the end of the baton will be the number one inch high. This would be the soft loop or velcro or similar material on the outside of the equipment or the clothing so that if anyone rubs against it they do not get abrasion or hurt, and the hook side on the back side of the id.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Sally F. Fronsman-Cecil, Portland Gray Panthers: Good morning. Well we're going to just go right ahead. I thought maybe she was still going to say something after the last seconds. Hi, sally fronsman-cecil. I'm with the Portland gray panthers. I thought I would do today is give a little bit of a context for the Portland gray panthers, our advocacy organizing action. We're always bringing these to you, and currently we hadn't done that for a while. Here we are, we are doing community policing, we're going to do gun control, housing, and other issues. So it might not always be clear how those are elder issues, so we do try to make those connections at least part of the time. The roots of the gray panthers are in the challenging of ageism and stereotypes of age and aging in both the social and legal spheres. So that's kind of the very beginning of gray panthers, circa 1971 with Maggie Kuhn. Gray panthers also see these things as a civil rights and, I guess you would call it a liberation movement and for social change. So there's always been an involvement, a long-standing interest in action towards preservation of medicare and social security, but there is also -- and I guess, I don't want to skip the other aging thing, work on fair treatment of residents of nursing homes. Those are clearly age-related issues. Gray panthers also however, historically, have worked across generations on many social justice and anti-war types of issues, notably, vietnam and later adding war activism, lgbt advocacy was a fairly -- well, gray panthers were fairly early involved in that, and various kinds of environmentalism, and single payor and health care has always been gray panthers issues. Housing, with the notion of inner generational housing, which is the polar opposite I'd argue of our society's choice, which is to separate, isolate, and marginalize elders, especially low-income elders and people with disabilities. We had kind of put people -- theoretically, we have enough hud housing and things like that and very little other options. And I would argue that those choose to put people with disabilities and elders into a very separate kind of status and marginalize them. In the international sphere, gray panthers have been a strong advocate for an enforceable global convention to protect the human rights of older persons, and this is something that I don't know people are aware of, or even aware that there is a global convention for this. But this is an international concern, as well as the issues of this country. Arguably, the situation of elders in many countries is much worse, even than it is here. And Portland gray panthers focus on advocacy and action, in the best tradition of the gray panthers I would argue. In this context, we focus on ageism and breaking stereotypes of age and aging not to surprisingly. However, we also look at the rights and needs and I suppose you would call the liberation of the elders, houselessness and housing across generations have been

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gray panther's concerns for many years, community policing, gun violence and gun control

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Hardesty: Mayor?

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Fronsmann-Cecil: - are issues. I better be quick.

Hardesty: Your time is up.

Fronsmann-Cecil: It says 23 seconds.

Hardesty: Uh, no –

Wheeler: That's you're over.

Eudaly: No, you're over

Fronsmann-Cecil: Oh, I'm over 23 seconds. Sorry, well at any rate, you can see there are a lot of issues we'll be bringing them to you when we have.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Hardesty: I appreciate you, thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you for doing it. Good morning.

Lew Church, Portland Gray Panthers: I'm Lew. I want to thank Edie and Sally for talking with us today at council. Class war? Is there a class war in the world and in Portland? Many panther organizers believe there is class war. What are the contours of this economic conflict? With may day approaching in a few days, it may be useful to recall gandhi's axiom that poverty is the worst form of violence. But is this so and how can you tell? On housing, fairly or not, the new york times has labeled Portland, Oregon, tent city u.s.a. Is that journalistic bombast or speaking truth to power. If a white mayor tells an unnamed elected official it's disrespectful if a landlord representative is reduced to tears due to unduly harsh treatment by tenant rights organizers and pro-tenant politicians, is that disrespectful? Are houseless folks camped out in tents and tarps on sidewalks by the hundreds or even thousands, are they being disrespected by landlord, real estate and moguls, whether these landlord reps are crying or not? Several west coast cities have declared years-long housing emergencies. Despite this, a white male billionaire politician in la casablaca insists the real emergency at the Mexican border where poor people seek shelter. At Portland state, when a subcontracted landlord, not IPM, income property management, a different subcontractor, enacted sky-rocketing rent hikes and refused to make needed repairs, student tenants organized a six-month rent strike, including a somewhat disrespectful chant. Landlords are the scum of the earth. They'll take you for all you are worth. Landlords, nothing but whores. On landlords, declare to go to war. Beyond landlord/tenant law, students at a different school, Stoneman douglas in parkland, florida, believe the class war is cutting short our lives, literally, no just economically. Students like the church and mosque goers from Charleston to Pittsburg to christchurch in new Zealand are simply collateral damage for the NRA, Olly North, Mark rubio and that new York city landlord, Donald trump. To fight that, we need to pass gun control laws in salem to ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines. To fight back, we need to support the hard work of commissioner Eudaly and her staff to create more tenant protections, ahead of landlord profits, even if these landlords are crying on the way to wells fargo. To fight back, we need to heed the lessons of maxine waters, kamala harris, Elizabeth warren and yes, the lessons of jacinda ardern in new Zealand. To Scofflaw landlords, to the nra and their acolytes, we need to say the class war ends here. From Portland state, to 1600 Pennsylvania avenue to christchurch new zealand, the class war ends here.

Wheeler: Thank you, all three of you. Appreciate it. Karla, have any items been pulled off the consent agenda?

Moore-Love: I have no requests.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Fish: Aye. **Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

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Wheeler: The consent agenda is adopted. It looks like we are at 9:45. Why don't we call items number 321 and 322.

Items 321 & 322.

Wheeler: Very good. We have a cast of many. Karl, I understand you will kick us off, today, is that correct?

Karl Lisle, Office of Management and Finance: I will, yes.

Wheeler: Very good.

Lisle: That's a –

Ken Puckett, Providence Park: Don't trust me by the computer, Karl.

[laughter]

Lisle: We're just looking for the right one. We don't know anything about northeast 97th. Okay, so, am I on, yep. Good morning, mayor and commissioners, my name is Karl Lisle, I'm the spectator venues program manager at the office of management and finance. And today you will be hearing on updates to the provenance park good neighbor agreement, or gna, and we'll use the acronyms because they're really mouthfuls, so sorry about that. In the comprehensive transportation management plan, ctmp, for the stadium. These updates have been prepared by the stadium operators, Peregrine sports, which is the sort of parent company of the timbers and the thorns and the operators of the stadium. I will provide just a little background and then turn it over to Ken Puckett here who is the senior vice president of operations at Peregrine sports, and he and his consultant team represented here in the middle will take you through the updates to the documents. So --

Puckett: Do you want me to steer, Karl?

Lisle: This is perfect. So next slide. What are these documents anyway? The good neighbor agreement and the comprehensive transportation management plan are required at the stadium site by the Portland zoning code. This is a function of the base zone at the site being open space, which normally would not allow the operation of a commercial stadium. As a result of that situation, there are several requirements that are outlaid in the zoning code that need to be addressed by the operators in order to allow the legal operation of the stadium. Those are primarily the gna and the ctmp documents which are before you today. The purpose of the good neighbor agreement, the gna, is to consider impacts of the stadium on surrounding areas such as noise, litter, light pollution, etc. And the purpose of the ctmp is to consider the transportation impacts associated with people coming and going from the stadium. Next slide, this regulatory system for the stadium has been in effect for about 20 years, with the original documents being developed by the then operators in about 2000, when the stadium was renovated for aaa baseball. The documents were then updated in 2010, when the stadium was again renovated to become a soccer-specific facility, as the timbers joined major league soccer. The current expansion of 4,000 new seats has again triggered the need for updates to those documents. Preparing these documents and presenting them to city council is a responsibility of the operator. They are not city generated products, the operator has worked with the stadium oversight committee, as it's outlined in the existing gna, to develop these updates. Next slide. The city's role, those role of the spectator venues program, me essentially, was to basically ensure the required process outlaid in the good neighbor agreement and the zoning code are being followed by the operators, and they are, to assist in connecting Peregrine with the necessary technical experts at the Portland bureau of transportation. Obviously, they are involved in developing the ctmp, and other folks in the city they might need to talk to and to participate on the stadium oversight committee. City council's role is confirming that the procedural steps have been followed and to confirm that the applicant has adequately addressed the required elements of ctmp, and those are looking at existing conditions, mode splits, impacts of stadium operations, and proposed mitigation strategies. So council has the ability today, or technically I guess next week at the second reading, to

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approve these documents with modifications, to approve them as they are, or to reject them. With that, I would -- I would, however, reiterate that they are required to be in effect on opening day, which is scheduled to be June 1, 2019. So, with that, I will turn it over to Ken Puckett and his team to present the updated documents and after their presentation, I would like to invite any members of the stadium oversight committee who happen to be present to testify, and any other members of the committee, it looks like a few have signed up.

Puckett: Good morning, Mayor and City Council. My name is Ken Puckett, I'm the senior vice president of operations for Providence Park, and I have been in that capacity, this is my 19th season. So I have seen all three transitions from the original stadium in 2001, the first remodel in 2001, the second remodel for MLS soccer in 2011, and now our remodel right now. This was approved by the City Council in 2017, it's a private investment of over \$85 million, it is LEED certified and I'd like to point out that in the LEED certification, we scored 12/14 on the transportation plan. It adds 4,000 seats, bringing our capacity up to about 25,000, and a project is on schedule to open on June 1. We are committed to transportation. We're committed to a positive game experience for our fans. We have countless people that work in our organizations to make this happen. The timber staff, marketing, operations, we bring in private bike valets, which is also a unique thing to Portland. We have about 150 contracted security, we bring in 12 to 16 Portland police officers to help with that. Those folks are deployed out into the streets post game to make sure that traffic and pedestrian safety is dealt with. We work with PBOT and the parking enforcement folks, along with Direct Line and Trimet.

Wheeler: Sorry, Commissioner Hardesty had a question.

Puckett: I'm sorry.

Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you. Could you -- could you repeat, you said 150 private security?

Puckett: We do, correct.

Hardesty: And how many Portland police officers?

Puckett: 12 to 16, and on top of that, we have about 200 guest attendants, ushers and what not, that help in that as well.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Puckett: We are committed to our neighbors. Like I mentioned, I have been running the stadium for 19 years, I sat on the Goose Hollow board for several years as the vice president. The good neighbor agreement that I oversee has been in place for 18 years with zero formal complaints. Of course, I have gotten phone calls to deal with certain issues, but zero formal complaints on us not following through on the good neighbor agreement. So this is truly a partnership between us and the neighbors, and I would also like to point out that this is Portland, this is unique -- we have a stadium that was built in 1926, it sits right downtown. Our friends to the north built the King Dome in 1974, blew it up in 2000. And still owed almost \$20 million on it. So proud of the stadium, we're proud of where it's come, we're proud of how it's evolved into what it is, we're proud that it sits in right downtown Portland, and this traffic plan is Portland, just like our stadium is.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Libby Bakke, Stadium Oversight Committee: My name is Libby Bakke, and I was the stadium oversight committee facilitator. The stadium oversight committee is made up of representatives from Goose Hollow, Northwest District, the City of Portland, the Timbers, and the at-large member. They're tasked with making recommendations to you about the CTMP and the good neighbor agreement. As Karl said, we followed the procedures for updating those documents as prescribed in the good neighbor agreement and the zoning code. We had 17 meetings with the oversight committee, and 13 neighborhood meetings, participated in their meetings. The updates of the good neighbor agreements, specifically,

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reflect the expansion of the project, so the additional 4,000 seats. We clarified the process for updating the good neighbor agreement in the ctmp in the future, so more prescriptive. We updated timing and procedures for the oversight committee meetings. The good neighbor agreement now prohibits ticket holders from lining up 24 hours -- more than 24 hours before an event. And, finally, we also went through and updated all the communications requirements to reflect modern communication, things like websites and cell phones and such. We have also been monitoring the public comment that has been coming in. And we have prepared some amendments that are responsive to the request from the neighborhood groups, and we would like to enter them into the record. Briefly, these amendments cover arrangements for Portland police officers in the stadium, updating the public meeting and neighborhood notice requirements, and hiring an independent consulting firm to work with the stadium oversight committee to establish metrics, collect data, and prepare reports on the effectiveness of the ctmp. And, with that, i'm going to turn it over to Phil with Nelson Nygaard.

Phil Olmstead, Nelson Nygaard Consulting Associates: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. My name is Phil Olmstead, i'm a principal of Nelson Nygaard consulting associates, we're a transportation planning firm that works throughout the country and based here in Portland. Most of my work is in the parking and institutional planning around helping institutions like college campuses, universities, medical campuses, as well as cities with their stadium planning efforts. So really working to develop mobility plans, transportation plans, that not only serve the fans and the team, but the communities and neighborhoods in which they reside. We were hired by the timbers in 2018 and the oversight committee at that time had established some specific principles and goals to guide and really anchor the plan. First and foremost, really to the greatest possible degree, minimizing the number of vehicle trips that are coming from new fans, but for the trips that remain, maximizing their efficiency. And part of that is really communicating that on-street parking is maxed out in the neighborhood, it's heavily regulated, especially on game days, and so that we are doing all we can to discourage people from circling and circling in the neighborhoods, looking for a parking spot. For those that need to drive, making sure that we are communicating about their off-street options and really incentivizing and encouraging them to park off street. At the end of the day, from the surveys that have been done from timbers and thorns fans, we know they value choice and flexibility in how to get to the stadium. They don't come by the same mode for every single game. So really providing a multi-modal system that really offers choice to the fans is a really big priority of the ctmp. For my work, previous studies and previous plans, there's a couple other key goals that really anchor the plan and keep principles, particular around implementation. We know that we cannot do just one thing to solve the challenges around transportation, and there are challenges. The ctmp is really a toolbox, it cuts across all modes, it looks not just at infrastructure and service changes for transit for example, but also policies and programs. We also want to make sure that we have communications, marketing, and monitoring right. Part of the nature of these plans is that they take time to get going, and iron out all the details. As the season takes shape, as fan behavior solidifies, fan travel behavior and ultimately what we found to be most successful with these types of plans are institutions or venues that adopt a test and learn approach, see what fans are responding to, what they are not responding to, and modifying our toolbox as we move along.

Eudaly: Mayor.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: I have a couple questions about this.

Olmstead: Sure.

Eudaly: So looking at the existing and future modes splits --

Olmstead: Sure.

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Eudaly: In the plan, not real exciting to me, I'm going to be honest, to see an increase in single occupant vehicles and a decrease in other mode shares. I'm curious how, what the plan is for promoting and incentivizing multimodal and discouraging single occupant vehicles?

Olmstead: Yes, so I'm going to speak to the specific measures within the plan.

Eudaly: Okay.

Olmstead: And hopefully that will address your question.

Eudaly: I will save my questions to the end, because I'm very interested in working with the timbers on -- maybe not -- I'm not as interested, well, okay. I will just save my comments until the end.

Olmstead: Sure, I wanted to talk about the mode-split targets, specifically. So one of the first pieces of work that we did was to establish mode split targets. The goal, why we do these, is to identify current fan behavior, the way that fans are currently getting to the stadium, seeing what the challenges are, and helping us identify and calibrate and lean in the specific strategies and where we can make improvements. Establishing a mode-split is also really important as a way to monitor success moving forward and seeing how we are doing overtime. The baseline you see was established with a couple of surveys that were done. One was an online by season ticket holders. Another was an intercept survey at the stadium in 2018. So in collaboration with the oversight committee and with their input, we established essentially two sets of targets, and this was -- this reflects the feedback and direction we got from the oversight committee to have a conservative or realistic set of targets for 2019 or for day one, recognizing the timing of plan adoption and at roll out of the plan, as well as a more ambitious set of targets for the future, something that we can strive to in the coming years about really, really trying to get the mode split down for single occupancy vehicles and driving to the stadium. I'd emphasize a couple things about the mode splits, they are a starting point, they're based on our best-available data, and a number of assumptions about how fans travel to the stadium. As we do additional monitoring, as what's planned for and called for in the ctmp, we think we can recalibrate these numbers and again revisit these on a year to year basis to make sure that we are making progress. So what is in the plan? There are 21 measures, mitigation measures, as required by the code. And they -- they are outlined in specific detail. I cannot go through all of them, so I'm going to highlight a few of them. Obviously, transit plays a major role in access to the stadium. Trimet currently provides two additional max trains on the red and blue line. After the games for the 2019 season, they will add a third train in both directions, so a total of six trains on top of their regular service after the games. That will provide about a seven-minute frequency and what trimet hopes will meet their goal about clearing the platform in about 30 minutes. Trimet will continue to provide staff to monitor the platforms and work with Ken's team to implement the service changes. They need a bit of flexibility on the game days, depending on many factors but including when the game ends. Trimet is also committed to extending route 24 to providence park for the 2019 season and adding two extra trips, after every timbers and thorns games. Some of the specifics of that, particularly where the stop is, and some of the routing realignment is still to be figured out. But a number of service changes happening in 2019, which we think can potentially increase that transit mode share. Parking, as we talked about, the major goal here is really to get less people driving and parking, but those that do drive, get them in an off-street lot, not circling and driving around the neighborhoods. The timbers, unlike many stadiums operators in the country, do not own or operate any of their own fan parking, dedicated fan parking. So the approach in the ctmp is really five-fold. Better communicating the off street options to fans so the timbers are working on a whole new marketing and communications platform on their website. Further promoting the smart park voucher program that they have for season ticket holders. We did some data crunching in

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the 2018 season and found that program to be under-utilized and so there's a lot of opportunity to expand that use for season ticket holders. We also looked at what you see here on the right is data for the smart park garages and found that there is capacity in those garages. The 10th and Yam Hill reflects the fact that garage was half closed for the 2018 season. Another piece of the parking puzzle is continuing to explore partnerships with private lots, garages, and facility operators to see if we can establish some pilot programs around reserved parking. There was some progress made on this in the last couple years, but some more work needs to be done. The Timbers do not regulate the streets, so continuing to work with Pbot and the neighborhood groups to continue to assess and evaluate the ways in which rates are done and regulations on street. And then Pbot has also committed to additional enforcement for the 2019 season, particularly for the first few games of the year. We know that enforcement is a major challenge there. We did a scan of parking in and around the stadium, seeing what is available. We looked at about a 15-minute walk shed in and around the stadium, and even with some very conservative assumptions about the availability of parking, during typical Timbers game times, so week day, nights and weekends, we think there's about – we estimate about 2300 to 3600 available spaces to accommodate additional fans they may be wanting to park. We know ride hailing is growing and is increasingly popular in every city, but particularly for special events and venues such as Timbers games. Ride hailing can reduce parking demand, but it has the trade-off of potentially increasing vehicle trips and congestion. The approach for the CTMP is really trying to rationalize how ride hailing is done in and around the stadium, so what this translates to are some very specific measures about formalizing a series of distributive pick up and drop off zones in and around the stadium. The Timbers have already begun working with Pbot to establish the zones and also begun working with the ride hail providers to make sure that their utilizing the technology, what we call geo fencing that would direct Timbers fans to those pick up and drop off zones. Also making sure that we're doing rider education, driver education, and establishing some best practices and guidelines in partnership with the ride hail companies. Bikes, getting to the stadium by bike is already extremely popular. As Ken mentioned the Timbers have provided free bike valet parking for the, since the CTMP, on the sunny days, it is full. We anticipate scooters to be more in the transportation mix for the 2019 season. So the strategies and measures around bike and scooter access are really about building on the good foundation thus far, so the Timbers have committed to expanding the bike valet zone on Morrison Street. There are measures that call for dedicated scooter parking and really making sure there is clear guidelines and communication about where to park and what is allowed with scooters and bikes, and also continuing to work with Pbot outside of the day-to-day, game-to-game activities, making sure we expand permanent bike parking and continue to work on the improvements to the network and infrastructure improvements to and from the stadium. Regardless of the mode you take to the stadium, you will be very likely walking around the stadium, so pedestrian safety is really, really important. The CTMP really builds, continues to build on this, maintaining the street closures that we have, continuing the Timbers-funded traffic safety officers, and identifying hotspots and designating those officers to those hotspots where we have pedestrian safety concerns that are brought as part of this process and again continuing to work with the city and Pbot to continue to improve infrastructure in and around the stadium. These options do not help if fans do not know about them. We are working with the Timbers to help them update and improve and enhance their marketing and communications. So this includes materials such as a new website, new collateral, and really emphasizing their use of social media, game day communications, as well as continuing a lot of their great incentive programs. So they currently offer 50 percent discount to season ticket holders for transit, as well as again, the smart park voucher program, so really continuing to advance and enhance these incentive

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programs. We've heard loud and clear about monitoring, I have yet to work on a project like this that gets 100 percent right out of the gate. So monitoring is important to make sure that we are tracking progress and adjusting as we go again. The ctmp is really framed as a living document with a test and learn approach. The ctmp addresses this head on, there are a number of specific measures that really outline very specific ways to improve monitoring, to improve the collection of data, to improve the analyzation of data. The plan proposes a set of performance measures as well as a number of ways in which to continue to engage the community and better communicating how the timbers and transportation system is doing on a game to game basis, as well as from season to season. So I will stop there and Ken will wrap it up with one last thing.

Puckett: Just a few, Phil touched on them, but we are adding three additional trains in each direction, and we are truly committed to making this work. We want our fans to have a great experience, coming and going to the games. They've extended route 24, the bus line, we have detailed parking information on our fans – we have a huge marketing team that deals with the social media, deals with posting maybe traffic changes or construction work, we're in constant contact with our season ticket holders when it comes to that. We have a huge ticket department, those reps have relationships with just about every single season ticket holder. They send out the information as well, increased parking enforcement from pbot, expanded bike valet, which is, when I talk to my colleagues around the mls, they cannot believe that we put out 450 bike parking, that we have that many people riding bikes to games. Our marketing team is launching a know before you go campaign, so they'll begin that as we get closer to june first. Like Phil mentioned, new website, new maps, the key here is information, give the fan the choice that he wants and give him those options. We mentioned the ride hail locations, those we're working on. They're going to float a little bit with all the construction in our neighborhood with the Oregonian building, Lincoln high school, and some of the other buildings that are being built down in that section of the city or up in that section of the city. Those ride hail locations will float a little bit as needed, but again our partner with lyft as well as pbot have been great to get that off the ground. As I mentioned before, we have 12 to 16 police officers that we hire. We have a head of security, a 30-year retired Portland police officer that heads that for us. We'll deploy those officers out into the streets post game to make sure of pedestrian safety is a key for us, and again, I improve monitoring and data collection throughout the season.

Lisle: That's it.

Wheeler: Very good. Does that complete all of the individuals who would like to testify and invited testimony?

Lisle: So we did want to invite -- there are three members of the stadium oversight committee that are not here yet, and I do see one of them back here at least, and we should invite the other two up --

Hardesty: Could we ask some questions before the oversight committee comes up?

Wheeler: Certainly, before this panel leaves, why don't we take some questions and then have the oversight committee come up and we will ask any questions we may have them. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you so much for that very detailed presentation. Let me tell you I have a couple staff members that are just crazed fans and cannot wait for the renovations to be concluded. Having said that, I share the Commissioner Eudaly's concerns about adding parking spaces at a time when we are moving towards a more energy efficient future, and I cannot support expanding parking when what we should be doing is expanding other opportunities. I understand that trimet is being helpful by putting additional max -- light rail trains on game day. But I think that we need to think, be really creative about what else we can do other than adding parking spots. So my questions,

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having made that statement, my questions are do you have ideas of how many miles are travelled on average to a timber game?

Olmstead: Not off the top of my head. We can get that data. We did an analysis of the location, based on the address of seasoned ticket holders so we could do that analysis. The challenge is, we don't necessarily have the data at this time to pair that location with a mode for that specific individual. I think that is something that we try to do with an improved survey instrument. But we have data in terms of where seasoned ticket holders are located. We did that analysis –

Hardesty: I'd like to have that, thank you.

Olmstead: But I don't know off the top of my head.

Hardesty: Another question that I have is, you have some benefits for season ticket holders that are not for people who come in and just buy game tickets, day of, or the day before, right? So what is the average ticket holder, season ticket cost?

Puckett: There is such a high range. I mean we have season tickets as low as \$99 and all the way up to a thousand dollars for some of our premier areas. I'm not the ticket person but I can get that information for you.

Hardesty: That would be really helpful.

Puckett: I will say this, though. We've had a 99% renewal season ticket renewal rate since we went mls. 99%. That's the highest in any major sport.

Hardesty: Hey, I, you know, I'm not arguing with success, right –

Puckett: No, I'm just, I'm just pointing out –

Hardesty: Just bragging a little bit, right? I understand. Another question that I have, you are aware that Portland police are under staffed and may not be available to be accommodating your security needs. You already hire, I think you said, what 150 private security?

Puckett: Right. That's a company called coast to coast. They also do the MODA center. It is a private security group that does the gate screening and that also helps with crowd control. But on a normal game, we hire anywhere from 12 to 16 Portland police officers on their availability, but we've been in touch, my head of security has been in touch with the union to get our games on a calendar and to get that sorted out.

Hardesty: With all due respect, the union won't be making decisions about how Portland police are dispatched throughout the community, so I appreciate that conversation, but we are the folks that make that decision. And so as we are looking at being down 120 police officers, a lot of things that Portland police are doing now, they will not be doing next year. And so I hope in your planning that you think about hiring more private security. But then I have to ask, who are they accountable to? Are you arresting people, are private security excluding people, is there an administrative court process, are people being fined? I need to know how that private security operates because there's a lot of people of all kind that come to the games and love it. And so it would be helpful as we are making a decision about what is happening to people who are interacting with your security.

Puckett: Fair enough.

Hardesty: Let's see did I have anymore? I think that's it for now.

Fish: Mayor.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: I live in the goose hollow neighborhood, and one of the things I first wanted to just observe is that I live about three blocks from the stadium. And, from time to time, my kids and I will go to a game, probably more -- typically the thorns, not the timbers. But, first an observation. On game day, there is very little impact on my neighborhood. There is no noise in my neighborhood. And most people in the surrounding area know the areas we need to avoid. So I'm not going to go to fred meyer and do my grocery shopping within an hour of the game starting. I'm not foolish enough to try to navigate burnside. So we make

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some accommodations. But, by and large, I've been extremely impressed by how the timbers have run their operations in terms of neighborhood impacts, and I am directly impacted. I'm in one of those towers that's, as said, three blocks away. But a couple of comments and questions. So you talk in your plan, sir, about off-street parking. One of the areas where we have a lot of off-street parking capacity on game day is at good sam. And I know that, because -- well, I won't go through my medical history. But there is structured parking that is within that catchment area that you have identified that would frankly be perfect for overflow parking, because it is already available. Why isn't that part of your plan?

Olmstead: Do you want to speak to that?

Puckett: I can speak to that. It was part of our plan early on, in fact we had a letter of understanding with the parking operator and with good sam, and when the northwest neighborhood took it to their neighborhood association, they said no, they don't want those garages used in the evening, they don't want to drive traffic into the neighborhood.

Fish: With all due respect, there's already traffic in the neighborhood.

Puckett: I --

Fish: What we're talking about is limiting the number of people who are driving in a futile way looking for on street parking where there's off street parking --

Puckett: I completely agree with you.

Fish: So we'll have a chance to ask our friends from northwest parking stakeholder advisory committee what the thinking there is.

Lisle: Commissioner, just a quick clarification on that. So it is still in the plan, it's just a slightly longer term action now, because there are some conversations that need to happen at the neighborhood level. And actually there may be some amendments to the existing long-range land use plan for the neighborhood that might need to be made to allow that to happen. So I think it's still in the plan as an eventual goal, it's just not an immediate.

Fish: Well it seems to me when you have structured off street parking that's available, we ought to be talking about how we use it to take some pressure off of on street parking. On the slide that you gave us earlier about rideshare, you listed lyft and you listed uber, but I didn't see any reference to taxis. Are we treating taxis the same as rideshare in terms of whatever plans you have for a drop off?

Puckett: Yes, I mean the city requires that. There's no, we can't put --

Fish: The slide omitted -- it talked exclusively about rideshare and it was structured around uber and lyft, and the point, I think the obvious point is if you are staying at a downtown hotel, you're just as likely to get into a cab if you want to make that trip, if you need a lift as a lyft or uber. So we're not discriminating against the type of vehicle, right? So taxi cabs will have the same rights as tncs with respect to any kind of dedicated drop offs that you are planning?

Puckett: Yes.

Fish: Okay, that's good. And the other thing I just want to mention, I have this conversation with pbob recently and I'm sending out a press release, sort of more globally alerting the community to this challenge. You know, they are currently doing a lot of side walk repair and ada compliance work on burnside. And in the press release, they announce that for parts of burnside, which are actually very close to the stadium, they will be reduced to one lane for periods of time as they do that work. Have you factored in the potential impact of that construction project which is slated to go for some time on the traffic calculations around burnside?

Olmstead: We did not look at that specifically, no.

Fish: I urge you to take a look at that. The question that I raise with pbob is whether it was necessary to have the lane closure on the evenings and weekends. This is when it would

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impact games, and the answer I got back was, that -- to keep people away from the work that is being down on the sidewalks at intersections. You need to cordon off the lane. They are the experts so I can't argue with that, but I was hoping for the answer that they could resume both lanes and operations in off hours. I thought it was primarily designed to protect workers and their safety, but it goes beyond that. So I don't know how long that project is planned for, but there are a lot of intersections that are getting ada upgrades, and a lot of sidewalks are getting repaired and I think that's going to have a significant impact on traffic on burnside. So I urge you to get with pbob with that one and figure out what your work around is, at least for the duration of that construction project. Thank you, and thank you for an excellent report. Mayor, just a housekeeping matter, I going to assume before we take any further testimony, that since OMF and the timbers have four amendments that they have asked us to consider, we're just going to have a second and put that on --

Wheeler: I prefer that, yes.

Fish: Are you moving them?

Wheeler: I'll move them.

Fish: We will call this OMF 1234, I will second so that they're on the table so we can take testimony.

Eudaly: Mayor.

Wheeler: Commissioner daily.

Eudaly: Ok. Thank you. Thank you for this ctmp update. I like how easy on the eyes and comprehensible it is. I read reams of these documents so that's just very welcome. You may or may not know that I have been very supportive of this project since the beginning, my staff has put a considerable amount of time in to the assisting the timely advancement of it. The city also has quite a bit of skin in the game. But with that said, I want to make it clear that I don't want to support or encourage habits that run counter to our goals around decreasing congestion and pollution and climate change. So i'm interested in a much more ambitious plan around the future mode splits. I just want to go on record as saying I would love to work with the timbers on leveraging their incredible fan base and getting to some more kind of desirable outcome with transportation. Mayor, I also want to be clear about any commits that pbob has or has not made to the plan. So I have mike crebs here who can come up and speak to that. Because we've heard a few references in this document that I just want to make sure that we have clarity on. The only other thing I wanted to -- I love all the plans for marketing and incentives. One thing that is not on your list is car pools. And weirdly, in an age where we have technology that should make carpooling easier than ever is declining. It is the only mode of transportation that is in a decline. I would love to see that, whether it is individual fans getting together, or using the tnc carpooling. Because tncs are not much more desirable than single occupant vehicles. I'm not sure when the mayor wants to bring up staff, but mostly just making comments. If you want to give feedback, that is welcome.

Olmstead: I would just quickly echo what I said earlier about the mode splits. Really they're a starting point for us to begin this process of additional monitoring on a year to year basis. I think with improvements to the survey instrument, and we've been talking with ken and his team about that, we can really hone in on some of the mode splits. And I think that the 2019 does reflect the most conservative estimate and kind of planning for the worst, but really setting that ambitious -- what we did was a second tier, by 2022, really trying to identifying a more aggressive mode split target that all the measures really speak to in the plan.

Eudaly: Sure and I appreciate that, and this week we are celebrating the first two electric buses in trimet's fleet, but it is 2019 and we apparently 10 to 12 years to divert climate catastrophe, so I just want to put a little more pressure on you guys to be less interested in

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what the fans currently want and more interested in how you can change their habits. Because everyone wants -- well, not everyone, but most people obviously want to drive their single occupant vehicle, and that is unsustainable. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good.

Fish: The oversight committee now?

Wheeler: I would like to. If we can get there. Ron, Jerry and Jim, come on up.

Maggie: Is this testimony or --

Wheeler: No, this is still invited testimony. Good morning.

Dan Anderson: Good morning.

Wheeler: Not sure who would kick it off.

Anderson: Jerry, do you want to do this first or do you want me to go first or do you care?

Jerry Powell, Goose Hollow Foothills League: I really don't care, but --

Wheeler: Well you just got voted in. Congratulations, you are first.

Powell: Mr. Mayor, commissioners. Neighborhood --

Fish: Sorry could you put your name in for the record?

Wheeler: Ron, can you put your name in? Thank you, I appreciate it.

Powell: My name is jerry powell.

Wheeler: I'm sorry, jerry.

Powell: I'm the representative of the goose hollow neighborhood on the oversight committee. I live at 1924 southwest madison street.

Hardesty: We don't need your address but could you move the mic a little closer, I think we're having problems. Excuse me, sir?

Wheeler: Thank you.

Hardesty: Sir, can you move the mic a little closer to you. There you go. Thank you.

Powell: Thank you. The neighborhood goose hollow is pleased with this good neighbor agreement, appreciative of peregrine in particular and their approach to the oversight committee even though there remain some concerns. Many of those concerns are simply word choices that create questions where there should be none. That being said, I have provided a text of those concerns. I would like to note, particularly the wording of the last sentence in paragraph 3.3.3, ticket sales, addresses the issue of timbers ticket holders lining up to secure seating may not adequately address neighbor concerns concerning overnight camping along 19th street. Neighborhood board of directors ask that a second paragraph be added to the first paragraph there, acknowledging city law that prohibits camping on public land or right-of-way. More of less give timbers, peregrine the, an acknowledgement that the neighborhood would prefer that their security folks enforce those laws. Camping is not normally a problem there, it is not a popular place to camp, but there are people that are taking advantage of the ticket lines to form encampments. And also, subparagraph, paragraph four, concerning members of the meetings of the oversight committee, our concern is that for a five-member committee, a three-member quorum is too small and the process for calling a meeting of the oversight committee, even an annual meeting, is too vague and too subject to peregrine's initiative. Why put all of the responsibility on them? We recommend the following amendments, and the main one is that there be a four-member quorum requirement so that somebody does not get left off inadvertently. One further thing. We believe that the security plans summary page provided separately -- going to commissioner hardesty's concern, the security plan summary page, which is provided separately, ought to be a listed appendix to the gna and the list of appendices revised. Since my first assumption here, that there were to be two separate hearings, one for the gna and one for the ctmp. So I provided you separate documents for those two items. With respect to the ctmp, parking isn't such of a problem in goose hollow. There isn't any parking in goose hollow [laughter]. But that does not stop people from searching for it. And the traffic that those folks cause, causes major

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congestion. Periods of gridlock before and after games, and then frantic drivers trying to dart for what they perceive as a place to park. There was a promising aspiration early on in the discussions by the oversight committee of an electronic monitoring of parking in the downtown area. There are many parking spots gone unoccupied during timbers games, many of them are right on max providing an easy way to get from the parking to the stadium. Those, several of them are city parking garages. The problem is, while you can identify where the parking spaces are in real time, getting the information to the people that are coming to a game is problematic. One of the reasons for that has to do with the way that private garages have set up their monitoring system. They take credit card numbers. That has to change, it will change in good time by the people that write that software. I think an additional priority needs to be put on it with respect to situations such as this, where the public needs to be aware where they can go directly to park that thing that they need sometimes to get from places like happy valley where we cannot provide efficient public transportation. I would like to see -- I would like personally to see, in my neighborhood, is invested in seeing that real time information is available, and we would like to see it not forgotten in the ctmp. Lastly, the measures that we have seen for providing for rideshare are just plain insufficient. Some of the streets that are identified and approximate enough to the stadium to be attractive to people for rideshare are, in fact, grid locked on one end or the other. The only practical solution to that problem is one that the rideshare folks themselves identified early on, and that is they would like to see a parking lot where they can queue up their cars, drive in from one side, out from the other side, without backing up. From a safety standpoint, that makes perfect sense. There are parking lots in the area that would answer that criteria. However, they are also getting a lot of revenue from people that are parking for timber's games. I don't have an answer for that, and I don't think anybody else does. But it really needs to be explored, because that is probably key to the answer, or key to the problem of rideshare and taxi pick up and drop off. Lastly, there are lots of metrics in the ctmp, lots of things measured and some assumptions made on the basis of those measures. There's not a lot that we see there with respect to accountability. I'm not sure what to suggest, and my neighborhood is not sure what to suggest in terms of what kinds of accountability need to be there, but we are somewhat disappointed that there is not more. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Anderson: Good morning. My name is dan anderson, I live in northwest irving in northwest Portland. Today I'm providing testimony on behalf of ron walters who is NWDA the representative to the stadium oversight committee. Mr. Walters is not able to attend the meeting. For the record, the four amendments you received today, and much of what the following [inaudible] cannot deal oversight committee process issues, none of these amendments have been shared with all oversight committee members, none of them have been shared with the neighborhood associations, none of them have been shared with the northwest parking stakeholders advisory committee and at a minimum, that's some sort of a process defect. I will leave you to figure out what kind it is. Thank you for inviting mr. Walters to provide testimony as nwda's representative on the stadium oversight committee. For the record, mr. Walters wanted to make sure that everyone knows that he is a timbers fan, a seasoned ticket holder and he's attended nearly every game over match over the last eight seasons. It would be appropriate for me, appearing as ron walters, to defer my allotted time to the appointed or duly elected chair of the oversight committee who would provide fair, balanced and duly adopted recommendations for city council. But the oversight committee did not have a chair person nor duly adopt a position or recommendations regarding the gna and ctmp. In lieu of that, perhaps I could submit the committee approved minutes for the past two years so that members of the public and the city council can familiarize themselves with the committee's process and positions.

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Unfortunately, the committee did not keep or approve any minutes that could be reviewed by members of the public or the city council. In enough minutes, perhaps I can share public comments from oversight committee meetings which could reassure the public and the city council that the timbers and the oversight committee conducted a robust public process that was open, transparent and inclusive. Unfortunately, not one member of the public attended a single oversight committee meeting over the past two years. Do you see a theme here? In lieu of public comments, perhaps I can reassure the public and city council that the oversight committee had at least established and followed written rules of procedure and governance, as required by the existing gna. But the oversight committee failed to meet its rule to establish rules of procedure and governance. They don't exist today. I have reported these process violations to the timbers, the oversight committee, and the city through its representative to the oversight committee. To my knowledge, none of these parties have taken any action to address or remedy the process failures that leave us with such a glaring lack of consensus at the 11th hour. It's troubling that the oversight committee so dramatically failed to meet the most basic standards of the type of fair, open, and inclusive process that is expected in Portland and required in the current gna. I urge the council to support the revisions recommended by nwda, which incidentally were supplied to you via your staff days ago, not at the last minute with no availability to anyone else. In the northwest parking, and recommended also by the northwest parking stakeholders advisory committee. Those recommended changes will improve the oversight process, will establish clear metrics that may trigger additional mitigation actions, and ultimately improve the gameday experience for fans, neighborhood residents and local businesses. We need to do this in a way that doesn't leave us with the classic, the upside is private, the down side is public experience which so often characterizes ventures of this kind. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you both so much for your testimony and thank you for reading ron walters' testimony into the record. I'm very concerned that an oversight committee does not have minutes, does not need a quorum to make decisions. I'm concerned that if people think they're on an oversight committee yet they don't get information in advance, that is a problem. That is not how oversight is supposed to take place. I'm also concerned that the oversight committee is so small and lacks diversity and equity, and I don't know why we would call it an oversight committee if it is true what ron walters says, that it sounds like it is just a couple of people that want to do a big project, making decisions. That is not how a public partnership oversight committee is supposed to operate. And so I have issues already, but I have more issues based on your testimony. So I want you to know I appreciate you both being here today. Thank you.

Anderson: And some of the recommendations offered by the nwda specifically address those kinds of concerns, and they are well-founded.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish?

Fish: So, first let me just ask are you qualified to speak on behalf of the nwda on this issue? You read ron's testimony but are you otherwise here qualified to speak on behalf of the neighborhood association?

Anderson: Largely yes. Let me kind of give you a little bit of an outline. We have other folks from nwda here to the extent that I cannot be fully responsive to your concerns. I'm a longtime nwda member, I'm a former board member, I'm a former director and I'm a member of the northwest parking stakeholders advisory committee. I'm fairly familiar with these issues. I have certainly read the proposed revised ctmp and the proposed revised good neighbor agreement.

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Fish: Oka, so let me ask you the question I asked the other panel, which is why has the off street parking at good sam been taken off the table?

Anderson: This is a bit of a, the simple answer is the city, acting through the city council, adopted a land use plan, known as the northwest district plan, and without coordinating revisions to that document, it is prohibited. So, it's a self-inflicted problem, viewed through that lens.

Fish: So, are you, do you recommend we make changes to make it authorized?

Anderson: Sure but this is a longer conversation, and I think the folks who were up here before us suggested that, yes, this is a longer conversation and they are beginning to engage with it now. I don't believe it's part of the package of the materials in front of you now.

Fish: It is not. So just so I'm clear, to address parking good sam parking, we would have to do a zoning change?

Anderson: I have not done a deep dive into where all the coordinating changes would be required so I'm not prepared to answer that question, but as I understand it, among other things, it is prohibited by the council's adopted northwest district plan.

Fish: In light of some concerns which the commissioner in charge pbob has raised and in light of testimony we just received, I guess one thing I want to sort of better understand, and again, let's take nwda, mr. Walters' testimony is almost exclusively focused on the way in which the oversight committee works. It seems to me, at any time the council wants, they can step in and fix those problems. We can make meetings subject to public records, meetings [inaudible], we can set quorum requirements. There was some test - I think Jerry, mr. Powell, you earlier said the five person body, you were skeptical of having a three person quorum requirement. That is actually our rule. We operate on the three person quorum requirement. But I understand that you have a different view with the oversight committee. There are questions about whether there should be additional members, there are questions about the notice that it gives. But it seems to me that is not the specific question in front of us. We have a proposed good neighbor agreement and a proposed ctmp, and we can simultaneously address the questions of the oversight committee in strengthening that process. I think there have been some good ideas of how we might do that. We also have a timing issue, which is opening day is june first. So something has to be put into place. And then what i'm understanding, when you talk about accountability, both of you talked about accountability, what i'm hearing is, at a minimum, we would need some kind of annual report. We'd want to be able to tighten the screws, we'd want to be able to revisit things. So whatever we, in other words, what I hear you say is whatever we launch with, that is not likely to be the finished product over time that it's going to be tweaked and reviewed. So does the pearl district neighborhood -- excuse me, the nwda, does it have a position with respect to whether we should adopt the gna and the ctmp?

Anderson: Yes, and, in fact, the written recommendations supplied by nwda to you via your staff a couple days ago, and I will capsulize -- there are other folks here who can deepen this, suggests one that the two documents be approved with coordinating amendments which we have submitted in writing several days ago. And among other things, the coordinating amendments suggest an approach like the one, Commissioner Fish, that you just outlined where we commit to a much more militant and focused effort at data capture, concerning traffic and parking, that we commit to coming back in a year and making a required coordinating adjustments. There are detailed recommendations concerning oversight committee process and notice and the like. It is not, don't do this, but it is do this with our recommended amendments. We sort of have to hold up your thoughts as to what the coordinating amendments ought to look like, versus the suggestions that were submitted from the nwda. But there is a fair amount of overlap, and there certainly an

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alignment of sort of a general thrust and direction that adopt this, but makes sure you put in place appropriate data capture, a responsible transportation coordinator, who is a full time dedicated professional on that, and that there's a commitment to come back and work on this in a year, or if our experience is very unfortunate toward the down side, sooner than a year.

Fish: That is helpful, thank you very much.

Anderson: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you both. That concludes, I believe, does that conclude our invited testimony? Captain crebs?

Eudaly: Other than pbot.

Wheeler: Did you want to come on up? I guess it's Michael now, right.

Hardesty: It is Michael now.

Wheeler: Just Michael? Great, excellent, welcome. It is good to see you.

Maggie: Public testimony?

Wheeler: Not yet. We will get to you in a minute, Mag.

Eudaly: Thanks for being here, mr. Crebs.

Mike Crebs, Parking Enforcement, PBOT: Yes.

Eudaly: Could please illuminate any confusion or misunderstandings about what pbot has actually committed to?

Crebs: Yes. Good morning, mayor and commissioners, Mike Crebs, i'm the division manager for parking and enforcement for the city of Portland. And I'll make it clear. There might be a misunderstanding, because my commitment to parking enforcement during timbers games is as resources allow. There may be many games, I only allow two enforcement officers on the entire city, and if they're busy helping someone clear their driveway out on eastside, they are not going to be down here enforcing around the timbers games. So it is only as resources commit, there may be nights where there are no parking enforcement officers enforcing around the timbers games, or there may be two to three. One of the things that I recommend, I know that the timbers, they purchase security and they purchase the police. If they would like additional parking enforcement, which I recommended, if you would like parking enforcement, you can reimburse the city for our services, as they do. I mean they're bringing in thousands of people. And I think that I want to use public resources wisely and if they are bringing in people paying for stuff, I would strongly suggest they can could also purchase parking enforcement officers to help enforce around the timbers games. That would be my recommendation. But I want to clear that up to make sure that everything is clear, we will be there if we can, but there may be times we cannot be there.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor. Thank you for that, mike. It is good to see you in civilian clothes.

Crebs: Good to see you.

Hardesty: My question is, supposedly we are negotiating to have 12 to 15 Portland police officers at timber games when there is high volume. And you just said that we have two parking enforcement folks city-wide. Why are we continuing to think that Portland police would be an answer to security at timber games? I'm just curious, because it clearly is not going to work. We don't have enough officers to accommodate that. So is there a backup plan, is there a private security plan where that could be possible?

Crebs: Yeah, I really can't speak for what the Portland police provide, I've been gone for nine months, so I don't know all the things going on there. But I do know, when they hire officers, they hired from off duty, so the officers can sign up for off duty overtime to work security at the timbers games. So I don't know all the resources the police provide now, so I cannot really opine too much on that.

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Hardesty: I can speak to their presentation about having a hard time finding officers to work overtime, but we can find off duty officers to be contracted for the timber game. I think that our priorities are kind of messed up when it comes to that. The other thing about parking enforcement is, just like with the rose quarter, I know that after concerts, there tends to be more law enforcement personnel nearby, both on max lines and directing traffic. You are not talking about anything above and beyond that, for the 4,000 new seats that we would have.

Crebs: For parking enforcement? Yeah, parking enforcement like I said, only if resources allow. If it's a busy night on the east side I will not be able to have parking enforcement officers helping out in and around the timbers games. Like I say, some nights there could be two officers on, it just depends. It might be four. But I cannot commit to anything. I want to make that clear to the folks from the timbers, but as I recommended, if we want guaranteed parking enforcement officers there, I suggest they reimburse the city and I can have parking enforcement officers on site on the timbers games to help make sure things run smooth.

Hardesty: Would that be overtime officers that are --

Crebs: It would be. I would request overtime officers from parking enforcement to come in and work the timbers games, and then they would work the timbers game and then go home and be reimbursed by the timbers to the city, which would pay for the officers to do that overtime. That's what I would recommend. It's like they are doing right now. They're hiring private security, thousands of dollars each game, to hire private security in Portland police. I recommend the same kind of situation with parking enforcement to help make sure the area stays, people are complying with parking enforcement laws. In the past, I know that parking enforcement has used city money to work overtime at the games. But, in my opinion, I don't think that is good use of city money when you have a group of people that are bringing money in. There are millions each year coming in to the timbers, and I would suggest that's what they should do.

Hardesty: Thank you. So what I'm hearing is that if we are considering a contract that assumes that we're going to have Portland police officers available to assist, we should be very clear that contract that that is not an agreement that we have agreed to, or we have any way to fulfill at this point.

Crebs: I cannot opine on the Portland police at all.

Eudaly: If I could just interrupt for a minutes --

Hardesty: It's traffic is what you're referring to, but I'm just talking --

Eudaly: Yeah, Mike is with pbot now so he really shouldn't be speaking to police bureau issues. It's a little awkward.

Hardesty: He is actually speaking to bringing Portland police officers who work transit division to the stadium. Am I correct on that?

Crebs: No, I'm talking about parking enforcement officers.

Eudaly: It's under pbot.

Crebs: Parking enforcement officers are non-sworn parking enforcement officers that have to come out and enforce parking laws only --

Eudaly: And they're under pbot.

Crebs: And the Portland police, when they are hired by timbers, they going to be out enforcing parking laws. They'll be enforcing more security stuff and those kind of things. But i'm talking strictly about parking enforcement officers and sometimes folks get confused with that, but they are not a part of Portland police.

Hardesty: My apologies, Mike. I was confused. I actually thought they were one in the same.

Eudaly: And it's fair, because you have seen mike in a uniform before. But they are in pbot, they're non-sworn, and we cannot speak to police --

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Crebs: I cannot speak to that.

Hardesty: My apologies, I was confused. I actually thought they had weapons and stuff.

Crebs: That's okay.

Eudaly: No, gosh, no. I just want to say that I concur that the city shouldn't necessarily be bearing the burden of the expense of increased enforcement, especially with the very generous split we agreed to with the timbers on the new seats. Thank you very much for being here.

Crebs: Thank you, folks. Bye bye.

Wheeler: Very good. Alright, so now, without further ado, thank you for those of you who have been waiting patiently. We have public testimony. How many folks do we have signed up, Karla.

Moore-Love: I show seven more left on the list.

Wheeler: Seven more left on the list. Three minutes each, please. Name for the record. Come on up.

Moore-Love: The first three are tina wyszynski, eleni kehagiaras and Ciaran Connelly. No Maggie, I didn't call you.

Wheeler: Not yet Maggie.

Moore-Love: Not yet.

Wheeler: You are on the list, be patient. Thank you. Good morning.

Tina Wyszynski: Good morning.

Eleni Kehagiaras: Good morning.

Wyszynski: Hello, mayor Wheeler and Commissioners. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Tina Wyszynski and I'm the president and founder of the stadium district business association.

Kehagiaras: And my name is Eleni Kehagiaras. I'm the vice president of the stadium district business association.

Wyszynski: The stadium district business association would like to go on record in support of the timbers association, the good neighbor agreement between them, and the community, and the comprehensive transportation management plan related to game day traffic which was derived by various organizations and communities impacted by the games. We are in support of passing the updated the transportation plan. As business owners and residents in the neighborhood, several of us are also timber seasoned ticket holders, and we witness firsthand how patrons frequent the area businesses and arrive to the games. Many of restaurants and retail establishment members suffer the feast and famine climate that surrounds the timbers schedule. When there are no games, there is very little business. It does not go unnoticed, that businesses thrive when the game season is in full swing and how some suffer when it is not. As our district grows, with the addition of several new housing and retail building, please the reconstruction of Lincoln high school, we continue to navigate the ongoing issue of parking and traffic. More than just the timbers events throughout the year will impact our parking and our traffic issues. Public transit options and opportunities are more prevalent than ever from all over our great city and suburbs. The influx of traffic to the area is mitigated by the various means in which fans can and will arrive to the games, such as rideshare, by foot, bike or scooter, train, bus, taxi, and/or carpool. Additionally, the associated cost of off street parking encourages more people to leave their cars at home and use other means of travel.

Kehagiaras: We are very encouraged that the new transportation management plan has found additional measures over the previous plan to help alleviate any parking and traffic concerns. Measures , such as promoting the use of underutilized smart park garages and creating a one stop travel information center on the timbers website will positively affect the situation and benefit – why isn't this thing working?

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Wheeler: Hold it about six inches away. It is a sensitive mic. Give it a little bit of space and it pops a little less.

Kehagiaras: There you go? How's that?

Wheeler: There you go. That's perfect. There you go. Good.

Kehagiaras: Okay. So having a one stop on the timbers website positively affect the situation and benefit neighboring businesses. We know that those traveling to games tend to frequent surrounding businesses near where they park and where they travel from. The timbers continued mls success will attract more national and international fans furthering travel Portland and the city's plans to increase tourism. This is something the those of us who live and work in the stadium district applaud, as we are dedicated to seeing our city and community thrive through strong economic impact and commerce. As a city with an mba team currently in the playoffs, two championship soccer teams and a possible mlb team in our near future, we love our sports and all they bring to our community: Vibrancy, hope, and economic vitality. We encourage you to support as we do, the comprehensive transportation plan put forth and supported, as we just heard, by oversight committee members, fully knowing that if and when needed, it can evolve to better suit the needs of our community and surrounding neighborhoods. Thank you guys for your time and consideration.

Wheeler: Thank you both. Appreciate it. Good morning.

Ciaran Connelly: Good morning. My name is ciaran connelly, the president of the northwest district association here in that capacity. And as all of you received a written testimony from me, the email yesterday, I think that outlines our overall position, which is that while we understand the need that the stadium is scheduled to open june 1, that we ask that if the commission is to adopt the gna and the ctmp, it be adopted with amendments. In candid, we haven't had a chance to see what the timbers are proposing as amendments. We have circulated our proposals. In general, what the changes are intended to do is to make sure that we take the -- nobody knows whether the current plan is really going to work and whether or not it's goals are ambitious enough. So we want to put something in place to make sure that we can assess how well things are working and changes if they are not working well enough. And that's really what we are asking for here is a conditional approval of the plan that provides additional oversight, that provides the metrics for measuring whether or not something is working, and the opportunity for the neighborhoods, for the timbers themselves, and for the city to reexamine the issue on a regular basis and adopt new plans as new things come into being.

Fish: So sir, let me ask you a question. You have put forth some amendments, the office of management and finance and the timbers, in response to what they've heard from goose hollows and the northwest parking stakeholder advisory committee have put forth some amendments, it would be helpful to me to know whether the amendments that are now on the table omf 1 through 4, adequately capture both the spirit and substance of some of the concerns you raised, and it does seem to me that it addresses questions about how the oversight committee works, what is a quorum, and public meetings laws, and things of that, neighborhood notice, independent consulting firm that was mentioned. So this does seem to me to be responsive to mr. Walters' testimony. Do you think that between now and next week, your organization could us some feedback as to whether these amendments that are on the table adequately capture the concerns you raised?

Connelly: I think we can, we certainly haven't had a chance to look at them at all yet. I don't -- the only reason I'm hesitant to say absolutely is because mr. Walters' is out of the country and because our board just met this past Monday and wouldn't meet again for for another month. So it requires some, we would not be in a position to take a formal, board-sanctioned action. That said, I'm happy to review their proposed revisions, compare them to our proposed revisions and continue the dialogue to try and get something --

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Fish: Ideally, you would have had this before the hearing and you could come in and say if this captures it or not, but this goes to a second reading next week. What I'm just offering is, I would be interested in hearing from you as to whether these amendments do or do not capture the concerns that you've raised.

Connelly: I'm interested to find that out too.

Fish: And any other feedback and would encourage you to, and I know it's a burden but would encourage you to get your comments in ideally this week to let us know whether these amendments capture the concerns you've raised.

Connelly: Thank you. We welcome that opportunity.

Fish: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you all three of you. Next three, please.

Moore-Love: Phil Selinger, Frank Dixon and Maggie.

Wheeler: Maggie who has been waiting so patiently. Would you like to start.

Maggie: So impatiently. Okay –

Wheeler: Why don't you go ahead and start.

Maggie: All right. First of all I want to say how much I love sports and sports fans. And you want to know why? I'm going to tell you why. Because when I was back in Maryland visiting the NIH for my autoimmune disorder, I visited a shelter, a homeless shelter out there. They were in a parking garage in Annapolis, and somebody, one of the women, had clogged one of the toilets and there were 200 women and 200 men being sheltered in this parking garage. The shelter decided that they would shut the entire bathroom down, and so the women would have to go in the men's bathrooms where the men urinals are. I'm going to shout myself here. I got went and got on the horn because Fenway was having a huge baseball game, and I said I love baseball, which I do, and these women, these 200 women, don't have access to a bathroom. And what do you know, here's street roots, here's the thing about -- you know, parks like Director's Park blocking the bathrooms for elderly, disabled, LGBTQ, and homeless people, here we have why we can't go. So you know, I don't know how many people were at that Fenway game that night, 30,000, 150,000, but they all got on the horn and those bathrooms got opened. Now, if I had called the government would the government have opened them? Probably not. So but I also want to say about parking is why not just shut down all the parking around Providence Park and increase the number of, and access of, vendors who can sell merchandise there so that you can increase the percentage of ticket and merchandise licensing that you can take back so you can take back some of this money and you can use it for low income and homeless and disabled people because let me tell you, the number of beds for the mentally ill I can count them on my fingers that they have opened this year. Okay? Just like that and that's it. And you know, to the detriment of homeless people, of which Portland is the second highest homeless population in the nation per capita, you have -- you cater to big business so --

Wheeler: Alright. Thank you. Appreciate it.

Maggie: I love sports fans. I love [inaudible]

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Frank Dixon: Thank you, Mayor. Frank Dixon, 2205 Northwest Johnson Street, Portland. I'm here as a neighbor and as a longtime resident and activist coming out of, back from the ten years of political wars, very much interested in the issue before you to the extent that it affects my residents. I'm right in the middle of it, a block from Legacy Good Sam parking lots and one block out of the restricted event days parking areas. I would be very brief here. You've heard and gotten testimony on the difficulties and problems with the public records and open meetings law issues with the oversight committee. The other issue which I was hoping Commissioner Fish would be here for, I was actually one of the folks that sort of put the brakes on allowing Legacy Good Sam to open up commercial parking for event day

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parking based upon a lot of background I have with the northwest district plan and the way that it evolved and in relationship to this good neighbor agreement. I don't believe it will be a very easy task for council to go back and essentially remove a very specific provision in the plan to discourage event day parking in northwest Portland. In fact, I think there's even in the current state of affairs and in the ctm plan as it now is proposed, I think it overlooks to some degree that specific goal and objective of the northwest district plan which is integral to the way that we have to live in a very high density urban environment. We've got very mixed use with retail business, and it all has to work together with a very restricted grid system, so we have to be cognizant of the parking and traffic issues. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thanks, frank.

Hardesty: May I, mayor?

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Good to see you, frank. So the issue with good sam for parking is that we don't want event parking at good sam?

Dixon: The issue is a little bit larger, the specific narrow point of -- I know it sounds like a nice solution to -- since there's available parking there, first of all you need to I think the consultant will tell you that there's ample off-street garage and surface parking in the downtown area that will take care of any needed anticipated increase in parking for this year. But the specific problem with using commercial parking for event day -- [inaudible background whispering] -- patrons is that there's -- in the northwest district plan, in the actual adopted plan, there's a specific provision that says right there we are to discourage that. So to be able to change that, you would have to open up a whole new planning process. The planning bureau would have to budget a lot of money to bring the whole neighborhood together to go through a revision, I believe. And so to do that for just this one specific issue is -- it's your call, but --

Hardesty: Thank you. Appreciate that.

Wheeler: Thank you. Alright. Good morning.

Phil Selinger: Good morning, mayor, commissioners. My name is phil selinger. I serve as chairperson of the nwda transportation committee. The much anticipated providence park ctmp is a disappointment. It fails to capture an opportunity to truly advance creative effective and sustainable strategies for moving people to and from timbers games and other providence park events. It fails to meet its primary goal to quote accommodate the transportation needs of 4,000 additional fans per match without increasing demand for on-street parking or increasing traffic congestion in neighborhoods near the stadium unquote. The plan projects the percentage of event attendees arriving by transit to actually decrease in 2019 while we expect 1200 additional cars to arrive and further contribute to congestion and already severe parking pressures. The plan further relies on ride hailing for 7% of trips, each generating two rather than one vehicular round trip into the event area. It's great to see walking, cycling and scooters as part of the plan but they are best suited for short distances. The timbers need to have more skin in the game. Some examples might including aggressively promoting the city's smart park garages with deep garage and max discounts perhaps with shuttle buses to supplement the max service. Providing real time garage capacity information as already mentioned. Promotion of trimet's 9,000 park and ride spaces along the max light-rail system. Possible interlining of timbers express, yellow and green line max trains directly to providence park. Operation of timbers express buses from bus park and ride lots such as the barbur transit center. Working with trimet to add more than one more max train in each direction, perhaps using the proposed closure of the king hill station to add an eastbound siding for the timely dispatch of post-game trains. The promise of the ctmp is ramped up marketing and communications though there's little evidence that related resources are in place. There needs to be active -- these need to be active, not passive measures. Some of these and other strategies are identified in the plan

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but deferred for later consideration or implementation. The timbers waited a long time to get serious about assembling the plan. We shouldn't be waiting until 2020 to work on these additional actions. Not only is the plan underwhelming, but it also lacks contingency strategies for dealing with critical congestion and frustration that is likely to occur in the 2019 season. This is not likely to be a winning season for the providence park ctmp. Both the timbers fans and the surrounding community deserve better. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it very much. Thank you both. Next, please.

Moore-Love: The last two who signed up are Stephan lewis and Jeanne connet.

Wheeler: Good morning. Thanks for being here.

Stephan Lewis: Yeah, my name is I'm stephan lewis. I'm here representing the 107 independence supporters trust, we're the nonprofit that runs the timbers army and the rose city riveters. I'm here specifically as a board member of the 107ist with a 26-year history working with the neighborhood association system here in Portland, I represent our interests with the northwest district -- the neighbors west-northwest primarily and their member neighborhoods. I have served on the goose hollow foothills league and I currently am the transportation chair for the maplewood neighborhood association and the vice chair of the swni transportation committee. One thing to get very clear right off the bat from the 107ist perspective, I have a lot of things so i'm going to talk fast. I want to try to touch on a lot of your comments. We are very much supportive of multimodal transportation and not using cars and definitely against single occupancy car shares. One thing that is kind of lost in the data we think some of the projections are very conservative, something that's very important to consider is that these 4,000 people who are going to be new season ticket holders are coming off the wait list. These people have had access to timbers tickets ahead of time and many of them have coming off leasing other people's season tickets. So like many of us have more season tickets than we need for our family then we -- it's a way of getting more people to the games without having to do scalpers and stuff like that. A lot of these people have very well established means and ways they know how to get to the stadium. But there's also other people, you know, there's people coming from outside of the trimet area specifically, have some different issues as far as being able to park and ride, so i'm going to hit a few examples. Sunset transit center is frequently at capacity so a lot of those people end up having to come down and either hide and ride or compete for some parking and it's not a part of their plan. The southwest corridor plan we think is going to help alleviate some of this because you have people coming up from salem. Many people who are driving in are carpooling. If you come in by yourself in a car you're going to get pretty shamed. So the carpooling. We think we are very supportive of using the structures and having the ability to reserve spaces ahead of time. We're also semi concerned about more long range. Some people have issues taking trimet home because of the quality of their service where they are to not be able to go to different places. Sorry, I have more but I tried to go fast.

Wheeler: Thank you. And if commissioner Fritz were here she would not fail to mention that we had a good presentation last week on the 107ist and the great work that you guys do in the community. We're really --

Lewis: Just briefly, yeah, and we look forward to coming and talking more at length with you guys.

Wheeler: Look forward to having you. Thank you. Good morning.

Jeanne Connet: Good morning, council. Good morning, ms. Hardesty. Nick. Excuse me, but last year how much did you spend on cleaning up the willamette river? You were water person, right, last year?

Wheeler: So I don't mean to be rude but we're trying to keep this focused on the agenda in front of us today. Thank you.

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Connet: Okay, so it goes like this. Since I came back to Portland I went – back to my home in st. John's. I went down where we all used to play and dive off the barge including my son to find dust, white dust and great big signs that says please leave the area immediately. Inhaling at this point will cause permanent mental damage. Now, i'm just back, right? And I'm supposed to say I'm from Portland again, but the thing of it is why -- I know that it wasn't there back in the '90s. I don't know where it came from, I don't know what it is, but I know this. On a windy day you really think it isn't going to float into the river? And you guys built a dock down here somewhere –

Wheeler: I'm really sorry –

Connet: Wait, wait, wait, wait --

Wheeler: I'm sure this is important but it's not relevant to the issue we're discussing at this time.

Connet: Oh, i'm sorry, I thought that I could talk to the city council about something that actually has to do with the city and not baseball game or the timbers.

Wheeler: As per the rules that were read at the beginning of the session we need to focus on the issue before us. Thank you.

Lewis: Could I add one –

Wheeler: No.

Fish: No.

Wheeler: Thank you for your participation.

Fish: So mayor –

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: That's the end of the testimony, Karla?

Moore-Love: Yes. That's all who signed up.

Fish: So Mayor, could we have a brief conversation? We have other things on the agenda that are stacking up

Wheeler: Certainly.

Fish: But I want to signal a little bit where i'm thinking and may land on this in hopes that it provokes a discussion. First of all, as my colleagues know i'm the author of the reform effort around boards and commissions, and a whole package of reforms that we now take very seriously. We look at every committee and we ask basic questions about what rules apply to them, that includes is it a public meeting, and are there requirements to keep minutes and other kinds of things. I am persuaded from the testimony today that we need to take a deeper dive on the oversight committee. What I don't want to do is short circuit that process because we have now capacity within our legal department and with the legislation to actually do a deeper dive. So my suggestion is that we engage council in taking a bigger look at the oversight committee. That will include things like composition. It will include things like quorum. Whether public meetings law apply, what are public records. It will include all the issues that have been framed for our consideration. It will also require us to do some training because you can't ask people to serve on these bodies unless they understand what the ground rules are. I would prefer not to jam that in one week because after all, these are basic questions of governance and oversight. If you don't do it systematically what you can end up doing as a quick fix that sort of fixes one thing but not another, and I would rather take a month and get it right. That's where I am on what I consider a suite of issues around oversight which are very important but I would like them dealt with comprehensively. Number two, i'm sorry that the omf amendments were not shared with the neighborhood associations. It would have been much more productive to get your feedback, but as I said in my colloquy with one of the neighborhood reps, I would benefit from getting feedback as to whether these capture the spirit or the letter of what you -- the concerns you've raised because it does seem to me there's some amendments and in order and like to know whether you think omf and timbers have done a good job

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capturing the concerns that you've raised. You won't know that until you look at these amendments but I would ask you to weigh in before our next meeting. Number three, what I'm hearing throughout the testimony is this notion that there's some appetite for conditionally approving these documents but that we have to do a better job. So what I will be interested in is what is the process for improving these documents. And for reporting back to council so that we have an opportunity to evaluate whether there's been progress. It seems to me that's been the thread and the testimony that whatever we're going to adopt it's a provisional and it's going to get better. I would like to know what that path is because actually we're up against a deadline and so next week we'll be voting on these -- we'll be voting whether to accept or not these documents. While they are not council generated documents and it's been made clear the obligation is on the operator and the neighborhoods to work these things out, we can improve them through amendments. So again those are the three points I wanted to make, and in particular on the oversight committee I would urge that we take a little more time to do a deeper dive because I think there's some fundamental questions we have to ask and we now have a process to do it and I don't want us to cut a corner on that.

Wheeler: Very good, and Commissioner Fish, if I could reflect on that, I concur. We have one week until this comes back before the council as second reading. With regard to the amendments that were handed to us this morning, there is an opportunity that I hope will be taken and I will make sure to engage the appropriate people to make sure that these amendments are thoroughly vetted by the nwda, by the stadium oversight committee, also that we have the opportunity to take into account the testimony we have today. I'm also concerned by what we heard from representatives of the stadium oversight committee that public records and open meeting laws are not being adhered to and I agree with you that requires clear training in terms of all of our public bodies on what is expected. On the flip side, we are under a deadline. The timbers are under a deadline because they have a season that's coming online too, and it's my understanding this agreement has to be approved in some form. We'll just have to look at it this week but perhaps there's a way to put a flag out or keep an opening or make a commitment that we will revisit those policy and process issues on the committee because I agree with you when we have people on the committee come in and say, a, they haven't been included, b, they are not following open meeting laws, and c, they are not maintaining public records as required by state laws for public bodies. That is not something we can just sweep under the carpet. Finally, I just want to say something as the presiding officer. I have now been handed amendments at the last minute, three of the last four meetings, and in all of those circumstances it has been represented to me that the appropriate bodies had been aware of those amendments and once again I find that that is not the case. So I'm going to put a standing policy out for all city bureaus that as the presiding officer I will no longer accept last-minute amendments unless I have had the opportunity to vet them and share the insights with my council members in advance, and if the appropriate organizations or key stakeholders have not been included unless they are technical amendments. I have accommodated this and I have accommodated it to my count three times too many in the last month and I'm done with it. I want to make that very clear to all city bureaus that I expect the homework to be done in advance. If there are road blocks that people have identified I expect you to resolve it. That's what leadership is from the bureau perspective. Don't bring it to me at the last minute and assume that we can fix it when we know we are going to have key stakeholders come to the microphone and say they haven't seen it, they haven't vetted it, they haven't had a time to discuss it. That just puts us in the position looking frankly uninformed and out of the loop. We're done with that. So commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you, commissioner Fish, for your comments. I find this a bit problematic, especially when there's an assumption that we're going to rely on

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Portland police bureau to provide additional services as needed. I'm very troubled that the conversation was happening with the union and not happening with people in leadership within Portland police bureau. I also want answers to my question about the average miles traveled, about season ticket holders because again, who benefits and who doesn't benefit when we do this expansion means a lot to me. It is important to me that I have information in advance and not at the very last minute. I will never be forced to vote yes for something just because somebody else is on a deadline. So I want to be clear that your emergency does not equate to my emergency. I will do my due diligence and I will weigh the pros and cons and I will make a decision based on that. If you think I need additional information now would be a great time to start setting appointments with my office so I will have all the information I need to make a good vote. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty, my pledge to you is that over the course of the next week I will make sure we have an opportunity to sit down with appropriate representatives of the Portland police bureau to discuss that particular item. It is my understanding that similar to what Mike Crebs said with regards to pbot and traffic enforcement this is on an available basis per the contract we have in place with the unions, but I will make sure we clarify that and have a clear understanding prior to taking this up again next week. Last but not least, since I seem a little bit hot on my last statement there, and if that's how you interpreted it you interpreted it exactly correctly. I also want to say this. I'm very grateful to the Timbers organization for their significant investments in the stadium which I think is a very positive thing for the community, it's a very positive thing for the sport as well. I think there are a lot of young people who are really inspired by what the Timbers and the Thorns are doing. I'm grateful for community supporters, for the tremendous amount of work and engagement that you have put into this, and all of us want to find a way to move this forward in a way that's to the benefit of all in the community and particularly those who are the most impacted by this development. We'll get there. Sometimes it can be a little messy on the way. But I want you to know my inclination is to support the plan but I think we need to do a little bit of truing up with some of our community stakeholders to have them understand that we are not steam rolling them. We are moving in lock step with them, bringing them along as well. With that we have two items that we are moving to second. We're not voting today. Item 321 moves to second reading. Item 322 also a non-emergency ordinance also moves to second reading. With that we'll take up 323. Commissioner Eudaly.

Item 323

Eudaly: Thank you, Mayor. This ordinance is the next step toward approving the development of the gateway lid that we began through the adoption of a resolution a few weeks ago. Today's presentation should be short and sweet and here to explain the ordinance and answer questions is Andrew Aebi from pbot.

Andrew Aebi, Portland Bureau of Transportation: So I'm going to try to keep this to about 45 seconds or less. I think we covered this adequately last month. I have really one slide presentation here for you. Last month we talked about our larger vision for gateway and those discussions continue per the map on the left. The map on the right is the current map of the lid that we're considering today. There's been a minor boundary change to the map to allow us to do some bicycle safety improvements on East Burnside Street over I-205. We received no remonstrances against lid formation so my recommendation and so my recommendation and we have no amendments this morning, my recommendation is to pass this to a second reading and approve it next week and last but not least I passed out a fair amount of testimony that we received all in favor from various stakeholders including Trimet, Metro Councilor Bob Stacey and Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury among others. Finally we do expect during the design of the lid to bring forward to Council a street vacation ordinance of Northeast Couch and Davis Streets that's shown in red on both of

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those maps and the cost of that street vacation will be borne by block 1, which is also west of northeast 97th avenue. Those are all the remarks I have this morning. I think we have a few folks to testify and happy to take any questions council might have.

Eudaly: Thank you, andrew. My apologies, mayor. That took one minute and 30 seconds. [laughter]

Wheeler: Thanks, andrew.

Eudaly: We'll try harder next time.

Wheeler: Appreciate it. Public testimony, Karla. How many people are signed up?

Moore-Love: I have four signed up.

Wheeler: Come on up.

Moore-Love: The first three are John Mulvey, Jennifer Steadman, and Gordon Jones.

Wheeler: Good morning. Welcome. Name for the record and if you just keep the mic about six inches away that's usually about right.

John Mulvey: Good morning, Mr. Mayor, commissioners, I'll keep this very short. I am John Mulvey. I'm co-chair of the housing committee of your east Portland action plan. Epa submitted a letter to all of you directly about two months ago and I understand it's in the packet you got today as well. We just want to express our support for this project. It's a great plan to build high density housing near our biggest transit hub. We are particularly impressed with the developer's commitments to affordability. It's desperately needed at this point. I don't need to tell you that. So we did want to ask that you use your influence. There are -- there's at least one additional lid coming. There will be an ask at that point for support through prosper Portland and through pbob, and we hope that you will support that as well.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Gordon Jones: Good morning. I'm Gordon Jones. I live in the gateway district about two blocks from the neighborhood we're talking about. Mayor Wheeler, commissioners, I'm going to make my comments very brief today as well. I think it's a good time for us to reflect a little bit on the history of this. I went back and read the testimony of June 13, 2001, when gateway's urban renewal association was passed. Urban renewal area. Many people testified that day about the history of gateway, the contentious relationship with the city, and how they now formed this marriage in the urban renewal district and some of the planning documents that had already been done. Gateway concept plan and so on. Many of the local people like Arlene Kimura, who is still advocating for gateway, Dick Cooley, who has now passed. But the most prescient testimony came from Don Mazziotti, who was the executive director of Portland Development Commission at that time. He pointed out, I'll paraphrase it, that not one street will get built, not one park will get built, and nothing else will happen based on this urban renewal area. It's going to take a lot of private investment to make this happen. This vision. That day was filled with hope and vision from everyone, and I'm just here today to ask you to please continue that hope and that vision. It's a process that takes many small steps to get where we're trying to go. And I think we have made some progress out in gateway, but there's still a long ways to go, so we appreciate your support.

Wheeler: Thank you, Gordon, for being here today. Again, thank you for the tour. I appreciated it as did my team.

Jennifer Steadman: I'm Jennifer Steadman and I work for one of the partners in gateway. I'm asking today for the approval of the 97th street lid so we can continue our vision of creating a community in the gateway area. With the approval of this lid we will be able to start projects that will help with connectivity of the streets to keep the community safe. Without the approval of this lid the neighborhood will not have a chance to be developed, will not be -- we will not be able to build high density affordable housing we will not be able to help small businesses and not be able to employ hundreds of people. I'm going to briefly

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touch on the discussion of displacement in the community. We have roughly 32 homes in that area that will be affected. My personal plan and I know all the partners plan is to create, which i'm working on currently, an anti-displacement policy for any of the gateway residents. We do not plan -- we're fully committed to not displacing them but instead giving them housing with the option of moving back into the community once our projects are complete. With approval of this lid and the next lid we will start -- be at a starting point for creating the much anticipated needs of this community. We're committed to help gateway become what everyone dreamed it would be.

Fish: Thank you all.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it, all three of you.

Moore-Love: The last person who signed up is nate mccoey.

Wheeler: Welcome, nate. Thanks for being here.

Nate McCoy, Oregon Chapter NAMC: Thank you. Mayor, commissioners, thanks for having me. For the record, my name is nate mccoey, executive director of the Oregon chapter of the national association of minority contractors. I come a little bit in a dual capacity today. As a current resident of the gateway neighborhood, I have lived there for over 25 years, went to park rose middle school, went to park rose high school and have seen the evolution of or evolution of other communities such northeast inner city where you have seen a lot of displacement, gentrification and major development happen. With the whole preference policy right to return we need to thinking about other options in which people in these communities live such as jo ann hardesty, our commissioner who I think resides still in this neighborhood and knows it just as well as most at the table. I actually managed through the Portland housing bureau the rose apartments that gordon did in this area and was struck by his appetite for diversity, equity and inclusion. We've heard that, these are buzzwords but what I really appreciate about this project is it's looking at an area that already has high concentration of diversity, equity and inclusion including david douglas, who is interested in starting an elementary school, just north of this site, because there's so much concentration of youth. We were talking to gordon about minority contracting. We heard job creations. We're also talking about businesses that could feel a lot like what you see on vancouver and williams today. I want to -- I won't be long but I want to leave you with a thought provoking question that I tend to ask myself all the time and i'm sure you do as well. How do you knit a building into a neighborhood as opposed to imposing a building in a neighborhood? I think the thoughtful work that gordon has done as well as this community around this project is how can we bring the community into it from the beginning? I heard you talk about amendments a minute ago. How can we bring this to you guys in its early creation to get leadership involved to make these commitments that honestly will last at least five years of building out a major portion of these sites? What I really honestly also like is that we're also talking about minority development, not just construction and outreach to minority communities but how do these seasoned developers work with minority development interest groups. We're talking about that off line on a public private partnership and i'm really kind of tapping my hat to you, mayor, as the leader of prosper Portland and the housing bureau as you approve this hopefully next week i'm asking that there be future commitments on helping build out the actual buildings because we're only talking about infrastructure now and I think there needs to be commitments to this neighborhood because this is the nexus that is the closest to a pearl district neighborhood that we have from a zoning. I just think with our commitment at namc and my leadership, that I think we can get this truly into the community's hands of benefiting as well as creating a new park which I know that nick would care about because this area needs more parks as well. They have the land and I think we just need commitment and leadership to advance this work. With that said, thank you for my time. I don't know if there's a question or two but i'm here.

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Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you very much, nate. Really appreciate you being here today and you speaking to this. I think this is maybe one of the last opportunities for Portland to get it right. To ensure that people who are already living in east Portland and in gateway district actually will benefit from development that's coming. And I believe that we will depend on organizations like yours to be real leaders in helping us do this right first. I get so frustrated sitting up here and I hear about aspirations that are never met over and over and over again. Somehow the market just takes over and then people are displaced. So i'm going to be seeking your advice and your counsel and you outed me already. I was going to put on the record that I do live in gateway so clearly I will benefit from any improvements that come to gateway, but I will also be a critic making sure folks that are my neighbors and business partners today can continue to be my neighbors and business partners tomorrow. Thank you for being here. Really appreciate your early investment of time and energy into this. Thank you.

McCoy: Absolutely.

Fish: Mayor, if I could add a comment --

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: We're certainly open to a park, nate. You may have heard -- we have a few, we have a little bit of a budget challenge. But we're open to that discussion, very proud of the gateway discovery park that commissioner Fritz brought online which actually we'll be talking about later in our agenda. The one difference between what we're doing today and taking up an lid and what we're forecasting for tomorrow, which is discussing a prosper Portland investment is that the standard for our action is different, so when we get to the point that we're talking about making a public investment and prosper Portland putting money on the table we'll be looking for your guidance as to what the side boards are for that investment because that's where we get to talk about -- we go from aspirations to actually some concrete proposals about what we expect in the development. That's a different standard obviously than we apply in a lid. We'll be looking for your suggestions on that phase 2 of this discussion.

McCoy: You've got my commitment for sure.

Fish: Thank you.

Wheeler: Nate, I appreciate your differentiation between infrastructure and construction in housing and commercial space and the like. My view having had the opportunity to look at this site a number of times and Gordon and I had a chance to go there and you and I have had conversations, the infrastructure is an essential first step. Without the infrastructure there will not be development. We all recognize that.

McCoy: Absolutely.

Wheeler: So glad that we're taking this step today and continuing to move forward on that. The next step with regard to housing and with regard to commercial opportunity, the question for us really is can we support the level of subsidy required to make it all pencil out. Right? From private sector partners. That's an area where we're going to need your expertise and your skill set to help us be able to find where is that balancing act between subsidy and the private sector's ability to make those investments. Let me just say this. I agree with commissioner Hardesty. This is like a fantastic opportunity.

McCoy: I agree.

Wheeler: And after years and years and years and years of conversations about this we're actually in a position now where we're going to see real investments in this area and it will be catalytic. The flip side we also heard was about displacement. Because this is also part of our city that remains one of the most affordable, relatively close in locations. So as we go about this process of urban development we obviously want to take great care that

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we're not simply moving people farther east in the process. And you know that, right? I know you do. But thank you for your leadership for many years on this.

McCoy: You too.

Wheeler: Very good. Any further discussion? Any further public testimony or was nate the last one.

Moore-Love: That's all.

Wheeler: Alright, great. We finished with nate. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you. Thank you, andrew. Next item up is 336.

Item 336

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Well, I'm very excited, mayor, today to bring this item forward and close observers of our agenda will notice all four members of council here today are co-sponsors. I thank my colleagues for supporting this important step. It was just about a year ago that city council accepted a set of recommendations about how we can play a greater role in helping artists afford to live and work in Portland. It led to this report. This report has not been collecting dust in some closet. We have been working to implement some of the better ideas. In fact the recommendations have served as a guide for our efforts to preserve and to create new affordable art space. We have been flexible and opportunistic when a different tool could except serve that effort. The most recent example of a success story is the musician loading zones that commissioner eudaly and I unveiled last month which will serve musicians at 11 music venues across the city. Today we're announcing another new tool which is really just an improvement on an old tool. The process was a collaborative effort between Portland fire and rescue, the bureau of development services, and all of our city hall staff and colleagues. With us this morning is tracy schreiber, who is our arts affordability fellow in my office, who will be making a brief presentation. She is joined by jamie dunphy, who is wearing a suit today I think, which is a first. [laughter] We're pleased that fire marshal nate takara has been able to carve out time to join us and terry whitehill with development services. We would not be here, gentleman, without your help and we're grateful for it. Let me with some pride turn to my office's arts affordability fellow tracy schreiber to kick us off this morning.

Wheeler: Nick, before you do that, could I ask, kids, where are you from?

[Children]: Portland.

[laughter]

Wheeler: Which school?

Eudaly: Who's asking?

[Children]: Buckman.

Wheeler: Buckman! Are you having a good tour?

[Children]: Yes.

Wheeler: Alright, well thanks. Enjoy it.

[Children]: Bye!

Hardesty: Bye-bye!

Wheeler: Enjoy the rest of the tour. I'm sorry, commissioner.

Fish: And this –

Hardesty: They were too cute, we can't just –

Fish: We have the good fortune of having tracy in our office. She is another example of the collaboration that exists between Portland state university and city hall. She is an arts affordability fellow and this is her first time testifying before council.

Wheeler: Excellent.

Fish: So, Tracy, take it away.

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Tracy Schreiber, Office of Commissioner Fish: Great. Good morning. My name is Tracy Schreiber and as the commissioner --

Fish: Bring the mic just a little closer.

Schreiber: -- mentioned, I'm the arts affordability fellow for commissioner Nick Fish, and with me is Jamie Dunphy, senior policy advisor with commissioner Fish, Nate Takara, fire marshal, and Terry Whitehill with Bds. We're here to propose a new kind of permit to codify a more flexible and reasonable code to meet the business flow of our small arts and culture organizations. We're calling this the annual permit for temporary arts and cultural events and it was drafted by Portland Fire and Rescue and Bds. We're very proud of our collaboration. Often small arts organizations are generally permitted as businesses with occupancy limit of 49. As part of the business model and to advance their craft, many host special events like performances and exhibitions. That means they occasionally need to host more than 49 people. The annual permit for temporary arts and cultural events allows for 90 occurrences within a calendar year with up to 75 occupants. It continues to ensure the protection and safety of attendees and provides the necessary flexibility for small arts and cultural organizations to be compliant with life safety code. Prior to this permit when these small organizations needed temporary assembly they were faced with an incongruent timeline to planning and executing their events and extraneous and frequent costs. The annual permit for temporary arts and culture events simplifies these barriers. We're excited to bring you this proposal. We believe it represents council's commitment to supporting arts and cultural organizations, protects basic safety requirements and removes the barrier to this kind of importable community even that simplifies the process for everyone. We welcome your questions and thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Hardesty: Well done.

Fish: Nate, you want to jump in?

Nate Takara: Sure. Good morning. I'm Nate Takara and I'm the fire marshal for fire and rescue. Good morning, Mayor, Commissioners. I just want to first thank Tracy. She did an amazing job of bringing Terry and I together and trying to work through all the codes. As you folks know the codes can be very stringent at times and I think collaboratively we were able to look at it and create some flexibility yet without jeopardizing fire life safety issues. Yes, so I hope this would help out the arts community and make it much more flexible for their use. Thank you.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Jamie Dunphy, Office of Commissioner Fish: That's our presentation.

Fish: That's a model presentation.

Wheeler: That was a model presentation. Nicely done.

Fish: Kept it short and sweet and you hit all the high points. Congratulations.

Wheeler: Thank you. Public testimony on this item?

Moore-Love: Two people signed up. Edith Gillis and Maggie.

Wheeler: Very good. We're getting a little bit crammed on our schedule so I would ask you to keep it in two minutes, please.

Edith Gillis: Good afternoon. I'm Edith Gillis and of course I'm thanking you so much for participating in this. I'm one more person saying please vote unanimously for this because it nurtures and strengthens community building, hope, courage, mutual understanding, empathy, moral risk taking, and teamwork democracy. It is healing and trauma therapeutic and supports preventive health. It gives people a voice and expression so they have alternatives to isolation and hate and violence. Art helps targeted victims of hate and injustice heal and those who don't have words don't have to revert to harm. It supports conversations and local problem solving. It advertises local spaces for diverse uses that

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benefit all. It supports arts and artists, newcomers to view and hear art and potential donors. It expands art education and multi-cultural understanding, mutual respect and mutual aid. It helps the economy and societal security and helps prepare for disaster resilience with mutual trust and creative problem solving with a can-do, am-doing, all-loving attitude.

Wheeler: Thank you. Perfectly timed as well.

Maggie: I would like to see more established arts groups include homeless and low income and disabled people and minorities. And LGBTQ people in their art showings and art exhibitions. And integrate, show great works alongside people who do great art but are in poverty. Then you could also just set aside some space for people in poverty to show their work as well. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you both. This is a resolution. Is there any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Fish: Well, I want to begin by thanking Tracy Schreiber, who has been working tirelessly on this and a number of other issues in our office. We greatly value the relationship we have with Portland State University that provides a pipeline for really talented people who get a chance to come to city hall and work for a defined period of time and this is an example where someone comes and really makes a difference. First Tracy, thank you, and I'm glad you have family members here today to soak in this moment. I want to thank Fire Marshal Nate Takara and Terry Whitehill with Development Services. It's been my experience on this council that we do our best work in collaboration with other bureaus and colleagues. There's a lot of consternation about our form of government but nothing that a little collaboration can't cure in our form of government. I think we do our best work when we sit down with people that have skin in the game and we talk things through and we get to solutions like this. When I think about this proposal I think about collaboration, I think about flexibility. I think about the fact that it comes at no cost to fire and life safety, and I think about the fact that it's another demonstration of what I have come to really appreciate about service on this body, which is this is a solidly pro arts council that is constantly looking for ways to provide better services to the creative community whether it's concierge services at the bureau of development services, whether it's the regular events that Polly coordinates in this building where we bring the arts community to our community and we share experiences. Whether it's the work we did on the musician loading zones, and by the way, sometimes small changes are the ones that have the biggest impact. We have meetings where we talk about hundreds of millions of dollars here and hundreds of millions of dollars there, and we hear from almost no one. We fix a chronic problem with musicians who can't stop and park and move their instruments into a club without getting a ticket, you fix that problem we get a lot of attention and we get a lot of people paying attention. That was a fantastic collaboration with Pbot and Commissioner Eudaly. So proud to work and serve on a council that's pro arts. This is another part of our continuing commitment to our arts affordability plan. There's more to come. Grateful to my colleagues for co-sponsoring this resolution and today I'm proud to vote Aye.

Hardesty: Thank you. I think my colleague Commissioner Fish covered all the bases. I think this is good policy, and I appreciate that Nate was involved in the conversation early on. It's important that the Fire Marshal absolutely supports any kind of changes that we're making. I vote Aye.

Eudaly: Well, this is turning out to be an exciting month for arts at Portland City Hall. Earlier this month we celebrated Comics Month. Of course April 15th was the deadline to pay your arts tax, so if you haven't done that I encourage you to do it. I'm sorry to say you will probably have a penalty. That is not my personal preference, but that is reality and is why I encourage people to pay it on time. So I'm very pleased -- last night I got to speak at the heart of Portland opening reception, which was an amazing event with PPS students from

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all over the district, marching bands, choirs, visual artists, it was really a pleasure to be there and see our arts tax dollars at work. I'm very pleased to co-sponsor and support this resolution. It was our creative laureate, suba ganesan, who is founder of new expressive works art venue, which is a smallish arts venue facing challenges around permitting and obviously the current structure didn't align with the reality of how these performing arts venues function. It posed a programming challenge as well as created a financial burden for small and medium size performing arts venues. As we heard the resolution has been created working closely with the fire bureau and bureau of development services so while we are able to be better responsive to the needs of our arts venues, artists and performers we also know there's been no compromise on life and safety issues. This resolution is a simple but meaningful change and it aligns with our 2017 plan for preserving and expanding affordable art space. So thanks again go out to tracy schreiber and jamie dunphy from commissioner Fish's office as well as nate takara, the city's fire marshal and terry whitehill from bds. Thanks to suba Ganesan and pollyanne birge, who is my arts and culture policy director for collaborating with commissioner Fish's office on this effort. Aye.

Wheeler: Well, shout out to commissioner Fish and commissioner Eudaly for shepherding this issue. I think we all agree we need art space and we need it to be affordable in order for the city of Portland to continue to be the thriving community that it is. I'm very happy to support this and have bds's, the bureau of development services' engagement in this. This aligns I think perfectly with our desire and our efforts to streamline our permitting process and encourage problem solving to ensure that we have both housing and places of employment. I think we all agree that this has to include our vibrant art spaces. I would argue that this is a common sense approach. I'm really pleased that the council represented here today works collaboratively on these issues. This is a great piece of legislation. I'm happy to support it. I vote Aye. The resolution is adopted. Thank you, everyone. Next item is 337.

Item 337

Wheeler: It's wednesday. It would not be a wednesday without larry pelatt. Here he is.

Fish: Mayor, I have some opening remarks.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: First some context. This past saturday Portland parks and rec cut the ribbon on the new children's playground in the north park blocks. I encourage my colleagues to go take a look at what a state-of-the-art refurbished children's playground looks like. It would not have been possible without the passage of the Portland parks bond and so we had a chance to not only thank voters but also commissioner Fritz for shepherding that bond forward. Director long and I were there, and our friends from PLACE, who actually did much of the design work, were there to take a bow. Most important, there were a lot of kids who were discovering this new playground and it was really terrific. Today's procurement report is for a construction project -- contract rather for the glen haven park in east Portland. This contract was bid through the city's prime contractor development program. The program creates contracting opportunities for state certified disadvantaged minority women and emerging small businesses within the city of Portland. As I mentioned earlier we were able to make these improvements thanks to funding from the parks replacement bond coupled with systems development charges. Today we'll have a brief presentation from larry pelatt, procurement services manager, and we're joined by robin Laughlin, parks bond manager and capital project manager gary datka. Welcome. Thank you all for being here.

Larry Pelatt, Procurement Services: Good morning. Thank you, commissioner Fish. Mayor. Commissioner hardesty. I am larry pelatt, procurement services and it does seem that i'm here pretty much every wednesday. You have before you the procurement report recommending a contract award to faison construction for the glen haven park area play

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improvements for \$1,179,000. Faison construction is a dbe, or disadvantaged business enterprise, as well as an mbe, minority owned business enterprise. Faison itself performing \$579,435 or 49.15% of the work. Faison is subcontracting \$145,229 or about 13% of the work to other state certified cobid firms. A portion as follows: \$85,901 to an esb or emerging small business, gr market construction, whose ownership is actually reported in the cobid site as caucasian female performing playground equipment and play service installation and \$59,328 to miller factors, a wbe or women owned business enterprise whose ownership is also reported as Caucasian female, performing irrigation, landscape planning, erosion control. There's a combined level of state cobid certified firm participation for this project of 61.46%. The engineer's estimate on the project was \$1 million. The bureau's confidence level was moderate. The project was advertised on our electronic procurement system, bids were opened january 17th, four were received, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is faison construction at \$1,179,000, which is unfortunately \$179,000 or 17.9% over the engineer's estimate. Portland bureau of parks and recreation along with procurement services had identified as aspirational goal as we do through our standard subcontractor equity program of cobid certified firms at 20%. Unfortunately it's not met but the participation of the project is still excellent. Faison construction is located in Portland, Oregon. They are a state of Oregon certified disadvantaged as well as minority owned business enterprise. They do have a current city of Portland business tax registration account and they are in full compliance with the city's contracting requirements. If council has any questions about the solicitation I can certainly answer those or Portland parks two finest people are here for a presentation.

Fish: Robin, I just had a quick question. Was Faison also the company that did the north blocks project?

Robin Laughlin, Park Bonds Program: Yes.

Fish: So they've actually, now develop a capacity to handle a lot of our work, right. That's happened over the last few years, but now they are a prime contractor rather than getting work as a sub and they're actually doing some of our best work.

Laughlin: They are indeed.

Fish: Terrific.

Wheeler: Any further questions. If not, I'll entertain a motion.

Hardesty: So moved.

Fish: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion from commissioner Hardesty and second from commissioner Fish.

Moore-Love: Is there a presentation?

Wheeler: Oh, I'm sorry, was there more? I apologize.

Laughlin: There's more.

Gary Datka, Park Bonds Program: Would you like to see it?

Wheeler: There is. Okay. We'll suspend the vote. [laughter] I apologize for that. Sorry.

Laughlin: It's okay. Again, my name is robin laughlin, I'm the bond program manager for Portland park and with me is Gary datka our project manager for this project. As you mentioned faison construction is our successful bidder for this project and we do look forward to working with them again soon on this project. The glenhaven project is a part of the 2014 parks replacement bond and it was generously passed by voters who approved the \$68 million to make improvements just like this all across our city. This project falls within the theme of playgrounds within the parks bond program needs and in addition to the \$1.45 million from the bond project will be receiving funding from our system development charges in the amount of \$250,000.

Datka: Mayor wheeler, commissioners, thank you for having me today. My name is gary datka, I'm a capital project manager with Portland parks and rec. Glenhaven park located

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in northeast Portland at the major intersection of northeast siskiyou and northeast 82nd avenue, is a community park in the roseway neighborhood and is adjacent to the Portland public schools madison high school campus and roseway heights middle school. This map shows the park location just west of i-205 and south of sandy boulevard. The park serves two census tracts split by 82nd avenue within its half mile radius or 15-minute walk boundary. It's a diverse community with combined census data indicating residents in all nonwhite racial and ethnic identity groups reporting above the city mean. With the most notable for asian and pacific islander groups, which is almost twice the city's average and a majority are these identifying as vietnamese. Acquired by Portland parks and rec in 1948 glenhaven park is a very active 15.5 acre park featuring sports fields, court sports, skate park, rest rooms, paved paths and a decommissioned concrete wading pool. The rest rooms and play area receive heavy daily use. The playground is near northeast 79th and northeast siskiyou on the north side of the park. The red box shown here is the project boundary and will make improvements to a little more than an acre of park. The new playground and picnic spaces will provide much needed improvements for this park. Currently the existing playground suffers from several non-accessible and disjointed play components spaced too far apart for kids to make a play circuit and for supervision. The existing post and platform play structure and wood fiber safety surfacing installed as part of Portland park and recreations gobi bond in the mid-1990s has served its useful life and now has many ada deficiencies and maintenance concerns. The park's swings were removed as part of the lead paint removal program in the summer of 2017 and have been a big missing link for this play area. The playground also has a decommissioned wading pool that will be removed as part of this project. Through a community focus group meeting and two public open houses, Portland parks and rec included public involvement with students and neighbors in order to understand their perspective regarding the current use of the park, what's missing from the playground and what activities neighborhood children want most in play. Connected with neighbors about the positive aspects of making improvements to the park and solicit feedback and gain support for design of the play area, like components in other community assets. The second open house was held during the southeast asian cultural and heritage new year's festival at glenhaven park with overwhelming support and interest from the broader community. At all of our meetings Portland parks and rec provided translation services in chinese and vietnamese, reaching out to a community often felt left out of projects planning. With community input and support Portland parks and recreation developed a design that will construct key park improvements focusing on play features and play opportunities for all users such as slides, climbers, swings, balance equipment and spinning elements. Durable accessible rubber safety surface that provide access to all play equipment, picnic tables and other accessible seating and gathering spaces, other amenities such as new accessible drinking fountain, trash receptacles and much needed bike racks. Ada accessibility improvements at the two park entries from northeast siskiyou and interior pathways around the play area into the restroom will be improved upon. Continued development of Portland's urban tree canopy with new deciduous and evergreen trees and lastly a creative art installation through the regional arts and culture council. We're here to ask council to accept the low bid from Faison construction for glenhaven park play improvements project for \$1,179,000 with the acceptance of this bid by council, we will proceed with construction of the project set to begin early this summer. We have an anticipated completion date by the end of this year, 2019. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

Wheeler: So we have a motion and second. Any further questions based on the presentation?

Fish: Excellent power point.

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Wheeler: It's cemented. My position which i'm going to hold a secret until I cast my vote. Please call the roll.

Fish: Thank you for an excellent presentation. Aye.

Hardesty: Aye.

Wheeler: This looks great. I think it will be very well received by the community. Thanks for your excellent work. I vote Aye. Resolution is adopted. Next item, 338, please.

Item 338

Wheeler: Colleagues, through this interfund loan the city will assist the Portland clean energy community benefits fund and begin operations as soon as possible by utilizing internal resources of the city's, the interim funding source, the program implementation will be completed more cost effectively by avoiding any external transaction costs. This legislation will ultimately help the clean energy fund program quickly deliver a robust, transparent and community centered design and development process. Welcome. Thank you for explaining it to us.

Brigid O'Callaghan, Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services: Thank you. Good morning, mayor. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yep.

O'Callaghan: Good morning, Mayor, and commissioners my name for the record is brigid o'callahan, and I am the city's treasurer. Also joining me today is matt gierach. Matt is the city's debt manager and will be available to answer questions related to any debt questions that you may have. I'm here to present an ordinance that would provide temporary funding to the clean energy community benefits fund. I know that you're all familiar with the fund. But for the record those in november of 2016 voters in Portland approved a ballot measure 26201 -- i'm sorry. 2018. Thank you. Ballot measure 26201, the Portland clean energy community benefits initiative. The measure imposes a 1% surcharge on retail sales within Portland of certain large retailers. The revenue generated by the surcharge will be used to fund clean energy projects and job training through the Portland clean energy community benefits fund which was established by the city council in february of 2019. Initial tax receipts related to the 1% large retailer surcharge will be collected by the city's revenue division and distributed to the clean energy fund in may of 2020. Rather than waiting until may of 2020 to begin the clean energy funds operations, this legislation's interfund loan will allow the city of Portland to accelerate staffing and program implementation into the current fiscal year 2018-2019. The interfund loan will be made from the bureau of planning and sustainability solid waste fund to the Portland clean energy community benefits fund in an amount not to exceed \$2.6 million. The interfund loan will accrue interest at the city's investment fund earnings rate payable to bps solid waste at the maturity which is expected to be june 30, 2020.

Fish: What is that rate?

O'Callaghan: The rate presently is 2.31%. That's going to be a floating rate depending upon the investment balances.

Fish: Thank you.

O'Callaghan: And the total interest is estimated to be approximately \$150,000 for that period of time. The clean energy fund will provide community benefits through grants to nonprofit organizations that will carry out clean energy projects and clean energy job training with a focus on benefiting historically disadvantaged and disproportionately climate impacted groups including low income communities and communities of color. Thank you. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you so much for that presentation. Thank you, mayor. My question has to do with the \$2.6 million. I know that we're hiring three staff and those will be staff that are specifically focused on putting the infrastructure in place, engaging the community and

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I forget what the third one was, probably evaluation and auditing of the processes that are put in place. Are there other positions that we anticipate hired with this loan?

O'Callaghan: I would defer to michele crim who was managing the project. Michele was not able to join us today. She's from the bureau of planning and sustainability. Michele has shared with me that they are expecting to hire four positions with these funds.

Hardesty: Which one did I miss?

O'Callaghan: It was the project manager, so someone to manage the project, and outreach capacity building, which you mentioned. Community oversight committee getting the committee together, then communications and evaluation of the program.

Hardesty: Excellent. Thank you. And so it's staffing, of the infrastructure improvement is there anything else that the \$2.6 million will be spent on that we should know about?

O'Callaghan: There's a more detailed budget that we can certainly provide to you. I believe michele crim distributed to the commissioners' offices late last week. But it's generally just the planning, development, you know, getting the infrastructure prepared for the program to be operational.

Hardesty: Thank you. And no, I did not get a detailed budget which I need and would like to have. Thank you.

O'Callaghan: We'll certainly get that to you. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Any further questions? Karla, public testimony on this item?

Moore-Love: Yes, we have two people signed up. Maggie and jim whittenburg.

Wheeler: Very good. Come on up. Two minutes each. Name for the record, please. Why don't you start, maggie.

Maggie: Okay. Well, i'm going to be honest. I was back there snacking and not listening very hard. So i'm just going to say that was a good presentation. She did a great job.

Wheeler: Thank you. Jim, welcome.

Jim Whittenburg: This I hope will be my final appearance here. I've got reservations for missoula, montana, next week. I've got to hear the train. I don't plan to be back in Portland. It's my brother's [inaudible] a professor and vice president at the university of montana. So i'm going with him. It's good to see you, joanne and nick again and Ted. Now that the lobbyists have gone, and it's down to the nitty-gritty, I just have a couple of comments. One of my cards in the top of my thing is a guy named michael crebs. I thought he was a police officer too. I didn't realize he ran the bureau. I have been calling every month for about two years trying to get some traffic enforcement on mlk. I finally got hold of a woman there and she told me there were 12 officers down. No wonder they can't enforce traffic in this town. No wonder I have to be fearful every time I go across the road, for fear I will get run down in my walker. It's open season out there on people who are old and I just wanted to tell you I turned 80 years old last week in the hospital. I thought I was having my fifth heart attack and it was only gi acid reflux so. The last couple of things -- i'm sorry about my appearance. I have been sick a lot since january and I don't -- I have had a haircut every month on my thing here since january. And I haven't got to it yet. Just the last thing I want to say is i'm really concerned about drug abuse in this town. I see in the paper yesterday there were -- there's another thing by county by county researchers link opioid deaths to drug makers marketing. The last item on kafoury's state of the county, very last item was dentists being regulated by the county. I still think that doctors should be on that list too. Washington state has it. California has it but we haven't yet.

Wheeler: Thanks, jim. Appreciate it. Thanks for coming in.

Maggie: Can I just say that right around here, those construction guys using the big white trucks, they're not signaling, they're going around really, really fast --

Whittenburg: It's true.

Maggie: And I can understand why you can have a heart attack.

Wheeler: Thank you. And happy birthday, jim.

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Whittenburg: Okay, thank you so much. See you in another life. Bye-bye.

Wheeler: Very good. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Next, 339, please.

Item 339

Wheeler: Colleagues, the housing bureau has heard from community partners that there's a need to increase down payment assistance for low income buyers. The current Portland housing bureau down payment assistance funded with tax increment financing requires a minimum of 20% of the award to be used for home improvements post purchase. Reducing the minimum 20% requirement to 10% will allow additional funds to go towards the down payment without increasing the amount of total subsidy awarded to the household. When program guidelines are changed they must be presented to the city council for approval.

Ira Bailey, Portland Housing Bureau: Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. The housing bureau is presenting this resolution --

Wheeler: Your name for the record, please.

Bailey: My name is ira bailey, I'm a housing program coordinator with the Portland housing bureau. Working on these guidelines and working with the homeownership community homeownership partners we have heard that there is a need, especially in the interstate corridor urban renewal area to increase down payment assistance, and with the partners, or some of our partners starting to initiate new construction, there is not necessarily as much need to have 20% of the assistance go to home improvement such as new appliances or new paint. However, because of the increasing prices there is a need for increased down payment assistance either to make the home buyers more competitive in a cash-buying market or to allow a larger down payment to make the principal first mortgage more affordable. So the way that we found that we could do this is by decreasing the 20% minimum to 10% allowing anywhere from 8,000 to \$10,000 more in down payment assistance but not necessarily increasing the amount of total subsidy any one household could receive. Again, I would like to clarify that that is a minimum. If there are households that need to use more, then that 10% can be increased but it does result in a smaller down payment assistance.

Wheeler: Very good. Any questions? Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you very much. I'm just curious. Is this homeownership opportunity for people of a certain income?

Bailey: It is. So this requirement that or total, all of our programs have an income or most programs have an income requirement of about max 100% mfi or below. The way the tax increment financing dollars work is that the household's income max is 80% unless they are purchasing a three-bedroom then it go up to 100% for the household.

Hardesty: So that's \$72,500, about, median family income in the Portland metro area. So this will increase the opportunity for down payment to almost \$100,000?

Bailey: Correct. Currently in the interstate corridor our total subsidy for a household is \$100,000 so the down payment would increase from about \$77 or \$80,000 to \$90,000. In the lents urban renewal area that subsidy for down payment is currently \$61,000. That would increase to about \$69,000.

Hardesty: My last question, has to do with do we anticipate that we're actually going to be able to house more people in homeownership opportunities because of this change?

Bailey: Yes. I can say that with certainty. We are -- that is our hope, that is our intention. We understand the challenge that has happened with home prices increasing faster than incomes, so we're hoping that this will allow for that.

Hardesty: And have we, I told an untruth. I guess I do have one more question. Are we -- what have we learned about what low income people need to be ready for homeownership that making this change will assist us in actually implementing?

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Bailey: One of the challenges that we have learned is really kind of a market challenge over all. Down payment is the biggest obstacle for people to purchase a home. Low income families specifically are challenged with not just trying to save even though there are down payment savings programs such as an individual development account, but they are competing with increased rents as well. This would allow them more cash to potentially go in sooner. It would allow them the freedom to pay off more debt, reducing their debt to income ratios, which could allow them a larger mortgage. Or just the ability to save. They don't have to spend all of their cash if they have been able to save some.

Hardesty: Thank you so much. Appreciate it.

Bailey: You're welcome.

Wheeler: Thanks. Public testimony.

Moore-Love: One person. Maggie.

Wheeler: Maggie, two minutes. Name for the record again, please. Welcome.

Maggie: Okay, in Oregon it's legal to form a homeowners association among two unrelated people and they could split a house. You could do that with people that were employed. You could do that with disabled people who are on ssi, ssdi, and social security. A three bedroom two and a half bath house if someone is paying \$1050, that would be \$350 a person per bedroom. Then if they are all going in on the utilities and the yard maintenance, say somebody comes by once a month and does the yard and washes the outside windows, they of course can do the inside themselves unless they hire someone to come in, but of course disability will also send people who are mobility impaired to do the cleaning and the -- you know, to help them with home care if they are disabled. I just want to say that there's a resource and an opportunity there that perhaps is not being utilized that could be utilized to help low income people get out of shelters, and homeless people get out of shelters. Okay.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. This is a resolution. Any further questions?

Hardesty: I'll motion.

Fish: No, it's a resolution

Wheeler: It's a resolution. We'll just call the roll.

Fish: Aye. **Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The resolution is adopted. Thank you for your presentation. Two second readings then, colleagues, I have to go. I'll turn this over to commissioner eudaly to preside after these. Item 340, a second reading.

Item 340

Wheeler: Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Fish: Aye. **Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Item 342, also a second reading.

Item 342

Wheeler: Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Fish: Aye. **Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. I won't be here to vote --

Fish: Mayor --

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: On the next item, I had an amendment to slap an emergency clause on it because there's some emergency.

Wheeler: Why don't we go ahead and read it please.

Fish: If you leave i'll lose the chance to do that.

Wheeler: I won't allow that to happen. Please read the ordinance. **Item 341.** They are in weird order today.

Fish: The last item.

Moore-Love: The last item. We just did 341.

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Eudaly: 342.

Wheeler: Mine shows, so the order that was weird under the bureau of environmental services it went 340 and then it went 342, and now it goes back to 341. So the one we're actually reading on the agenda is labeled as 341. Declare tenants in common real property.

Moore-Love: That's the one you want. That is the correct number is 342.

Wheeler: Oh, okay so that's the --

Moore-Love: The numbering was wrong on some of the agendas. Sorry about that.

Wheeler: That's why we have the clerk.

Item 342

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: In 2009, mayor, prosper Portland and Portland parks and recreation purchased about four acres in the gateway district to be used for a park and a mixed use development and plan to divide the property at a later date. The property has been jointly owned but now parties would like to exchange their respective interests so prosper Portland will solely own the property to be developed and parks will solely own the park gateway discovery park. Here for a very brief presentation is Zalane Nunn Petersen and then I have an amendment to slap an emergency clause.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish, could I ask for consideration. I absolutely have to go. Could you put the amendment out first?

Fish: If we adopt the emergency clause, can we adopt the underlying ordinance with three votes?

Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney: No. You need four to vote on the emergency ordinance.

Hardesty: I think that we all know enough about this issue. If we --

Fish: There's been briefings on this issue, mayor, if we --

Wheeler: I strongly support it. I don't want to be rude and truncate your presentation.

Hardesty: And so I move --

Fish: So let's just see if there's any testimony?

Hardesty: I will move the amendment.

Fish: Second.

Hardesty: So there's an amendment that has been moved and seconded.

Wheeler: We have to hear the amendment.

Fish: The amendment is the council declares an emergency exists because prosper Portland needs to proceed with their mixed use and affordable housing project therefore this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after date of passage.

Wheeler: We have a motion and second. Call the roll.

Fish: Aye. **Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is on the table. To the main motion.

Fish: Any public testimony, Karla?

Moore-Love: Maggie had signed up.

Fish: She's not here.

Wheeler: [inaudible] Got any further discussion? Please call the roll on the main motion as amended.

Fish: I know Zalane had a terrific presentation [laughter] and she was so good in terms of making sure each council office had what they needed to be able to make this judgment. So I appreciate your good work. Pleased to vote Aye.

Zalane Nunn Petersen, Property/Contracts/Acquisition: Thank you.

Hardesty: I just want to put on the record that I live in gateway and I also serve on the board of human solutions, so just for the effort of public transparency, I vote Aye.

Eudaly: Aye.

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Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you and I'll let commissioner eudaly preside over what I believe is the last item.

Eudaly: Okay.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Eudaly: Can I get the bottom part of the gavel?

Wheeler: Oh yeah.

Eudaly: So I don't have to hit the –

Hardesty: While we're doing the movement, if I can ask legal counsel, is it okay for people to talk when there's only two of us here? I have had to leave and found out that everything stopped.

Rees: When there is not a quorum present, it isn't a city council meeting anymore, so we have had occasion where people have talked, but it isn't part of the record, it is not part of the --

Hardesty: So if I could ask the presiding -- the president, if we could have a two-minute break?

Eudaly: Sure.

Hardesty: Thank you.

At 12:31 p.m., council recessed.

At 12:33 p.m., council reconvened.

Item 343

Eudaly: Yes, we're back. Please read the next item. Thank you. Colleagues, I'm pleased to introduce the first annual report from the advisory bodies program in the office of community and civic life. The work to bring the city's money advisory bodies into compliance with state law and to begin institutionalizing best practices has been a collaborative endeavor across bureaus and council offices, so thank you for your contributions, and I want to thank everyone else who has helped us get to today's presentation, which, I understand, we are going to keep to 15 minutes or less in light of the late hour.

Ashley Tjaden, Office of Community and Civic Life: Yes, thank you.

Eudaly: And with that I'll turn it over to Ashley Tjaden from the office of community and civic life, Tony Garcia DeChamps, city attorney's office, Monique Harrison from the bureau of human resources, and Danielle Brooks, office of equity and human rights. Welcome.

Tjaden: Thank you for the introduction. We had a fantastic 45-minute scheduled presentation. We're cutting it down significantly. If you'd like to hear my full 13-minute speech, [laughter] it is fabulous, but I'm going to pick a few bullet points. So I'm pleased to present our first annual report. Advisory bodies provide guidance on a wide array of city functions, emergency response, utilities, availability of safe, affordable housing, just to name a few. Volunteers have a special role within city government. On advisory bodies they engage on a dedicated level and they advise on our services. Staff support them unpacking complex documents to gain an insider's understanding of city operations. Before council created this resolution, boards were fragmented. As fragmented as this speech is about to be. Volunteer experiences were different in every bureau, there were no standard trainings, and our advisers were unaware of responsibilities they were signing up for. The city needed a citywide program to take on management. Not all communities are applying for our advisory bodies. For both community and staff, we heard the need for more people from underrepresented groups and greater distribution of age. The new standard application opens eligibility to those who live, work, play, worship, or do business in the city of Portland. This is now more inclusive to community members who have been priced out of their homes, but commute to Portland every week to worship, or whose

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children three times a week participate in our community centers or afterschool programs. We encourage, but do not require, groups list fewer qualities for membership. Studies show that historically marginalized groups, and especially women, are less likely to apply if they don't meet all the listed attributes. We work with staff liaisons to update advisory bodies' old language that may unintentionally exclude our communities. Examples of this are when a code requires an advisory body member live in the city of Portland or require an address, which could bar our community members experiencing periods of houselessness, or those who want to participate in the planning of a community project, but were not sure their address or personal information on public record due to fear of anti-immigration sentiments. Quick snapshot of what we've done. We have conducted five mandatory open houses, five mandatory deep dive trainings, and we advertise those trainings through bureau of human resources [inaudible], and I continue to track down as many advisory bodies as I find out about. We've done hundreds of hours, with over 17 bureaus and offices, and we've brought this council edict to life through something fantastic. Let's reflect for a moment. Before this program, what did it take to apply to an advisory body? A person would need to know that a recruitment is happening. That person would need to know where to apply. Let's assume they had all the organizational knowledge to know that specific program or website for further information, even if this model resident was the savviest of applicants, if they wanted to apply to more than one advisory body, they would have to use a completely different application from group to group. What did this lead to, what do these assumptions lead us to? An applicant that either knew a member of the advisory body already, or had industry knowledge to know what the committee was doing. Our reach is already mounting. Since april of 2018, more than 20,000 potential advisory body members visited civic life's recruitment website. Since december of 2018, advisory body program staff has processed 20 advisory body recruitments and more than 400 applications. At peak periods, we hosted nine active recruitments simultaneously. This year has been focused on getting a framework for program operation in place, and we're very excited for data to be coming in so we can find trends and identify areas of opportunity. There's a short list of opportunities in the report that deserve their own focus and evaluation. I'm now going to turn it over to our bureau partners, who have so graciously come to speak with me today. Tony garcia dechamps will speak to you about the legal aspects. Monique harrison will speak about our partnership with bureau of human resources, and danielle brooks will speak about demographics portion.

Hardesty: Let me say I really, really, really want to have your full participation. I bet it was pretty fabulous, indeed. Thank you.

Tjaden: Thank you.

Tony Garcia Dechamps: So I'll get started. My name again is tony garcia dechamps, and i'm with the office of the city attorney. I'm just going to talk about three things that I want to highlight for you. One is that my office put out a public officials training. That's a training that talked about public meetings, public records, and ethics. This is a uniform training that we now have on video that we can reach out and send to all 100-plus boards, so that we have consistency within the boards. I also want to specifically thank Rebecca esau, alex cousins, lisa chin, and stephanie yao long. They were four individuals who helped the city attorney's office put this together, because they had a communications department and a lot more equipment than my office has, so if you look at the video, you'll see that there are multiple angles, that there's captions, and we're working on getting it translated into spanish, and it's a pretty high-quality product. Next I want to just preview two items for you that i'm going to be working on with civic life. One is the template document that we have, and those are the template bylaws that we use, and sometimes boards need a change to one of the provisions in there, and sometimes we have boards that are in existence

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because of city code, and because of that, they may not have adopted the new bylaws template, and I just point that out, because people can sometimes become confused when there's not consistency between boards and the rules that they are operating by. I'll be working with ashley to identify how bureaus can change this at the bureau level and approve modifications to the template that was brought before you back in November 2017, and the last item I want to talk about is our classification system and just preview for you that our type 1, type 2, and type 3 model that we've previously put forward isn't a great way of categorizing it, now that we've learned more about what the boards do, and we'll look at revamping that and bring in other proposals as to how to organize and track these committees for you. And i'll turn it over to monique.

Monique Harrison, Bureau of Human Resources: Thank you. My name is monique harrison, I'm workforce recruitment and training supervisor at the bureau of human resources. First of all, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be here today. I'm sitting in for my boss, ashlie grundy, who has had an awesome opportunity to present at a nationwide conference this week. So a recent opportunity for collaboration came up when the team from the office of civic life identified a need to provide a consistent and equitable volunteer-focused training experience that included a variety of options to match varying learning styles and schedules of our volunteers. One of the required trainings critical to aligning volunteers' expectations and creating a respectful work environment is our workforce harassment, discrimination, and retaliation prevention training. This is our HR administrative rule 2.02. One convenient option for volunteers is a facilitator led training that's offered both in the morning and in the afternoon, and on both on the east and the west sides of the river. This option is ideal, as it provides the opportunity for engagement amongst the volunteers, group discussions, and q&a. Another available option is our recently developed hr 2.02 e-learning for all citywide volunteers who are either unable to attend a facilitator led session, or who would just like to do the training in the convenience of their home environment. Judy baker johnson, one of our talented members of our training team did some outstanding work creating this refreshed version, and we're very proud of it. To bridge the gap and ensure volunteers are aware of the expectations prior to attending the training, a two-page overview of the rule is also provided. So with that, i'd like to introduce danielle.

Danielle Brooks, Office of Equity and Human Rights: Good afternoon, commissioners. Thank you for your time today. I'm danielle brooks, I'm the city's civil rights title six [inaudible] manager with the office of equity and human rights. I appreciate the invitation and opportunity to provide an update on the collaborative work that's been done to enhance the standardized demographic data collected for advisory boards and commissions. We're really fortunate that given our work we get to collaborate and partner with the office of community and civic life quite a bit, and I think the work around demographics is an example of institutional efficiencies and mutual benefit of sustained cross-bureau collaboration. Staff at the office of community and civil life or where the oehr was working on developing robust standards for demographic data collection for race and ethnicity, language, disability and tribal affiliation. Rather than reinventing the wheel or having to make significant changes later, civic life worked with us to integrate that early and helps facility the process for standardization of data across the city. We know that collecting disaggregated data helps us identify disparities, measures performance and progress, and develop targeted strategies to course correct and hold ourselves accountable to equity work. It's also significant in title vi, demonstrating title vi compliance activity. This information is often requested from external compliance reviews by our federal partners, so it's a key piece of information, and the more robust data, the better information we get and the more compliant we are. The work around the demographic data was twofold, both identifying the needed demographics and appropriately crafting the

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standards, as well as doing the back-end process of developing methodology for collections, security, privacy, and reporting efforts. We need robust information, but have to balance, because we're dealing with sensitive, confidential data of small identifiable populations, so there was some balance to that. The most important takeaway is that these standards are based on best practice, community research, and advocacy, and existing legislation or other jurisdictional standards both nationally and locally. This applies both to the categories that affect the Office of Equity and Human Rights project, as well as the other demographic categories included. In particular, I'd like to specifically call out the gender identity and sexual orientation language, came from our Multnomah county partners. That language has already been established through a robust community engagement process and research into best practices. Scotty Scott, in particular, as well as some internal partners that the city helped craft and identify the best language for that. With regards to the race, ethnicity, language, disability and tribal affiliation data, there will be more to come on that. We're hoping to bring something before you around spring for review or excuse me, late summer for review, but I did want to particularly call out that this data is much more robust and enhanced than what we've seen in the past. Particularly, again, in the race and ethnicity section, we are combining race and ethnicity, adding in middle eastern and north African categories, separating Asian and Pacific Islander and Native Hawaiian, and allowing for multiple selection for multi-racial identities. Language allows us to really drive language access strategies and better prepare, and disability data in particular has been historically really limited, so we really wanted to make sure that the data that we're asking for reflects both identity, as well as needs and diversity within that community. Tribal affiliation, I really would like to call out the work of Laura John in the office of government relations, because she really helped identify both the need for this data and helped craft the language. So I think that, again, we'll have more to come, but this is a really good step in institutionalizing standardizing this data, which will really help our equity efforts overall.

Eudaly: Thank you. Colleagues, any questions for the panel?

Fish: I have one question. The report notes an inconsistency between the resolution and some city code. Is it your intention at some point to come forward with proposed changes to city code so that our resolution and the expectations that the council has set forth is consistently embedded in city code?

Tjaden: It came forward in resolution, yes. We want to spend a little more time doing a deeper evaluation of how we can roll out consistency between what's already written and what this was brought forward in.

Fish: Good. Okay, well, we welcome that, and -- Sir?

Garcia Dechamps: If I can just chime in here, commissioner Fish, is sometimes that's because some of our boards might be impacted by state laws and state rules, and so we can't just simply adopt new code that would conflict with the state codes, and so that's why, I believe, this was adopted as a resolution previously.

Fish: Okay, but in terms of any future changes in our code, you would be the body that would be making recommendations and coming to us? I'm thinking that, you know, we did a political consultant ordinance a while ago, and I'm going to be bringing forth some changes, because we've now learned from experience what things are working, what aren't. Is that -- is that part of your task to bring updates to the code, if necessary?

Tjaden: We'd love the opportunity to bring something forward to council.

Fish: Okay, thank you.

Eudaly: Thank you for the presentation, and you can take your seats. Now I'm going to invite Tim Crail, commissioner Fritz's chief of staff. Commissioner Fritz couldn't be here today, and she had a statement she wanted read into the record. And he's here to read it.

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Tim Crail, Office of Commissioner Fritz: Good afternoon. This is a statement from commissioner Fritz that she would be presenting if she was here, but she is out of state representing council at the government alliance on race and equity conference in new mexico. She writes, "I appreciate my comments being read into the record in my absence. Much good work has been done, and I especially join the authors in recognizing the significant contributions of Judy Prosper, former city civil rights attorney. The report calls for more standardization of processes and for advisory body staff and civic life to have greater oversight authority. It suggests creating a process for advisory body creation and mandating a standard process and timeline and for compliance. I disagree with this recommendation. My staff and I were deeply involved with developing the standardized application form. I take ownership of the fact that it is not working out the way we all hoped. Based on the experience of creating the open and accountable elections commission and recruiting for the Portland utility board, I believe the standardized form can be a barrier to providing opportunities for a broader range of Portlanders to serve on city advisory bodies. The standard application form's questions result in wildly different information being submitted by applicants for the open and accountable elections commission, as the questions were difficult to connect with the purpose of the commission. The questions did not elicit the information needed to make the decisions, and because the responses were so different, it was difficult to compare skill sets between applicants and to assemble a broad range of experience. City staff had to expend considerable time and effort finding out more about every applicant in order to seat a commission with the desired range of interests, lived experience, and demographics. Similarly, for the Portland utility board, the council's goal is a board that reflects a broad range of interest. The open seats should be filled by people whose experience complements ongoing board members, rather than duplicating perspectives already represented. The standard form does not contain the questions needed to find out which applications will fill the needs in a specific recruitment. I believe more flexibility, rather than more standardization, is needed to allow questions that match the purpose and subject matter of the advisory body. Based on my experiences since resolution 37328 was passed, it seems to me almost every recruitment will need an additional supplemental application form with questions tailored to the subject matter of the board or commission and its specific needs when openings arise. This was specifically discussed when setting up the standardized form. Attempting to standardize the supplemental questions and/or the process seems unlikely to provide decision makers with information needed to fill vacancies. It will not be possible or desirable to standardize supplemental application forms. I also don't support a standard process for advisory board creation. Each situation is different. The rapid process for setting up the open and accountable elections commission is very different from the lengthy one we are engaged in to set a new course for the commission on disability. Let's agree on principles and values and require that all processes honor them, rather than attempting to set up another prescriptive standardized process that may or may not serve all needs of all Portlanders. Thanks."

Eudaly: So, colleagues, if you have questions as a result of the --

Fish: I'll have a comment.

Eudaly: Of the statement just read.

Fish: I have a comment.

Eudaly: Okay, I do have staff that can speak to it. Okay, I'll just, I do want to clarify one item, which I just want to make sure there's not confusion about. We are not seeking to standardize supplemental questions. We're seeking to standardize the process in which council office of civic life and CAO find out about a newly created or changes made to an existing advisory bodies and the standard process would be used to make sure all parties who would have an interest would be aware.

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Fish: I move the report.

Hardesty: I second.

Eudaly: Great. Karla, please call the roll.

Fish: Well, thank you for an excellent, if abbreviated presentation, and we do have your report, and I am, as someone who is deeply committed to reforming the way we do boards and commissions, i'm very heartened by the data in the it report about the amount of outreach you've done, the amount of training, the materials you've provided and the like. There was a time in the not too distant future where we had, literally, over 100 boards and commissions, where if we had sat down with that body and said what rules apply to you, are you or are you not a public official, do public records laws apply, are you maintaining records? The answer that we would have gotten back is, "I don't know because no one actually explained that to me". The goal here was to make sure that people that we recruit for important positions, where they advise the city and provide other services, understand at the outset what they are getting into and what the ground rules are. Now, I don't want to wade too deeply into the standardized application debate, but I will say, it's been my view that our primary concern was setting the floor, not the ceiling. And I have no problem tailoring any application to make it more effective for the particular recruitment, but, frankly, colleagues, it wasn't that long ago where we didn't even have a floor, and we didn't even have sort of basic standardized information. So we cannot retreat from this work, because the people that are counting on us the most are the folks that we're asking to volunteer their time and provide service, and we have had a bad habit of putting people in harm's way without explaining to them really what their role was and what the law was and other things. We're making great progress. I appreciate this report. You'll have my full support going forward, and i'm pleased to accept the report. Aye.

Hardesty: Thank you. When I used to be on that side of this table, I continue to be frustrated, because we had many boards and commissions where we put the same old person over and over and over again, because, apparently, they only know one african-american or one latino person, and that's the one they use nonstop. I also am very aware that we have some boards and commissions that were put up not really to engage the public, but really put up as a barrier to real public participation. I'm -- I hope that as you're doing your work, there is an opportunity for us to really evaluate the necessity of many of the boards and commissions that currently exist. I mean, I can think of about three or four of them that are associated with the police bureau that were always handpicked by the police chief, and they still exist today, and they don't report to anybody. We have a big problem with how we engage people. I hope you're also looking at how we remove barriers for regular people to be able to fully participate, and that means providing transportation and food and childcare and all the other barriers that community members face when we ask them to volunteer tens of hours a month to do the city's business. We have been -- we have failed woefully in actually supporting our volunteers in a way that actually respects their expertise, and I hope that -- I don't want to put more work on you, and I appreciate that we're at the beginning of a process, but I just want to be very clear for me, my value is that when we ask people to volunteer, that we actually remove barriers to allow them to be able to do that. And so I vote Aye, and I look forward to the next step. Thank you.

Eudaly: Well, thank you, commissioner hardesty and commissioner Fritz. I certainly agree with all of your comments. As someone who was often called on as a stakeholder in the disability community, that word really came to be a dirty word for me. To me it meant we're going to have the appearance of doing our due diligence and outreach and engagement, and then we're either going to ignore or so skew your input that the results will not be anything like you were hoping for. So I want to assure you that I share those concerns and priorities. I'm going to keep -- i'm going to cut my remarks way down now. We are so lucky to have so many engaged and dedicated Portland residents, who are willing to volunteer

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their time and work in partnership with the city to improve our community, and it is our responsibility to ensure that there is equal access to those bodies for everyone, that there are clear rules and instructions for participation, that the -- that the groups are representative of our actual community, and that they allow Portlanders to work productively with each other and with their government. Civic life spent the first year creating an inventory of advisory bodies and providing the trainings and resources to bring them into compliance with state law. This was no simple matter, and the next step will be equally important and will require input from my colleagues, which I absolutely welcome. Council will need to articulate a shared vision about the role of advisory bodies in the city. If we agree, well, i'm going to skip that part. This is a conversation for us to continue beyond today's presentation. Hopefully, we will come to an agreement. I'm very encouraged by the improvements we've seen so far. I want to give special thanks to commissioner Fish and commissioner Fritz, the city attorney's office, human resources, and oehr. Finally, special thanks to my team at civic life for their wonderful work. Thank you, Ashley tjaden, michelle rodriguez, georgia west, director rhee, and i'm sorry if I failed to thank anyone else by name, but I vote Aye. The item is passed, and we are adjourned.

At 1:00 p.m., Council recessed.

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Wheeler: Good afternoon. Karla, could you please call the roll. [roll call taken]

Wheeler: Now we will hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon.

Matt Farley, Senior Deputy City Attorney: Good afternoon. Welcome to the Portland city council. The city council represents all Portlanders and meets to do the city's business. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during city council meetings so everyone can feel welcome, comfortable, respected and safe. To participate in council meetings you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications. To briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. If it does not, you may be ruled out of order. When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you're representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When you have 30 seconds left, a yellow light goes on. When your time is done a red light goes on. If you're in the audience and would like to show your support for something that is said please feel free to do so with a thumbs up. If you want to express that you do not support something, please feel free to do a thumbs down. Please remain seated in council chambers unless entering or exiting. If you're filming the proceedings, please do not use bright lights or disrupt the meeting. Disruptive conduct such as shouting or interrupting testimony or Council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being ejected for the remainder of the meeting. After being ejected a person who fails to leave the meeting is subject to arrest for trespass. Thank you for helping your fellow Portlanders feel welcome, comfortable, respected and safe.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. It was read with feeling and aplomb. Thank you. Karla, could you read our one item for this afternoon, which is a proclamation.

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Wheeler: Colleagues, Portland like many other cities around the nation has a history of racial discrimination in housing. While some of these discriminatory practices have taken place in private transactions between individual landlords and renters others have had the support of government and public institutions in the form of FHA [Federal Housing Act] racial restrictions, redlining and racially restrictive covenants. During the first half of the 20th century as cities shifted increasingly towards more single-family housing, Portland made changes to the city code that rezoned many predominantly multifamily neighborhoods exclusively for single family housing. This rezoning that gave rise to Portland's iconic housing style was in fact an exclusionary policy that benefited single family homeowners who were almost exclusively white, at the expense of all other racial groups. Combined with the deliberate exclusion of African Americans in particular, the enduring legacy of that rezoning is racial and economic segregation that persists in our neighborhoods even to this day. And racial disparities across all measures of opportunity and well-being including but not limited to housing. While the Fair Housing Act established the responsibility of government to protect people from housing discrimination, simply

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responding to discrimination is not enough to overcome these real disparities. What these lessons from the past also teach us is that – is the fundamental roll, that we all play in reshaping our communities. The housing bureau works to further fair housing in our community through annual fair housing testing, legal services, renter protection policies and affirmative fair housing marketing. But barriers to housing in neighborhood choice include a broad spectrum of social attitudes and policies that are not limited to housing alone. These are barriers such as a lack of access to public transportation, a lack of access to living wage jobs or historic zoning that has caused lack of affordable housing choices. Other bureaus are now exploring their roles in addressing these issues as well. The bureau of development services, for example, is updating the city's landlord training to include new tenant protections and healthy housing. And the bureau of planning and sustainability has put racial equity at the forefront of housing planning efforts in the southwest corridor and zoning of multifamily housing throughout the city. And we can continue to do more to ensure that we are shaping inclusive, equitable communities all throughout Portland. I ask all bureaus to consider how their policies and practices may be contributing to the barriers of housing choice. With every decision we must ask ourselves and our staff, whose impacted? How are they impacted? How are the benefits getting distributed? How will we engage those who are impacted, and what are the steps that we are taking to mitigate those impacts today? What we can learn from the past is that even seemingly neutral policies and decisions can cause as much lasting damage as those intended to cause harm. If we don't actively approach our work with the intention to prevent an undue harm discrimination and injustice will persist. Discrimination in housing regardless of intent has no place in our city. And it begins with each of us. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my colleagues -- to offer opening statements as well.

Commissioner Eudaly?

Eudaly: Thank you, Mayor. Welcome, everyone. It's lovely to be here with you again today. It feels like we were just celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. I can't say this often enough, housing is a basic need and it is a human right. I ran my campaign for this seat on a platform of tenant protections and affordable housing. Stabilizing tenants and increasing access to housing is one of the most vital contributions I can make from where I now sit. I have dedicated considerable staffing resources to addressing our housing crisis over the last two years and most recently this work has resulted in our fair access in rental proposal or fair, which was presented to council two weeks ago. I'm incredibly proud of the work my office has done on behalf of the nearly 50% of Portlanders who are renters. But today I want to take a moment to recognize the ways in which the community has rallied their own resources and how moving it is, it has been to work with some of the most passionate, brilliant advocates Portland has to offer. We often take for granted the work that organizations like urban league, community alliance of tenants, southeast works, central city concern and so many more do every day to find creative solutions that get Portlanders into stable housing. Overcoming the stigmas of low wages, involvement in the justice system and houselessness are often exacerbated by other forms of discrimination based on race, citizenship status, and economic class. These organizations work tirelessly to assert the best interests of our community. Thank you to these organizations and many more who I did not mention today. Obviously, thank you also to Oregon fair housing for shouldering the burden that our unregulated housing market has created. I commit to continuing to step up and share that burden for as long as I am here, and chances are well beyond that. I'm incredibly grateful for the Fair Housing Act. It's provided us a solid foundation on which to build our fight against ongoing barriers and promotes the use of real data to dispel mythologies about who deserves to live in a stable home. I'm honored to celebrate the Fair Housing Act today and every day of the year. Thank you and happy Fair Housing Month.

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Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: So, I want to begin by saying that one of the highest callings of someone sitting on this side of the dais is to have the opportunity to work every day to remove barriers in our community. And we have lots of barriers. Some are visible. Some are less visible. In fact, testing that we do has become harder because some of the barriers that people face are more subtle. Less obvious than they were a generation ago. I always like to preface my remarks about fair housing by just acknowledging the person that in my life had the greatest impact on my passion for civil rights and that was my dad, who was the principal sponsor of the Fair Housing Act amendments of 1988 which for the first time put teeth into the act and also enforcement and brought families and children under the umbrella of protection. But that was done by brokering a deal with all the various groups that were concerned including realtors and civil rights community and the advocacy community. It was difficult work and it took a long time, but the Fair Housing Act amendments of 1988 have stood the test of time. So, I just want to acknowledge that personal connection. I also want to say when I was housing commissioner, we heard loud and clear from the community that we needed to do more on fair housing, testing and enforcement. And the truth is the city had not done much. It had not been part of our regular systems, and we did some audit testing. History will record that it was a bumpy rollout and we learned a lot, and we had our fair share of critics and some of the loudest critics were people that for years had not been advocating for us to do anything around fair housing so it was something that was surprising to some of us, that some of our biggest critics were people that had contributed the least in the past. But nonetheless, we persevered and now over time we have more confidence in our testing and as the fair housing council reminds us testing is just a snapshot. It's not a scientific in the sense that you can't extrapolate too far but it tells us and continues to tell us that we have work to do. That there are barriers that are set up to prevent people from being able to freely access housing of their choice. Why does that matter? We can sling acronyms and we can cite the civil rights statutes and we can go through the history, but at the end of the day, why it matters is because we believe that families in our community should have the right to choose where they live. And by choosing where you live you have the opportunity to access strong schools, parks, infrastructure, business districts, all the amenities that so many of us take for granted, come with being able to choose where to raise your family. And if the deck is stacked and prevents people from exercising that choice, then we are in a sense disenfranchising people from fully participating in some of the investments that we made to make this a very livable community. That's against our values. That's why this matters, that's why this work continues to matter. And I'm grateful that both the housing bureau and this Mayor have continued to be dedicated to working on these hard issues of fair housing. Thank you, Mayor.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner. All right, with that I have a formal proclamation I would like to read. The proclamation represents the values of the entire Portland city council on this important day. Whereas the Fair Housing Act enacted on April 11, 1968, was adopted to prohibit discriminatory housing practices undue racial segregation patterns and provide equal access to housing opportunity for all. And whereas in Portland the combined federal, state and local civil rights laws protect the people from housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, family status, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, source of income, military status, gender identity, ethnicity or history of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault. And whereas despite these legal protections, Portland has not yet succeeded in eliminating discriminatory housing practices, removing patterns of racial segregation, and providing equitable access to opportunity as is evidenced by a racial homeownership gap. And whereas Portland will only be successful in providing equal housing opportunity with the

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commitment, involvement and support of all city bureaus, agencies, elected officials and residents. And whereas housing is essential to the quality of life and the success of all residents and is the foundation of health, household stability, access to education, and the ability to seek and retain employment. And whereas, Portland has a diverse population with a variety of housing needs. Our city must provide the range of housing types related to size, location, tenure, and cost to support the diverse housing needs of our residents. And whereas we celebrate the passage of the Fair Housing Act, let us recommit ourselves to eliminating discrimination in housing by better understanding the barriers to housing choice, dedicated resources to meaningfully address disparities, adopting policies that support our community's most vulnerable residents, measuring the impacts of our efforts and creating more housing that welcomes and celebrates people of all abilities, races, cultures, and incomes. Now therefore I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim April 2019 to be Fair Housing Month in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month. [applause] And now we have the honor of hearing from a number of people from our community. First up will be Kim McCarty, senior rental services program coordinator, and I don't know if Shannon is here today. Did she make it?

Kim McCarty: She might be coming later. She's not here.

Wheeler: Okay, very good, you're going to make brief remarks and then you are going to introduce some of our guests starting with Allan Lazo. Great, thank you. Welcome and thank you for being here.

Kim McCarty, Senior Rental Services Program Coordinator, Portland Housing

Bureau: Thank you. I'm Kim McCarty, senior rental services program coordinator at the Portland Housing Bureau for the rental services office. Good afternoon, Mayor, Commissioners. As we celebrate the Fair Housing Act we also want to celebrate communities, that use the power of the Fair Housing Act to demand housing opportunity for everyone. Community includes collaboration with Urban league, El Programa Hispanica and Fair Council of Oregon. As an example, their project funded by the Portland Housing Bureau is called the Housing Catalyst Collaboration. They have designed a culturally sensitive fair housing enforcement and education program to address housing discrimination experienced by renters of color. We look forward to sharing their impact next year. And today we'll be hearing from community members working to shape inclusive, equitable communities through their participation and projects such as the southwest corridor inclusion communities project, the southwest housing equity plan, the east Portland action plan, and the north northeast housing strategy. We'll end the program by honoring our young artists that made the fair housing posters based on the theme Everyone is Welcome in my Neighborhood, and then invite you to take some pictures with the artists. Our first set of speakers include Allan Lazo, Director of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon; Cristina Palacios, Housing Director at Unite Oregon, and Eric Engstrom, Principal Analyst at the bureau of planning and sustainability.

Allan Lazo, Executive Director of Fair Housing Council of Oregon: Thank you. Thanks Kim. Good afternoon, Mayor, Commissioners. Actually, before I wish you a Happy Fair Housing Month, I feel compelled to note that April apparently is also game time and so I'll give you a Go Blazers shout out also so apparently important in April. So, thank you for having us here this afternoon. Happy Fair Housing Month. I'm Allan Lazo, the Executive Director of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon. We're private nonprofit civil rights organization whose mission is to end housing discrimination and in short equal access to housing in Oregon. Commissioner Eudaly, if you know, we just celebrated yesterday the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. And one thing I have been struck by over the last year since we celebrated that milestone in fair housing is the many ways that the work of fair housing impacts the community around us. Among those specifically is the depth and

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breadth of the impact of housing discrimination and segregation that the Fair Housing Act had intended to address more than 50 years ago now. In 1970, *Trafficante v Metropolitan Life Insurance* became the first Fair Housing Act case before the supreme court. In that case, the owners of an apartment complex in San Francisco had discriminated against nonwhite rental applicants. But the case was brought by both a black applicant – a black plaintiff, an applicant in the apartment complex, as well as a white plaintiff living in the apartment complex, Paul Trafficante. Trafficante alleged that he too had suffered harm because he, number one, had lost the social benefits of living in an integrated community. Two, that he had missed business and professional advantages which would have accrued if they had lived with members of minority groups. And three, that he had suffered embarrassment and economic damage in social, business and professional activities from being stigmatized as a resident of a segregated community. The decision then by the supreme court in agreeing with Trafficante affirmed congress' intent under the Fair Housing Act that even those not, quote, direct victims have standing to enforce the Fair Housing Act for they too have suffered from segregation. All of this was consistent with the supreme court found with the understanding again of the act's congressional drafters who knew that the harms of housing discrimination were many. Again, that depth and breadth of the impact of housing discrimination. The act's proponents at the time as the supreme court noted, quote, emphasized that those who were not direct objects of discrimination had an interest in ensuring fair housing as they too suffered. The court went on to say that while it was the landlord who had been the one to perpetrate discrimination the plaintiff was not the only victim of discriminatory housing practices. It is, as Senator Javits said in supporting the bill, the whole community who suffers its impacts. So, while the Trafficante decision set important legal standard about who is harmed by discrimination and subsequently has set the legal standard for standing in fair housing cases it also, for me, confirms that not only are those who suffer the direct impact of discrimination harmed but also the whole community is harmed. I would offer this notion also, then, [inaudible] us the responsibility that an entire community has to end discrimination and create open and inclusive communities. Because we can see that when one individual suffers discrimination then we all do. Conversely, we then can hold that not only one benefits from ending housing discrimination and ending segregation but an entire community benefits from ending discrimination and ending segregation. In the end this legal concept about who is harmed by discrimination and segregation confers upon all of us the moral obligation and the moral imperative, the depth and breadth of by which we must accept the possibility to remedy impacts of historical housing discrimination, segregation and displacement. The call is made not only to our partners at the government, institutional and systems wide levels it's mailed to all member of the community in every neighborhood in our city and we'll hear next from some of the groups who have answered this call to open, inclusive communities in the processes in which they are involved today in our communities. The depth and breadth of the promise of fair housing ultimately calls for all of us to dream and then make real the world the young artists that we will meet later have so adeptly illustrated in the fair housing poster contest. Those long ago acts of discrimination, those deeply segregated neighborhoods that gave rise to the original housing movement of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther king, Jr., more than 50 years ago and ultimately the Fair Housing Act, 51 years ago that we celebrate today call upon us all to work toward a world as our young artists again here today will endear us with, where, quote, everyone is welcome in my neighborhood. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. Lazo.

McCarty: Our next speaker is Cristina.

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Cristina Palacios, Housing Director, Unite Oregon: Good afternoon, Mayor, members of the city council. Thank you for having me today. My name is Cristina Palacios. I work for Unite Oregon as State Housing Director and I'm here to talk about our work in the Southwest Corridor, the Tigard area, and starting to work in Southwest Portland. We have been working with Metro cities in affordable housing providers to make sure there is that equitable, fair outcome if or when the max line happens. Unite Oregon has been involved in the Southwest Corridor since 2017 and we started working in partnership with Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT), Organizing People/Activating Leaders Environmental Justice Oregon (OPAL), Momentum alliance, Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) and our collective vision is to make sure that when there's new developments that everyone that is going to be impacted by the projects has a chance to raise their voice and is listened to. We specifically want to lift up the voices of community members that tends not to participate for the many reasons as many of you know. People of color, people with disabilities, immigrants, refugees, renters, [inaudible] youth, rural communities, et cetera. Since 2017 Unite Oregon organized many successful community meetings and we had an attendance of 40 to 60 people at every meeting. They were all happening in the Tigard area and we're going to be doing the same in the southwest corridor. We plan to do that in Clackamas. We want to do that everywhere. We want to make sure the voices that I mentioned before, that are not heard are heard loud and clear. After several meetings our number has been increasing. We went from 60 to now 80 to a 100 people at every meeting and we're beginning to get extra participants in [inaudible] Southwest Corridor cohort, subcommittees and committees, people just show up and say they want to be part of it. That information that we present at each encounter with the community has been in Spanish, English, Somali and Arabic. When we see the extra participants at our events what comes to our minds is one thing. All communities want to say and want to be a part of what is happening in their communities. So, thanks to the multilingual multi-cultural spaces that we create we were able to come up with a letter of request that I am going to be passing. This letter of request has many things that the community said they needed to stay in place. Some of those requests include fair housing, rides, renters' protections, community needs, walk size and many things. They voted and they all approved this letter. On their own, they were able to collect 100 signatures to support the request. I hope you take the time to read those requests and take it very seriously. People, immigrants, refugees need to be heard and I'm asking you today to hear them. So, three of the letters, three of the requests they had in this letter I'm going to mention today for public record so you can see that when the community speaks they are listened to. When we started working there was a proposal for the max line to go through ash avenue in Tigard. There was an apartment complex that housed 70 families. What the community said was simple. Don't destroy anything. Construction before destruction. If you don't have a place to put us, do not destroy any of our housing. The response from the city of Tigard was they made a commitment not to destroy anything. So that was good. The community felt that they were listened to. Then on the letter they wrote that their tickets were too high. They were taking two hours -- they still do. They take about two hours to come from Hillsboro, Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin to work in the City of Portland or enjoy the amenities we have, and they don't have. Such things are sometimes community spaces where they can [inaudible] play and they don't have them over there, so they come here but it takes too long, and they didn't have enough money to keep paying those high fares. With OPAL was already working on lowering the fares so this letter approached elected officials to make it happen and now they are taking advantage of low fares. In the last one that they demanded on this letter it was to provide renters protections. They were telling us they were getting evicted and the rent was going up way too much and they were afraid that if a new max line came through their area, they would get displaced so we

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encourage them to not only write this letter but to call their elected official and show up to Salem and ask for renters protections. We now have the most progressive renters' protections in the nation. I'm here today to ask you to keep supporting fair, affordable housing protections for all in every aspect. And to fund Unite Oregon and our partners, so we can obtain fair housing for all. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

McCarty: I can do the slides for you.

Eric Engstrom, Principal Planner, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Thank you. The bureau of planning and sustainability understands that historically zoning has been used as a tool of exclusion. As the agency with custodianship over the zoning map and zoning code we know we have an obligation to look critically at our legacy zoning patterns and break down barriers to housing choice as we do our planning work. We have a policy tool box that is in fairly good shape on this point as you know the Portland plan in 2012 put forward the idea of an equity framework that drives everything we do as a central focus with emphasis on race and disability. In 2015 our climate action plan was updated to have a more explicit focus on equity actions. More recently the comprehensive plan was overhauled and is one of the key implementation tools for this work because of how we manage growth and change. So, for bps fair housing means reconsidering our practices and forming new community partners. We have policies but we need to move towards more partnerships in changing our day-to-day practices. Next slide. As we consider new plans, we need to ask ourselves if the changes we're making are expanding housing choice or will they serve as a barrier. The Mayor asked some of those questions in your introduction. When we are considering single family zoning what is that impact? Is that still appropriate when we are up zoning an area? Will the subsequent development cause displacement such as the question in the southwest corridor? Are we treating different areas of the city as we do our work? The new plan provides policies for doing this kind of analysis and asking these kind of questions and of course that work is not confined to bps, prosper Portland, PBOT, housing bureau are critical partners in that work. This slide is just a picture of where the earliest city-wide zoning maps with the highlighting the areas that at the time were the first single family zones that existed in the city. The map is actually a little bit of the reverse of today's zoning map which has a lot more of the single-family zoning than it did then. Next slide. We know that community plans have different impacts on different communities. The slide shows the southwest community plan from 2001 and the 1993 Albina community plan. Since 2000 there have been -- we're starting to approach five-digit figure on the number of housing units built in the Albina community plan area. Approaching 10,000 since 2000 in that area. In southwest Portland it's probably almost less than half of that number of housing units have been built and most of those units have been built in the immediate close-in south Portland neighborhood, not so much further afield in southwest. So arguably the zoning pattern is having an effect on housing choice in southwest Portland, which is an area with great schools and access to high quality jobs. We have new opportunity to look at that and are doing so with the southwest corridor equitable housing strategy that you all adopted in the fall as a first step. One of the actions in it called for us to do further station area of planning using a fair housing lens and that's what we're doing as we kick off the west Portland town center plan this year and that's getting under way now. As we started to do our work in the southwest corridor, we looked at the history of redlining and use of racial covenants in the corridor with help from the fair housing council. Thank you. And we provided staff and our advisory group with an orientation to understand that history. The last slide I have -- not quite the last slide. Next slide. The last slide I have just shows material from some of the historical documents that we dug up for south Portland. We hope that we're making more equitable decisions today, but as we do this, we need to remember that our zoning map looks the way it does today

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because of that very explicit racial bias that occurred at the time it was drawn up. So, it's in that spirit that we move forward and try to make a difference now.

McCarty: Thank you, everyone. Did you have any questions? We'll move to our next set of speakers.

Wheeler: I think we're good to go. Thank you.

McCarty: Thank you. So, I would like to invite our next set of speakers including Frieda Christopher, John Mulvey, Dr. Steven Holt and Jillian sausage Felton.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here. Welcome.

McCarty: Thank you. Just a brief introduction, they will tell us about their work in east Portland action plan, the north-northeast housing strategy, Frieda Christopher is co-chair of the east Portland action plan housing committee and a David Douglas school board member. John Mulvey is co-chair of the east Portland action plan housing committee.

Jillian Saurage is also serving on the north-northeast housing strategy committee.

Welcome. We could start with John.

John Mulvey, Co-Chair East Portland Action Plan Housing Committee: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor, members of the council. I'm John Mulvey and I'm a co-chair of the EPAP's housing subcommittee. And I appreciate the opportunity to share with you some thoughts today on the Fair Housing Act, at 51. In 1947 Langston Hughes wrote the moon belongs to everybody but not this American earth of ours. He lived and wrote in a time not that long ago when housing discrimination was legal in America. It would take until 1968 before our country would act to ensure that all Americans could buy or rent the home of their choosing in the place of their choosing. That law, the Fair Housing Act, was forged in the blood of Martin Luther King. On the day that Dr. King was murdered, the fair housing bill had been bottled up for months in the house rules committee. The place where controversial bills were sent to die. The bill also faced a filibuster in the senate. In the days after his murder, riots erupted in more than 100 American cities. 75,000 US Soldiers and guardsmen patrolled America's streets. Here in Oregon, more than 700 people marched in Lake Oswego. 5,000 in Eugene. A silent vigil at Portland city hall lasted three days and nights. Students walked out of classes at Jefferson high school where school didn't resume for six days. The editors of the Portland journal wrote about the unrest but also said, quote, helpful now would be a convincing showing that Dr. King was right, and that the majority of white Americans are sincere if lethargic advocates of racial justice. When president Lyndon Johnson's aides recalled that Johnson had cornered him to keep working on the hopeless bill. The president, poking him in the shoulder with his finger to emphasize each word said that he wanted the bill because until people live together, they will never know that they have the same fears and ambitions and the same hopes for their children. As 150,000 mourners filed past Dr. King's body in the Ebenezer Baptist church in Atlanta, the house rules committee voted the fair housing bill to the house floor. It would pass both chambers the next day and be signed by the president six days after the murder. Every member of Oregon's congressional delegation, three democrats and three republicans, voted in favor of the bill. But senator Mark Hatfield presciently warned that legislation does not change hearts and minds and a statute on the books does not end discrimination. So, we're here today to honor the Fair Housing Act enacted into law 51 years ago. But it's a bittersweet celebration when we know that as senator Hatfield warned, housing discrimination continues in our nation and here in our city. And it's a sad memorial when today our housing crisis appears so intractable. What would Langston Hughes say about Portland today? Or Mark Hatfield? Or Martin Luther King? They brought urgency, compassion, and a love of justice to the problems of their day. That's the legacy of the Fair Housing Act that I hope this council will celebrate and make real, not with proclamations but with action. The problems of the past seemed intractable too and their times were as challenging as any could be. Despite the obstacles they took bold risks for

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what was right. I ask today's leadership to embrace that legacy and show the same courage to act boldly to ensure that every Portlander now and, in the future, has a decent and safe home.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Frieda Christopher, Co-Chair East Portland Action Plan Housing Committee: Good afternoon, Mayor, Commissioners. My name is Frieda Christopher, I'm co-chair of east Portland action plan housing committee and chair of the David Douglas school board. I want to thank you for recognizing and proclaiming it Fair Housing Month. East Portland is home to many of our underrepresented and underserved communities who often are the recipients of housing discrimination. Though Portland has taken steps to reduce this discrimination, it has not been eliminated. Many of the projects receive public funding are careful to fulfill those requirements in the Fair Housing Act but the private sector has far from doing so. Thus, discrimination continues. I think we have some opportunities here with the implementation of the Portland rental registration program and the new screening criteria that there is some potential out there to reduce housing discrimination that still occurs. I know with east Portland action plan our housing subcommittee are looking at how can we help in our neighborhood. Unlike many neighborhoods who want to exclude people, we want to be all inclusive. We want to keep people in east Portland and not have them displaced. Unfortunately, displacement is now occurring. Our east Portland schools are losing students, but most important, when you look at the data, it's what those that are on free lunch or they speak another language at home, or they are in our ESL program or they are homeless. So as a committee, we are working with -- we try to work collaboratively with the housing bureau. We are also working as a committee on looking at something using a tool that's been used in the past preference policies as an anti-displacement tool. We're doing our research now on that and hope at some point to be talking with the housing bureau on bringing it to city council. But the last step I have been working a lot on this research have met with many of the providers of affordable housing. We want something that is reasonable, easy to implement, and doesn't have unintended consequences. So, the last step in our research is to meet with our community members who are those renters, those ones we are concerned about that are being displaced. Because it's important that their voices are heard not just from the agencies or nonprofits that represent them, but the actual people who are living in those rental units so that we can truly understand how they will be impacted by any policy that is made. I think that is what is missing often is that their voice, their true voice, is missed when a policy is implemented and then some unintended consequence occurs. But I'm pleased to be here today and share what we're doing in east Portland. We believe in being collaborative with the city rather than adversarial. So, we hope to continue to be so. Thank you again for allowing me to speak today.

Wheeler: Thank you, Frieda. We appreciate it.

Jillian Saurage Felton, Director of Housing Development at Community Partners for affordable Housing: Mayor Wheeler, council members, thank you for inviting me as a member of and representing the north-northeast housing strategy oversight committee to the Fair Housing Month proclamation. I first want to invite all of you to join us on the second Thursday of the odd numbered months for the north-northeast housing oversight committee. And come see what the work is that we're doing there, we welcome all of you. My name is Jillian Saurage Felton, I am the director of housing development at Community Partners for affordable Housing and I'm honored to serve on the oversight committee. Community participation does not happen by chance. Most people will voluntarily participate if they can derive a benefit to themselves and their community. Communities and their beneficiaries must be actively involved in all of the stages of development for a policy or project to be successful. Very often, however, those who have been in

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government have designed policies and projects without the input from the communities they are meant to help. By acting without input from the communities from those that we wish to help we have perpetuated white supremacy by assuming we know what communities of color need without making substantial efforts to engage with those communities and to work through the distrust that has been developed over decades. For the most part people know what they need. We only have to ask with thoughtfulness and intentionality and then be quiet and listen to the answer. We have often tried to right the wrong of housing discrimination without acknowledging the long history of intentional and targeted actions towards communities of color. This makes engagement with disenfranchised communities specifically communities of color difficult for the city and other jurisdictions due to lack of trust, yet all the more critical that cities and jurisdictions do so in order to rebuild that trust. I am very honored to be a small part of a community process that has intentionally engaged with those who have been displaced from the north-northeast Portland due to gentrification and work with the city to develop a policy, the first of its kinds in the nation, to prioritize the return of displaced persons. North northeast Portland was red lined for decades and then when our city needed room to grow was targeted for improvement in the name of economic development, and the neighborhoods of people of color, specifically black Portlanders, were intentionally and systematically displaced. We are not the only city to know this kind of targeted displacement, but we are the first to develop a way to bring people back. The benefits of the north-northeast housing strategy are but a drop in the bucket compared to the harm that decades and decades of discriminatory policies and gentrification have caused but the City of Portland is the only city to have such a policy in place which for me is a source of great pride. We commend Mayor Wheeler and the city council on its continued commitment to fair housing, to reaching out to those whose voice versus long been either silenced or ignored. Thank you, Mayor Wheeler, and city council, for continuing to work with community members to develop policies which remove barriers to obtaining housing and prioritizing housing for those most impacted by our harm of past policies. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you and thank you for the good work you and your colleagues are doing on the north-northeast housing oversight council. You're doing great work. Thank you.

McCarty: I would like to invite back Allan Lazo and I'll be bringing some chairs up here for the artists as well.

Wheeler: Thank you, so, this is the most important part, where we hear the contest winners. Excellent. Thanks for being here.

Lazo: It's all right, my young friends. That's how I looked and felt first time I came here. [laughter] that was only four or five years ago. You're way ahead of the game.

Hardesty: And he was shorter then. [laughter]

Lazo: And lighter frankly, it's been a while. [laughter] if you heard me speak about this day before you know I always say it's my favorite day to come here and I come here a lot. I come here a lot and some days I'm talking about hate and harassment and discrimination. This is one of my favorite days because today we get to talk about love and inclusion and youthful optimism, frankly. So, these are the award-winning artists from our poster contest this year from the Portland area. So, I am going to -- we'll put up on the screen the artwork they have and also, I'm going to read a real quick description of each of them and just for a little bit of drama we'll go from the bottom of the sheet I have up. So, we may have to figure out whose poster is whose. The first is Zella Ramirez who is a -- she received third place in our grades 6 through 8 contest. She worked on this poster with her classmate Ursula deCastro. So, Zella is a sixth grader at the Ivy School here in Portland, she does acrobatics and enjoys photography. She owns ducks, chickens and dogs and this summer Zella hopes to volunteer with the humane society and also will be doing baby-sitting. So, if you have needs...

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Hardesty: And Zella is here?

Lazo: She's on the front -- congratulations and thank you for being here, Zella. [applause]

Wheeler: Babysitting needs. That sounds like a good opportunity.

Lazo: It is, maybe some grant money for that out there.

Wheeler: There you go.

Lazo: Maya Rojas was our third-place recipient for grades 1 through 3. Maya is nine years old and is a third grader also at the Ivy School here in Portland. Her favorite sport is judo so I'm going to move away just a bit. Did not realize that. [laughter] she likes to draw a lot and loves to read. She likes to do math in school and has a lot of good friends at school. She doesn't like writing that much. It will come. Be patient. But she does it anyway and is getting better at it. When she grows up, she wants to be a scientist to stop pollution that hurts plants. One of her goals in life is to make people understand that when you use poison of any kind on plants you are basically hurting yourself or killing yourself. So Maya, there's her -- the poster that she worked on and so congratulations Maya. [applause]

Wheeler: Good job.

Lazo: The next one down is Grace Vaupel, who was the first-place recipient in grades 4 through 5. Grace was excited to when she heard she won first place in grades 4 through 5, she is in the 5th grade also at the Ivy School here in Portland. Quite a showing from our friends at the Ivy School. Her art teacher, Ms. Sybil, is the best art teacher she has ever had and the one who told grace about the fair housing poster contest. Couple things you should know about grace, she's pretty good at softball. I'm guessing that means she is very good at softball. She knows almost everything about Harry Potter. And can play the drums also pretty well. Her favorite animal is a corgi. My sister has two corgis. And she has two adorable dogs. Her favorite subject is either art or creative writing and her favorite color is black or blue. You see the artwork that grace created. So, thank you so much for being here, Grace. Congratulations. [applause]

Lazo: And of course, last but not least is our grand prize award recipient whose poster is printed on thousands of posters that will go throughout the state of Oregon. It's Jaytee Franco. His full name. [applause]

Lazo: While I like Jaytee better his full name is Taylor Ananke Franco. He is a seventh grader and we are so inclusive as an organization the we have included a Beaverton school district school in our Portland members because it's in that spot in southwest Portland actually in the City of Portland. Jaytee is from Stoller Middle School in the SUMMA Program. His favorite subjects are math, media lab and humanities. His other hobbies include reading, drumming, exploring computers, software and games, volunteering, swimming and traveling. Much like my own. So far, he's been to six countries and has made 16 trips to Thailand.

Wheeler: Fantastic.

Lazo: When he grows up even more, he would like to be a computer engineer, a programmer who goes on tour with a band as a professional drummer.

Wheeler: Me too. [laughter]

Lazo: His favorites are dogs and his favorite word is kindness and you will see the art that will appear on posters throughout the state of Oregon on your screens now. Thank you so much for your lovely art and congratulations again. [applause]

Wheeler: Thank you all. [applause]

Lazo: Thank you to all of you, to your teachers and for your parents for being here today to celebrate Fair Housing Month with us. I think we're going to take some photos and the young artists have signed some posters for you to put in your offices and keep into perpetuity when some of them become famous and those become priceless --

Wheeler: Allan, wait a minute. When you show up at city council and you're televised on our network you are famous. [laughter] you're already famous. There you go.

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Lazo: The value of the posters have already gone up. [laughter]

Wheeler: Thank you, everyone. [applause] congratulations. Does that complete our presentation for today? Why don't we adjourn, then meet up for some photographs with our award winners. We're adjourned.

At 2:56 p.m., Council adjourned.