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Briefing

DISCUSSION MEMO

Date: December 3, 2021
To: Portland Design Commission
From: Benjamin Nielsen, Design / Historic Review Team
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Re: West Portland Town Center Character Statement
Briefing Memo – December 9, 2021

This memo is regarding the upcoming Briefing on December 9, 2021 for the West Portland Town Center Plan and Character Statement. The following supporting documents from the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability are available as follows:

- Memo from BPS, dated 12/02/2021, plus eight attachments, including the Character Statement, which is Attachment_G.pdf.
- *Portland Citywide Design Guidelines* (for reference)
(https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2021/citywidedg_working_version_aug01_optimize_d.pdf)

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff intend to provide you with an update to the overall West Portland Town Center project, including outreach that their staff has undertaken, and to provide you an opportunity to review and solidify amendments to the Character Statement.

Please note that the Character Statement provided is the same as that discussed by the Commission at the September 2, 2021 briefing. As such, staff has attached a copy of the staff memo for that briefing to this memo, as well as a brief summary of discussion from that September briefing. BPS staff have indicated that they plan to make revisions to the Character Statement after conferring with you on Thursday and hearing additional feedback from the community. Proposed amendments to the Character Statement can be found in Attachment A.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Attachments:

- WPTC Character Statement staff memo from BDS, dated 08/27/2021
- WPTC Character Statement 9/2/21 Briefing Summary, dated 12/03/2021
- BPS Staff Memo, dated 12/02/2021
 - Attachment A: Proposed Amendments to Character Statement
 - Attachment B: BPS memo – Response to PSC Questions on the West Portland Town Center

Attachment C: BPS memo – Summary of Proposed Draft West Portland Town Center Plan
Public Testimony for August 10 through October 29, 2021
Attachment D: Testimony from Crestwood Neighborhood Association
Attachment E: Testimony from Joseph Jenkins
Attachment F: Testimony from Marianne Fitzgerald
Attachment G: Character Statement
Attachment H: PSC Commissioner’s Amendment Discussion List, 11/29/2021

Additional information:

West Portland Town Center Proposed Draft Overview (<https://www.portland.gov/bps/wpdx-town-center/wptc-proposed-draft-overview>)

West Portland Town Center Plan Proposed Draft – Report & Actions
(https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2021/wptc_propdraft_report_v.1_final_8.10.21.pdf)

West Portland Town Center Proposed Draft – Code, Policy, & Map Amendments
(https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2021/wptc_vol2_pd_final_8.10.21.pdf)