



City of Portland Historic Landmarks Commission

Briefing

SUMMARY MEMO

Date: February 7, 2022
To: Historic Landmarks Commission
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Re: Albina Vision Trust Briefing on February 14, 2022

The Albina Vision Trust (AVT) will brief the Historic Landmarks Commission on their efforts since their last presentation to the Commission back in early 2019. A follow-up memo to this prior briefing is attached. Please reach out with any questions.

As the Commission may recall, AVT received grant money from Metro and Portland City Council for development of a Community Investment Plan and associated community engagement, respectively. AVT has completed this work and is sharing their efforts with City Commissions throughout February. AVT is seeking general feedback that can be utilized in future coordination with City Bureaus. After Commission briefings, AVT intends to present their efforts and plan to City Council in Spring. Opportunities for future city partnerships and coordination will be discussed at Council.

City Bureaus are going through the process of reviewing the plan in the coming months and will have more defined areas of support, concern, questions, etc. Staff can share the information from this exercise once it's available.

- Community Investment Plan and all the supporting documents can be viewed [here](#).
- Project boundary and program vision is on page 38 with the full vision on pages 53-54 [here](#).

As you look through the plan and listen to the presentation on February 14th, consider:

- **General feedback** on AVT's process and plan (support, challenges, questions)
- Opportunities for **meaningful development and programming** that will successfully support the new vibrant neighborhood and its cultural values and provide a strong sense of community.
- Relationship of AVT's vision with the **future freeway lids of I-5** Rose Quarter ODOT project as they are key to restoring the physical connection of the original Albina neighborhood. Project information can be found [here](#).
 - Historic Albina Advisory Board endorsed Hybrid 3 option in Fall 2021, an option capable of developing the freeway lids with 1-3 story buildings, potentially up to 6 stories.
 - Earlier this year, ODOT was notified that an Environmental Impact Statement will be required to fully assess the impacts before the project proceeds.
- Opportunities for **Historic resources within project boundary** to be incorporated in future programming - Memorial Coliseum (HL), Portland Van & Storage Building (HL), Left Bank Building (HRI-ranked III) and Annex building (HRI-unranked).



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BRIEFING MEMO

Date: January 7, 2019
To: Historic Landmarks Commission
From: Design Review Team Staff, BDS
Re: Albina Vision Briefing - January 7, 2019

The following information pertains to the briefing before the Landmarks Commission today from the Albina Vision group. The information below provides additional context and background for the Rose Quarter area, associated projects and next steps.

- Albina Vision is an independent group of business and community leaders who have been working to develop and advance a vision for the greater Rose Quarter area for the past several years.
- Albina Vision does not control any property in the area, so this briefing is quite different from a more typical development proposal a BDS commission would hear. However, given the amount of effort that has gone into their vision and the significant publicity it has received over the past year, staff felt that it was appropriate to grant their request for a briefing.
- The major property owners in the Rose Quarter are Portland Public Schools, The City of Portland and a combination of Vulcan Development with the Portland Trailblazers. Several properties along N Broadway are owned by other private interests. The City's has a long and successful partnership with Rip City Management and the Portland Trailblazers in running the Moda Center and Veterans Memorial Coliseum arenas.
- The City is actively engaged with the Oregon Department of Transportation on environmental analysis work for the I-5 Rose Quarter Project that will reconfigure and improve I-5 crossings in this area. PBOT is the City lead on that project with involvement from BPS, Prosper, and OMF. It is important to note that at this time there is no formal endorsement from the City of the Albina Vision, and the Vision is not part of the City's Comprehensive Plan, though as you will see, the vision appears consistent with many long term planning goals for the area adopted with Central City 2035.
- Rose Quarter project staff will be briefing the Historic Landmarks Commission soon, during the public review and comment period for the environmental analysis. We are anticipating this may be in early March. This briefing had been planned for January but the schedule has had to be adjusted to reflect slowing at the federal government.
- PBOT and others have had several productive discussions with representatives from the group about influencing early design work for the I-5 Rose Quarter Project and there will be further opportunities to hear about that project in the coming months and years.