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## Work Session

### SUMMARY MEMO

**Date:** February 25, 2022

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**Re:** Briefing on West Portland Town Center Character Statement  
Summary of 09/02/21 Design Commission hearing

Attached is a brief summary of the comments provided by the Design Commission at the 01/27/2022 work session for the West Portland Town Center Character Statement. This summary was generated from notes taken at the public meeting and a subsequent review of the public meeting recordings.

These Design Commission comments are intended to guide you in further revisions of the WPTC Character Statement and Plan. It should be understood that these comments address the project as presented on 01/27/2022. As the Statement evolves, the comments, too, may evolve or may no longer be pertinent.

Please continue to coordinate with **Benjamin Nielsen** as you revise the Character Statement.

Encl: Summary Memo  
Cc: Design Commission

This memo summarizes **Design Commission** direction provided on 12/09/2021.

Commissioners in attendance on 01/27/2022 include: Brian McCarter, Jessica Molinar, Chandra Robinson, Sam Rodriguez, and Don Vallaster

### **Summary of comments on proposed amendments**

Commissioners generally agreed with the direction for all proposed amendments. Specific comments made by commissioners are noted below:

- One commissioner commented on Amendment 1, General, and the framework map, finding it difficult to figure out on which streets the Green Ring is located and asked if it would be possible to place some street names on that map.
- Regarding Amendment 2, Background, commissioners all agreed that proposed revisions to the language are appropriate since they were made based on conversations with Indigenous community members.
- Regarding Amendment 3, Map Diagram & Caption, commissioners reiterated their desire to see some reference points added to the framework map for the Green Loop, though they also do not want those additions to complicate the map.
- Commissioners had no specific comments regarding Amendments 5, Community Character, or 6, Architecture & Urban Design.
- Regarding Amendment 7, Natural & Scenic Resources, one commissioner asked that the terms for Green Ring and Green Loop are used consistently and not interchangeably. Another commissioner asked that the term “Green Lung” be added to the glossary.

Please contact me with any questions.