



March 14, 2024 Meeting Overview

Members Present: Dr. Steven Holt, Virgie Ruiz, John Washington, Saelee Winters, and Ta’Neshia Renae.

Members Excused: Aquiles Montas, Estelle Love Lavespere, Felicia Tripp Folsom, Gabrielle Mercedes Bolivar, Jilian Saurage Felton, Sheila Holden, and Triston Dallas.

Staff Present: Leslie Goodlow, Michael Buonocore, Helmi Hisserich, Norma Trujillo, Letimya Clayton, John Trinh, Gwen Thompson, Dyvisha Gordon, Niki Luneclair, Gena Scott, Tanya Wolfersperger, Angelina Denson, Sheriah Foster, Aurelia Moran, and Ayman Abualajin.

Guest Presenter: Ariel Kane, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability.

MEETING RECORDING CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#).

Agenda Topic	Key Topics Covered	Recording Time
Call to Order, Roll Call	Dr. Steven Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting.	00:00:00 – 00:02:29
Director’s Update	<p>Helmi Hisserich, Director of the Portland Housing Bureau, introduced herself to the Committee for the first time and gave the following updates with assistance from Leslie Goodlow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Hisserich comes from the City of Los Angeles with 25 years of experience in housing and community development. • New budget process as the city moves into the Charter change. Budget was submitted in February. • Decision package around the returning Tax Incremental Finance (TIF). • Charter transition is moving forward, there will be temporary Deputy City Administrators appointed in July for each of the service areas. • PHB has been operating as the “Community & Economic Development” service area for about a year now, along with the Bureau of Development Services, Bureau of Planning Sustainability, and Prosper Portland. • In July, City Council will be moving out of City Hall and into other space as they renovate City Hall to make space for 12 City Commissioners. • Interim Deputy Director, Michael Buonocore joined-in to talk about funds geared towards mitigating security concerns in PHB’s N/NE properties. 	00:02:29 – 00:15:28
Neighborhood Housing Preservation (NHP) Updates	<p>John Trinh presented the NHP Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To date, 127 families have become first time homebuyers. 	00:15:50 – 00:21:25



Portland Housing Bureau

N/NE Oversight Committee Meeting

March 14, 2024

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Hybrid: Zoom & New Song Church

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial & ethnicity demographics: 86% are Black/African Americans. • Household income demographics: most new homeowners were within 60 – 80% Area Medium Income (AMI). • The committee met on February 20, 2024, for a special meeting to approve the increase of Down Payment Assistance to \$150,000.00 in the North /Northeast Area. 	
<p>Preference Policy (PP) Updates</p>	<p>Dyvisha Gordon and Niki Luneclair presented updates regarding North/Northeast Preference Policy and Security Deposit Grant Assistance Pilot Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preference Policy (PP) Application submissions for the last two months: 131 in January and 198 in February • About 2,000 on the PP wait list • Point cohort breakdown: large number of folks that apply are part of the 0-point category. Future breakdown will clear-up any duplicates. • Security Deposit Grant Assistance Pilot Program is a joint effort between the Rental Services Office and the Preference Policy Team. • This Pilot Program is to give grant assistance to households moving into rental units, to cover security deposits and a variety of other moving expenses. Limitation of \$1,000 per household. • Program launch was in January 2024. Low acceptance rates at buildings are contributing to underutilization of the program. PHB will work closely with Partners to make sure their leasing staff is educated on the program. • \$56,300 was set aside for direct assistance, program total is about \$75,000 to account for operational expenses. • N/NE Preference Policy Homeownership application open from March 19th through April 18th. 	<p>00:21:29 – 00:40:13</p>
<p>Housing Production Strategies</p>	<p>Ariel Kane with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability gave a presentation on Housing Production Strategy (HPS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2045 housing forecast: 120,560 new units needed. • Data shows that the city should be planning for more than 50% of housing to be affordable to those that earn 80% AMI or less. • 2045 Housing considerations: different types of housing are needed. Who is this housing for? • Growth strategy maps. • The City has excess housing capacity: 237,000 housing units. 	<p>00:40:14 – 01:03:28</p>



Portland Housing Bureau

N/NE Oversight Committee Meeting

March 14, 2024

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Hybrid: Zoom & New Song Church

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Production Strategy timeline: Draft to Planning Commission in the Spring and HPS to Council in the Summer. • Overview of HPS community engagement. • How to provide feedback. <p>Comments/Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Steven Holt: Target the most marginalized and enhance diversity. Be thoughtful and honest as we explore opportunities. 	
<p>Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversight Committee Recruitments • Newsletter • Annual Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwen Thompson asked for the Committees' approval to begin recruitment for more members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In need of 2 new members, but it may be up to 4 members. ○ Can use the 2020 application with slight modifications. ○ Will post the announcement in the April N/NE Newsletter. ○ The recruitment is managed by Civic Life • Dr. Steven Holt, as Committee Chair, approved the recruitment. • Commissioner Ruiz will write the welcome message for April's N/NE Newsletter. • Leslie Goodlow requested the Committee's help with composing the Annual Report, it is scheduled to go to Council on April 10, 2024. 	<p>01:03:30 – 01:13:44</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment. 	<p>01:14:09 – 01:14:15</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Dr. Steven Holt adjourned the meeting.</p> <p>Upcoming N/NE OC Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 9, 2024 	<p>01:14:16 – 01:14:57</p>