



THE BUREAU OF **PLANNING  
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# Community Involvement Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** January 14, 2025 | **Location:** Vanport & Zoom

**Attending Committee Members:** Jim, Susan, Calvin

**Attending Staff:** Valeria Tapia, Troy Doss, Cayla McGrail, Marco Mejia Yopez

**Special guest:** Kayin Davis, Albina Vision Trust

## Agenda

### Welcome + Introductions (5:00- 5:14)

### Reconnecting Albina Planning Project and Albina Vision Trust (5:14 – 6:45)

**Project Brief:** Reconnecting Albina Planning Project (RAPP) is a partnership between Albina Vision Trust and the City of Portland to create urban development strategies that center restorative development for Portland's Black community and reconnect the physical fabric of the Lower Albina neighborhood.

*Please view the [project website](#), and/or the project background document and presentation included in the E-Files folder for more information.*

### Introduction / Historic Context

Project team shared [Albina Vision Trailer](#) and comparative photos from the 1940s, 1960s, early 2000s, and 2020s. These showcase the intense change in the area that affected residents, especially urban renewal and displacement from Interstate 5 and other construction projects.

Lower Albina, located south of Russell, is part of larger Albina area that includes Eliot, Boise, King, Humboldt, Overlook, Irvington & Piedmont

### About the Project & Project Team

The purpose is to create urban development strategies, foster equitable and sustainable outcomes, center restorative justice for Portland's Black Communities. This project is focusing on a smaller area and project within the larger multi-project area between Summer 2024 – Winter / Spring 2026. This project is part of an effort to leverage area projects to have a larger improved impact than just individual projects.

Visit the [About Page](#) for related projects and project area.

The project area includes [Albina Vision Trust's Community Investment Plan area](#), which is 94 acres and extends to 110 acres with the inclusion of the highway cap. Focus is on wealth generation, housing, transportation, clean energy, community connection, and more.



same way as previously. Many who are engaged have deep connections to the neighborhood and AVT is encouraging community members to see where they fit within the project and provide support. This can look like investing in area, supporting arts and culture, or more. A goal is to create and showcase ways the Black community can thrive in the area.

### Upcoming RAPP Engagement Calendar

Date/ time, location	Event	Purpose / Outcome
February 27, 5 – 7 PM at AVT office	Community Kick Off!	Set tone, share goals & objectives, celebrate Separate but joint efforts
April (TBD)	Culture in the Built Environment	Scenario development for consideration Example: What do you do for a community who wants porches in a high density neighborhood? How do you create a sense of “eyes on the street” without being watched?
June (TBD)	Redevelopment Opportunities	Site prioritization, redevelopment / nodes, public realm
September (TBD)	Responsive Infrastructure	Input on new streets, connections & landscaping, Broadway Mainstreet Project

Ongoing Engagement includes a website, news articles, interactive maps, and a potential Story Map. Hoping to use tools other projects have used to kind of replicate success in gaining insight into visions & concerns of the area. Some deeper analysis is needed to understand who is using it, though contact information is optional, and where outreach is needed more. Many of the comments thus far about transportation, public facilities, safety and access, lack of civic spaces. Valeria checks once a week for comments and has a dashboard to view.

### CIC Discussions & Feedback

#### RAPP’s questions:

**Q:** In addition to RAPP education series, how else can we bridge the gap between community ideas and the technical elements we seek their feedback on?

An example of the gap between ideas and technical elements: Waterfront park area has railroad and traffic lanes (technical), so how do you communicate the many ways the difference between what can happen in the area, what can’t happen, and what needs to happen, like going through



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## Action Items / Follow Ups

- Continue drafting training materials
- Connect with Engagement Officer on what their priorities are in the role
- Continue discussion on committee visibility using website and other materials

## Adjourn (7:05)



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