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DATE: July 23, 2012

TO: Chair Richter and Portland Historic Landmarks Commissioners

FROM: Susan Anderson, Director, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

RE: BPS Briefings at July 23 Landmarks Commission meeting

At today's meeting, BPS staff will provide briefings on 1) the Central City 2035 (CC2035), 2) N/NE Quadrant planning processes, 3) Comprehensive Plan update, and 4) the Historic Code project.

At this time, we are nearing completion of the CC2035 Concept Plan. This includes a new policy framework for the Central City and a new Urban Design Concept. We also are completing the N/NE Quadrant Plan, the first of four district level plans that consider how to implement the direction of the CC2035 Concept Plan at the district scale, while also considering issues that are unique to the each district of the Central City. We look forward to hearing your thoughts about these two proposals and any additional comments you wish to share about the broader CC2035 planning effort.

BPS staff will also provide a briefing about the Comprehensive Plan update now underway. We will discuss directions for historic preservation policy changes to bring forward to the Comp Plan Neighborhood Centers Policy Expert Group. We look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions at this meeting.

Finally, staff will discuss the Historic Code project that will propose amendments to the Zoning Code to make it easier for property owners to make minor home improvements in the City's historic and conservation districts.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend Monday's briefing. However, I would like to extend my thanks for the input your commission has consistently provided to BPS and our partner agencies when we have presented plans under development. I also would like the opportunity to meet with you in the near future so we can identify ways to strengthen our collaborative relationship and improve the quality of work that BPS and BDS jointly provide to the residents and businesses of Portland.

