



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

OFFICIAL
 MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2016** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz and Saltzman, 4.

Mayor Hales arrived at 9:33 a.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Judy Prosper, Deputy City Attorney; and Jason King and Mike Miller, Sergeants at Arms.

Item Nos. 271 and 272 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS	Disposition:
264 Request of Thomas Kerr to address Council regarding difficulties with the Bureau of Development Services (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
265 Request of Rev. Margaret Hepziban to address Council regarding justice (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
266 Request of Robert McCullough to address Council regarding Community Center at Washington High School (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
267 Request of Mary Ann Schwab to address Council regarding Community Center at Washington High School (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN	
*268 TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from Metro for the North/Northeast Community Development Pathway 1000 Initiative Project (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Hales) 15 minutes requested (Y-4)	187640
*269 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Approve financing not to exceed \$3,200,000 using federal Community Development Block Grant funds for the Hill Park Apartments at 110 SW Arthur St to develop a 39 unit affordable rental housing project (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Saltzman) 30 minutes requested (Y-4)	187641

<p style="text-align: center;">CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAYOR CHARLIE HALES</p> <p>*270 Authorize Amended Consortium Agreement with Multnomah and Washington Counties under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 for career placement and training services (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">187633</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Planning & Sustainability</p> <p>*271 Accept a Community Planning and Development Grant from Metro in the amount of \$310,500 for the Improving Multi-Dwelling Development Project (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">187642</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Office of Management and Finance</p> <p>272 Authorize a grant agreement with Elders in Action for Arts Education and Access Income Tax outreach in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 (Ordinance)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</p>
<p>273 Authorize a three year lease extension with Pioneer Office, LLC for the Bureau of Environmental Services' leased premises at Pioneer Tower through November 30, 2019 (Second Reading Agenda 248; amend Contract No. 53134) (Y-4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">187634</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER NICK FISH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Environmental Services</p> <p>274 Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to sign lease documents with Friends of Zenger Farm and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement as the sponsor of a Metro grant to the Friends of Zenger Farm (Second Reading Agenda 250) (Y-4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">187635</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Water Bureau</p> <p>275 Declare the water facilities located at 16120 N Simmons Rd as no longer needed for public water system purposes and revert the property and facilities to the Port of Portland in accordance with a deed restriction (Second Reading Agenda 251) (Y-4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">187636</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER DAN SALTZMAN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Portland Fire & Rescue</p> <p>276 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon, Office of the State Fire Marshal for Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team Services (Ordinance; Contract No. 30004993)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSED TO SECOND READING MARCH 30, 2016 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER STEVE NOVICK</p>	

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Bureau of Emergency Management

***277** Authorize application to the Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant program for a grant in the amount of \$2,962,000 to enhance emergency preparedness through planning, training and equipping of emergency responders (Ordinance)
(Y-4)

187637

Bureau of Transportation

***278** Accept a grant in the amount of \$1,350,045 from the Oregon Department of Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements (Ordinance)
(Y-4)

187638

***279** Accept a grant in the amount of \$2,572,162 from the Oregon Department of Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for traffic signal safety improvements (Ordinance)
(Y-4)

187639

CITY AUDITOR MARY HULL CABALLERO

280 Approve Council Minutes for July-December 2015 (Report)
(Y-4)

APPROVED

REGULAR AGENDA

MAYOR CHARLIE HALES

Bureau of Police

***281** Authorize disposal of surplus firearms property and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Washington County Sheriff's Office for the Portland Police Bureau to proceed with sale of the property (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested
(Y-4)

187643

Office of Management and Finance

***282** Approve Innovation Funding for five major and five micro proposals for FY 2015-16 (Previous Agenda 259)
(Y-4)

187644

CITY AUDITOR MARY HULL CABALLERO

283 Amend contract with Moss Adams, LLP to extend by one year for financial and federal compliance audits of FY 2015-2016 and increase compensation by \$599,750 (Second Reading Agenda 254; amend Contract No. 30002662)
(Y-4)

187645
AS AMENDED

At 10:52 a.m., Council recessed.

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WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, MARCH 23, 2016

**DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA
THERE WAS NO MEETING**

March 24, 2016

A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2016** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Hales, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman, 5.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Denis Vannier, Deputy City Attorney; and Mike Cohen and Mike Miller, Sergeants at Arms.

Motion for the City Council to hold a 6:00 pm meeting for the Comprehensive Plan on April 14, 2016 in the auditorium of the Portland Building: Moved by Hales and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)

<p>284 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Accept the report of the Innovation Fund summarizing highlights from projects that were approved for funding in FY 2013-14, FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 (Report introduced by Mayor Hales) 45 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept the report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)</p>	<p>Disposition:</p> <p>ACCEPTED</p>
<p>*285 TIME CERTAIN: 2:45 PM – Authorize \$48,503 total in grant agreements for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement East Portland Action Plan 2016 Civic Engagement Grant Agreements (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Fritz) 2 hours requested for items 285 and 286 (Y-5)</p>	<p>187646</p>
<p>286 Transmit East Portland Action Plan 2016 annual presentation (Report introduced by Commissioner Fritz)</p> <p>Motion to accept the report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED</p>

At 4:28 p.m., Council adjourned.

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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MARCH 23, 2016 9:30 AM

Fish: Welcome to Portland City Council. Karla, would you please call the roll?

Fritz: Here. **Saltzman:** Here. **Fish:** Here.

Fish: Well, welcome. We have a quorum, so we will begin the Council meeting. I think that we are going to be joined by our other colleagues shortly. Karla, would you please begin with the communication item 264?

Item 264.

Moore-Love: He has withdrawn his request. He is working with BDS.

Fish: Excellent, thank you. Karla, would you please read 265?

Item 265.

Moore-Love: She has to work today and is not able to make it.

Fish: OK. I don't seem to be having a lot of luck this morning with our --

David Davis: Why don't you let me talk since you blocked me?

Hales: Hey, David, we've gotta do some business here. Amanda, I don't know if you've met -- [indistinguishable] [background noise]

Fish: Please sit down --

Hales: You know Dan Saltzman -- [indistinguishable]

Fish: We're live --

Hales: OK. You know Commissioner Fish --

Fish: Good to see you -- [background noise] -- sir, you are going to have to sit down or ask you to leave. You are interrupting the Council meeting. You can't do that.

Hales: Mr. Davis, I've had to warn you before and I'm warning you again. You have five seconds, four, three, two, one -- to let us proceed. Thank you. Let's get going. Thank you, Commissioner Fish. Where are we in the agenda?

Fish: 266, Mayor.

Hales: OK. Karla, could you read that?

Item 266.

Hales: Come on up, please. Yes, go ahead and read 267 and Mary Ann can come up, too.

Item 267.

Hales: Good morning.

Robert McCullough: I would defer to our most-active activist --

Hales: OK, alright.

Fish: A true gentleman.

Hales: Good morning.

Mary Ann Schwab: Thank you, I appreciate your indulgence this morning. For the record, my name is Mary Ann Schwab. I live in the Sunnyside neighborhood and I've been an advocate for I'd say maybe 40 years. Thank you for letting me talk to you again about Washington High School.

I'm here today to talk about the Washington Monroe recreation center and Commissioner Saltzman's option to purchase the southeast corner, 1.31 acres of the open field, that will expire May 2017. The amendment 185561 where the Portland Public Schools and the City of Portland also agree to continue to pursue the existing ongoing

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partnerships outlined in exhibit A of the City resolution number 36929, adopted on June 6th, 2012 for the southeast corner of the Washington Monroe site. I am asking City Council to allow their intergovernmental agreement resolution number 36929 to lapse today and pass the parks fund-raising task over to the Southeast Uplift board of directors.

It has been my honor to represent the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association as their liaison serving on two community advisory committees, and I'm anxious to get started again. I will not give up until I'm the last one to jump in the swimming pool and run through the neighborhood with the neighborhood children through the splash pad water feature on that 1.31 acres of open field facing SE Morrison. To that end, I have brought a real life financial expert, Robert McCullough, to address the finer points on how to move this project forward. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Good morning.

Robert McCullough: Good morning. A pleasure to see you, Mayor and Commissioners. You have no idea how much I had to sweet talk her before that endorsement.

So, this is actually a simple business issue. Four years ago, the City ended up with a first right of refusal. It's described in resolution 36925. That will disappear in a year. At the moment, Commissioner Fritz does not have the funds to proceed. We understand that. That's life. That's not what we're here today about.

What we are here today about is preserving that first right of refusal, and there are a couple ways that we can go with this. One is simply to assign it to Southeast Uplift and watch us fall on our face. Now, the good news is that way you get a fair amount of energy, and a fair amount of expertise, and we have a good chance of preserving an economic asset.

Now, most of us who have been in real estate -- and I have bought and sold a lot of real estate in my life -- know that a first right of refusal is an asset. It's actually a valuable asset. You can actually appraise that asset. For us to lose it without fighting for it is inappropriate. Now, Mary Ann will discuss the rights and wrongs of why we need that community center and the associated land. She's been at it forever, she knows vastly more than I do. But what I do know is I can put together a team, both lawyers and real estate folks, to go bust their butts on this particular issue. And I came today with a quote from Mark Twain -- two quotes, in fact -- on the theory that you should be both entertaining and substantive in your comments to elected officials.

So, the first quote from Mark Twain is, if it's your job to eat a frog, it's best to do it first thing in the morning. And if it's your job to eat two frogs, it's best to eat the biggest one first. Bottom line here is, we are happy to eat your frog for you.

Second quote is actually right to the point. Do the right thing -- it will gratify some people and astonish the rest. We would like to help you astonish some people on this project. I have talked to our board members and our volunteers, we have people who can and will help, and we would like that opportunity from you. The one thing I don't want to see is for this to fade away -- another lost opportunity. I will also close my comments early. Thank you very much, Mayor and Commissioners.

Hales: Thank you both.

Fish: So, Mayor, since we are a little heavy on time this morning, can I ask a couple of questions?

Hales: Sure, please.

Fish: Mary Ann, I just want to go back in time for a second. And please, just correct me if my memory is faulty. The option that we're talking about was an option that Commissioner Randy Leonard advocated for at a time when the City was -- my recollection is the City was helping the school district with financial support. Is that correct?

Schwab: Correct.

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Fish: And again, this is a number of years ago -- and Mayor, I am going to ask the City Attorney's Office to reconstruct this for us -- but my recollection is that Commissioner Leonard -- in consideration for some support that the City gave to the school district, Commissioner Leonard advocated for an option at this site which would complete the parcel of public ownership at the Washington Monroe site. Commissioner Saltzman advocated for obtaining a lease agreement for an intergenerational housing development in Lents. And I, among others, advocated for the school district, incorporating the planning for future community gardens in every new capital construction project. I believe all of that, at some point, was memorialized in a memorandum of understanding with the school district. I may be wrong, but --

Schwab: Correct. I have copies of all of that.

Fish: So, one of the challenges, of course, is a past Council entered into this transaction, which included a lot of moving pieces. And I don't know that, as a body, we've had a chance to revisit that agreement and determine the status of a number of commitments we've made. A future Council is free to say, you know, we relinquish this or that claim, but I think with the passage of four years it's important to know what it is that we understood the school district was committing to in consideration for a substantial public investment we made in schools at that time.

So, I am going to ask that the City Attorney's Office pull that agreement and review what mutual commitments were made and the status of those mutual commitments. And I also want to find out whether we have the legal right to transfer an option of this nature. Again, my recollection is hazy on this. I do remember a lot of conversation about securing a vacant school property in Lents because Commissioner Saltzman was so passionate about another intergenerational housing community and I at the time very interested in expanding community garden opportunities for kids at schools. But I think it's important that we revisit it, that we also better understand what the intent was.

I think that I know the intent at Washington Monroe, but I think that we should revisit that. And then I think the Council needs to decide if there is any follow-up action it wants to take. Because we do have a binding MOU and I don't know what our legal rights are with that. There is a value to that dirt and it is one thing to exercise the option. If we don't have the money to acquire that option, the option itself has value. The question is, could some third party act on our behalf? I don't know the legal answer to that, but you've raised that as a question.

McCullough: Mary Ann, could I take this?

Schwab: Go ahead.

Fish: And if I misstated anything --

McCullough: No, no. Frankly, I'm impressed like hell that you can remember four years back to that decision. 36929 is actually the MOU. And you stated the facts very well. We've asked for the actual legal language that was adopted after 36929. No one can find it on our end, I've had my staff go through it, we troubled Commissioner Saltzman's staff to help us -- thank you very much -- and we've been over to the City document repository as well. So, you're entirely correct, it needs to be revisited.

We're raising the question today -- we've put some other board members on the agenda for the next session knowing that this is not something that you can leap out into space on, and so we will have two more presentations at, I believe, the next --

Schwab: Next Wednesday.

Fish: Mr. McCullough, can I ask you one other question? Because I think that there's some follow-up, and our City Attorney said that she will follow up on this for the Council.

The other question that I have for either of you is, is there any proposed action in the Comprehensive Plan that would impact this particular site? That is, do we have any

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proposal before us that's under consideration in the Comprehensive Plan process that might impact the future zoning or entitlements on this site?

Schwab: I've had this conversation with Mayor Hales on the 28th of May, and I came into his office when we had the surplus money and I said, I need a million dollars. We already have 985 in queue with PDC --

Hales: It happens all the time --

Fish: We've all had that conversation -- [laughter]

Schwab: That's right -- [laughter] -- and he said, "Mary Ann, it doesn't take two million dollars to change the zone from RH1 to maintain it." As for your question on the comp plan, Portland Public Schools has gone and tried to increase the zone from RH1 to CM2. Our planners are very wise, highly-skilled planners said know we're not having spot planning on that location. I've done my best to move the FAR off that land over to the Broadway corridor project, couldn't get anyone to respond to me. I have gone through one maze after another. And when you talk about the former City Council, three of you have already worked on the Parks commission. I mean, this has been ongoing. I've been at this since 1980 to keep the land in the public domain, in the commons, and I want to go back -- and I'll leave you with this thought. Ed Lyle, the interim superintendent to Jim Scherzinger, said, "Why is it that we have to buy land we've owned since 1904, held in the commons for the common good to purchase it a second time for a public park?"

Fish: That's a separate issue.

Schwab: That is -- that's huge.

Fish: No, but that comes up with --

Schwab: That comes -- that's your comp plan.

Fish: That comes up --

McCullough: However, I told you I would kick you if you blew off the --

Fish: That issue comes up with our utilities, it comes up with our relationship between our school districts and the City, and I understand that you have a strong view on that. Last question. To your knowledge, what does Portland Public Schools intend to do with that dirt?

Schwab: Sell it. There's two developers in queue that express strong interest in purchasing that land, which would -- the way it's zoned -- be an eight-story condo. And we've already creamed the department with overflow parking when all of the sudden we lost 32 to 34 on-site parking at the St. Francis apartments going in. A hundred and six apartments are coming in. You and I know that 72.4 people will have a car. We're creaming our own project with poor vision. We keep thinking in the box lot by lot, and we're not stepping back to look at how this crazy quilt fits.

I would really expect to hear from you shortly. I am very appreciative, Nick, that you have a memory of this. I'm sure that, in his quiet way, Dan Saltzman does too -- [laughter] -- I have seen his signature on so many statements, I know he just doesn't sign 'em --

Saltzman: I'm working on remembering this all, yes.

Schwab: Alright, thank you.

Hales: Thank you both very much.

McCullough: Thank you very much.

Hales: OK, let's move on to the consent calendar. We've had a couple items removed from the consent calendar to the regular agenda. One is 271 and the other is 272. Any others? If not, then let's take a vote, please, on the balance of the consent calendar minus those two items.

Roll on consent agenda.

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye.

Hales: Let's move, please, to 268.

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Item 268.

Hales: Ms. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Zehnder, welcome. Good morning.

Joe Zehnder, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. I'm Joe Zehnder, chief planner with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. The action you're considering today is to accept grant funds from the Metro community planning and developing grant program. It's a construction excise tax grant program, and this is one of four grants that the City was awarded last year. The others you have approved or will approve on consent.

But this grant, in particular, is an example of how we're trying to use this Metro program to actually move towards implementation of comp plan and other objectives as well. Implementation in this case is a planning document, but it's with and by the community development group for the implementation plan of an initiative that's called Pathway 1000. I am here today with Maxine Fitzgerald, who's the Executive Director of PCRI --

*****: [inaudible]

Zehnder: Fitzpatrick -- sorry -- who's a recipient of the grant with us. Most of the \$250,000 is going to PCRI. I would offer the opportunity for Maxine to tell you about Pathway 1000 and the use of the grant.

Hales: Thank you. Good morning.

Maxine Fitzpatrick: Good morning. Thank you. Pathway 1000 is one of the most comprehensive housing undertakings that PCRI has done since I would say its formation in the preservation of the Dominion Capital rental housing portfolio. We're excited about the opportunity to do some displacement mitigation, number one, but also to look at this development opportunity that has a 10-year time frame, look at the total economic impact that it has on the residents as well as the city and as well as the county, and to be able to engage other community-based organizations, private consultants, our educational system, Portland State University, private development partners, and as I indicated, extensive community engagement process.

We will utilize past data from the City's engagement of the community as well as current reports, state of housing in Portland, to produce a document that not only talks about what we are going to build, where we're going to build, and the total economic impact of that 10-year engagement process in the city of Portland.

I think oftentimes when we develop housing, we do it in isolation in terms of thinking about the impact that it brings to the community. We're looking at the employment opportunities, business creation, elevation of underemployed people, and we are looking at it basically from a holistic approach. I think when we're done and present this report back to the City, you will be hopefully proud to be a part of and in support of it, as you have done in other housing developments -- or housing development activities in the city. I also applaud the opportunity to have attention given to the housing needs of the culturally-specific communities. Oftentimes, we kind of block them out together, but they do have different and separate needs as no one size fits all. So, I am appreciative of the City's understanding of that as well. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you both very much. Questions about this grant?

Fish: I have one question for either of you. In the exhibit B that's attached to our materials, it describes the team working on this, and it's Maxine, you, as the Executive Director of PCRI; Nan Stark from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability; and then Tyler Bump from BPS. I'm just curious -- why is there no one from the Housing Bureau listed as a project sponsor or team member?

Zehnder: The Housing Bureau actually has been a participant in the development of the grant from the initiation -- actually, the first meetings with the PCRI board. So, that would

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be an oversight. But you know, our role in this thing is just to provide some assistance and stay in the loop because this is PCRI-led project, but it was developed with Javier Mena at the Housing Bureau.

Hales: I think the mechanical answer is Metro makes planning grants to planning agencies, so therefore it comes to the Planning Bureau, but that doesn't mean other bureaus can't be involved.

Zehnder: Yes, and I think that exhibit is based on our Metro materials, and so we're using the staff time from those two BPS staff as the match for this grant.

Fitzpatrick: And we do have an oversight committee that will definitely involve the engagement of the Portland Housing Bureau. They are looked at and considered one of the partners in this development, specifically since, you know, the main goal is to create housing, so there's no way that they could not be an integral part of what we do and how we do it.

Hales: Other questions? Thank you both very much, thank you. Anyone want to speak on this item?

Moore-Love: We have two people signed up.

Hales: Come on up, please. Good morning.

Fish: Michael is a Commissioner of the Multnomah Education --

Michael W. Durrow: Director.

Fish: Director of the Multnomah Education Service District.

Durrow: Thank you.

Hales: Good morning.

Durrow: How're you doing? The MESD is not meeting this week, so I decided to be collegial and come here and visit you. I wanted to speak for the idea of developing more forms of low income housing. I've been online looking for real co-op housing in Portland, and there doesn't really seem to be a lot of that. But I think that the City needs to look for -- encourage with carrots and sticks -- incentivize, in other words -- the opportunity for people to have shared housing, co-op housing, and then individual housing, and things like trailers that can be moved -- like smaller trailers that can be moved, and even maybe some campgrounds for people that have animals and don't want to be indoors. And I am just throwing in my two cents.

Hales: Thank you. Thanks very much, I appreciate your partnership.

Durrow: Thank you.

Fish: Colleagues, I had the honor of swearing Michael in his new position. He had invited someone else to come the night that I swore in, Stephen Marc Beaudoin, his special guest, did not arrive so we got a two for the price of one.

Hales: Well, that's good. I'm glad that you were there.

Fish: Thank you for your service, Michael.

Hales: Good morning. You're next, Mr. Davis.

David Davis: So, I wanted to suggest that you guys actually do a better job on housing by buying a bunch of the foreclosure properties that have made a lot of people homeless to begin with. And there's a 37 percent vacancy rate in foreclosures in Portland, in the Vancouver area, and you guys could easily buy up a surplus bank-owned foreclosed properties and put people back in the housing instead of having them sit there and rot to maybe, you know, possibly be torn down and rebuilt after they sit for 10 years or more and not doing anything for the community.

And you know, there's -- you guys might want to think, too, about funding some City-owned hostels or something like that. Because in this town, I was actually homeless for a long time, and I tried to check into some of the hostels around here and I found out you have to be an out-of-state resident. You can't be a local resident to even go to the

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hostels around here. So, basically all the hostels around here are not even accessible to homeless people that could afford to possibly spend the night at a place instead of a cheap, crappy motel, which this -- you know. And another thing you guys could do, is -- I don't know if you guys have ever slept in any of the crappy hotels on Interstate Avenue or 82nd street. You might have been there, you might have visited or whatever, but I suggest you guys go and do a tour and see the filthy conditions that people are forced to live in and pay, you know, upward to \$1200 to \$1500 a month, or, you know, \$300, \$500 a week to stay at these little filth dens that have black mold, just horrendous. Maybe the City needs to regulate some of the hotels or consider opening some of their own and regulate it to a certain level of standard. Because I see a lot of waste in this city, and a lot of poverty pimps are always lining up to get their little pay at the trowel. I actually saw recently JOIN's figures, which are some of the main people that you guys refer people to for housing, and they had spent like 1.3 million on housing people, and they almost spent a million on their own staff -- [beeping] -- so, that's pretty crappy right there.

Hales: Thanks very much.

Davis: You might want to actually -- [inaudible] --

Hales: Thank you.

Davis: -- [inaudible] -- start giving the community, like, some money instead of funneling it through property --

Hales: Thanks very much. Actually, on the subject of abandoned, foreclosed houses, we have a group of City staff that have been working on that for some time, and they are coming to Council for a work session on April 5th. So, actually, we have some folks working on that very problem, because you're right, there are some empty houses out there that have actually sat around empty a long time. So, appreciate you bringing that up.

Davis: [inaudible] -- homeless people can actually come and have some agency instead of having to go to a poverty agency and actually come to you and tell you their story so they get into things, you know?

Hales: Working on that.

Davis: There's a lot of stuff -- [inaudible] --

Hales: Mr. Davis, thanks very much. OK, anyone else? Let's please take a vote on this item because it's an emergency ordinance.

Item 268 Roll.

Fritz: So, this grant is going to create a funding and implementation plan with the goal of 1000 units of housing for displaced residents, identifying the sites, and creating community benefits agreements, etc. I'm really pleased it's aligning with the City's North/Northeast neighborhood housing investment strategy that the City is working together with the Housing Bureau, which did support this application.

I'm particularly happy about this because I was serving on the Metro policy advisory committee with Mayor Adams when we persuaded the Metro Council to continue the previous excise tax and to allow Portland to be eligible for it. So, it's fun and gratifying to see this come back to be put to implementation as well as planning. Thank you to all of the staff, and especially Tom Armstrong, who continues to do great work on the Metro policy advisory committee, as well as Joe and Maxine and others who presented today. Aye.

Fish: Council was pleased to support the application, it went to the Metro, and now we're obviously pleased to accept the grant. And if we add 1000 homes under this initiative in the next 20 years, there will be one person that will take a bow, and that is Maxine Fitzpatrick. Aye.

Saltzman: I want to thank Metro and the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and PCRI, Maxine Fitzpatrick, for landing this grant and having ambitious goals. We hope they are successful. Aye.

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Hales: It's good work and a good partnership, thank you all very much. Aye.

Item 269.

Hales: Commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: Thank you, Mayor. I'm very pleased today to bring forward this proposal to fund much-needed, deeply affordable housing in the Lair Hill Park neighborhood of Southwest Portland. This is a funding decision that resulted from our 2014 Notice of Funds Availability for affordable housing.

This 39-unit new building will have 14 units which will be reserved for low income Portlanders earning 30 percent or less of median family income. Eight units in the new building are reserved for those who have been diagnosed with a severe mental illness to allow for independent, supportive living options so desperately needed in our community. The remaining 31 units will have preference for individuals who have graduated from Central City Concern's supportive services and rehabilitation programs and achieved employment from Central City Concern downtown employment access center.

There are several funding streams combined with the Portland Housing Bureau to make this possible. The State of Oregon Division of Addictions and Mental Health is providing \$2 million, Home Forward is providing 10 project-based Section 8 vouchers, and Central City Concern is providing \$200,000 alone for the development. And the City through the community development block grant is providing \$3.2 million -- that's what we're hopefully approving today.

This project has been an all hands-on-deck effort to make this project a reality, and I would like to recognize Gerding Edlen development, who has played a major role acquiring the site, mitigating environmental issues, negotiating the funding structure, and who will manage the construction and development. And I'd also like to recognize Central City Concern who is aiding in the development and operations of the project. Here to present the project in more detail is Sarah Zahn with Gerding Edlen, and Sean Hubert with Central City Concern.

Hales: Good morning. Come on up, please.

Saltzman: I don't know if you want to present more detail, but if you do, we're all ears.

Sean Hubert: Good morning. I'm Sean Hubert, I'm the chief housing employment officer of Central City Concern. We're very excited to be partnering with the City on this project, and after almost two years of work, excited to be able to sort of close financing and start construction next month.

You gave a pretty good overview, Commissioner Saltzman, of the project. I think we're very pleased to provide a high number of units in the project that are at or below 30 percent of median income. And as you mentioned, we work on the employment side to help find jobs and start careers for over 500 formerly-homeless people every year. And the rental market, as you know, is very tight, what that does is backs up our transitional units, and so we're not able to help as many people as we could otherwise. So, we're very happy that this is going to help to bring some capacity online for people who have been successful in our transitional housing and find jobs to be able to move in to and secure permanent housing and then better leverage our existing transitional continuum.

The project will also achieve Earth Advantage gold and meets the City's -- actually will exceed the City's MWESB requirements. We're utilizing a 100 percent minority-owned contractor on the project. With that said, I'll turn it over to Sarah and be happy to take any questions.

Sarah Zahn: My name is Sarah Zahn, and thank you for having us today, Mayor and Commissioners. I'm with Gerding Edlen, and we've been fortunate to partner with Central City Concern on the development of this project and are really excited to kick off the construction in about a month's time. I think that Sean and the Commissioner have

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covered most of the details about the project. I'll just add that I think that one of the exciting things about this project is really the funds that we have leveraged from multiple sources to make this happen.

As Commissioner Saltzman pointed out, we're using funds from the State of Oregon through their department of mental health to fund eight units for folks with severe mental illnesses to be living independently in this housing, as well as funds through the City of Portland. We have funds from the State of Oregon through their low income housing tax credit program and then we're also leveraging a grant from Providence for solar energy at this project, and Central City Concern funds. So, it's a great example of how multiple partners can come together to make projects like this a reality in the city.

Hales: Great.

Saltzman: Thank you both.

Hales: Other questions for this team?

Fritz: I'm assuming we will get the question, "why is it a loan rather than a grant?"

Zahn: For the City funds, you're referring to? It really is a function of the requirement through the tax credit program at the state level that these funds be loaned into the project as opposed to being a grant. It's just a function of the way that the tax credit program works. But it is a 60-year term and at zero percent interest rate.

Fritz: Thank you.

Fish: I have two questions. One is, recently, Commissioner Saltzman brought forth legislation to streamline the process a little bit and to cut some of the red tape particularly at the design review. This particular development, I think, isn't covered by that because you're ready to break ground. Sarah, did you -- how would you characterize the experience you had getting to this point?

Zahn: Sure. Well, this particular project was not actually subject to design review --

Hales: Right, outside the zone.

Zahn: So, we were a unique -- just happened to be a unique location that was not subject to the design review at all. So, the project was exempt from that automatically. But I will say that during the permit process over the last two months, we -- I think, largely through discussions with PHB and some of the actions that the Commissioner has taken, Commissioner Saltzman has taken -- we did see expedited review of the plans and felt that the permit went through faster than we expected.

Fish: That's terrific. And Sean, I have a question for you. I'm just really thrilled with the population you're going to serve here -- and I don't remember, Dan, something that's come before us in the last few years that had such an aggressive mix of affordability. And since units that are zero to 30 of median family income are the kind of homes that currently homeless people might qualify for and older adults on disability and others, it's something that we are deeply committed to, and this is an exciting development.

I guess the question that I had is, you're matching this with Section 8 vouchers, you're going to do project basing. Which units will that help you subsidize and what's the take away about the value of a Section 8 voucher in order for you to hit the affordability goals?

Hubert: You know, the Section 8 voucher is pretty critical. We were able to -- from the AMH grant that is coming into the project, we were able to buy down four of the units that will be set aside for people with serious mental illness. It's a 30 percent without rental subsidy, and that was the nature of the AMH grant. So, we were able to get to some of that through partnering with other agencies on the subsidy. But the remainder of the 30 percent units -- really, the Section 8 assistance is critical in order to achieve that level of subsidy on the units. We wouldn't be able to hit that without that.

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Fish: And I know there's a debate in the community about to what extent we should project-base Section 8s versus allow people to use them in the marketplace. It seems to us, however, that when the marketplace doesn't have available units and people can't find a place to rent, investing in a dedicated unit that then stays affordable for a long time is a community win. Do you agree with that?

Hubert: I do agree with that. You probably know that we partnered with the City as well in handling rent assistance resources and we also receive funding from the state as well for rent assistance. And we've had very difficult times -- particularly over the last year and a half to two years -- being able to place that and people out into the community housing, and so we've actually had to use our own portfolio for some of that rent assistance because we just can't get it into the market. And so I think there is a great value -- I think both models where you have the flexible vouchers but also project-based, because it enables groups working in this field in this endeavor more flexibility of ensuring that rental assistance can get utilized if nothing else is utilized either in their own portfolio or partner agencies' portfolios.

Fish: Thank you very much.

Fritz: Commissioner Fish, I'm seeing an additional benefit in this project being project-based because there is a unit for an on-site manager. And given that eight of the units are targeted for people who are experiencing severe mental illness, 30 are graduates from Central City Concern, I think it's really important to have an on-site manager and ongoing services as well as the housing.

Fish: I'm glad you mentioned that. It also seems like you're developing in an area that's a strong area for the folks you're serving. I think that we could subject this one to about two weeks of due diligence and we wouldn't find one reason to criticize it. I would say congratulations to all of you for make this happen.

Fritz: I just want to validate -- in the financial impact input analysis, it talks about the Lair Hill Neighborhood Association. You meant the South Portland Neighborhood Association, right?

Zahn: Correct.

Fritz: Could we correct that as a scrivener's error, please, Council Clerk? Thank you very much. And they have, I know, been very involved and supportive. This was a site that we looked at to see whether it might be good for Right 2 Dream Too, and I think everybody agreed it would be better for permanent supportive housing. So, well done, Commissioner Saltzman, for bringing this home.

Saltzman: I wasn't aware of the Providence grant for solar energy. Is that for solar electric or solar hot water or both?

Hubert: For solar electric.

Hales: That's great --

Fish: Can I add one other thing, Mayor? We started to kick around an idea I just want to flag to you and at some point we'll follow up with you. You're gonna develop this project, and at some point the residents might come to you and say, "We would like to have some vending machines in the building." And it's not atypical -- that's why we often find vending machines with soda and snacks at shelters and affordable housing developments. And I've always wondered when we do that why we put the least healthy food in facilities with some of the most vulnerable people.

And so, there is an idea that is starting to get discussed quietly about setting some standards close to what the school district and the Parks Bureau has for healthy snacks and choices. And we'll be talking to you more about that, but it seems to me that I feel disheartened when I go to a shelter and I see a machine with high sugar, high salt, very unhealthy foods and beverages, and I think I wish we were offering a healthy option. We

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do that in our parks where we kick the junk food out and we only offer healthy food, and I think it's something that we're all going to be able to embrace, but I would ask you to think about that going forward since there's a demand that we as a group think about making sure that people have a healthy option as well.

Hubert: Yeah, I appreciate that. Through our primary care, we're serving about 8000 people a year just through the primary care, and 2000 of those are literally homeless and about another 2000 are in transitional housing and shelters, doubled that, that sort of thing. And we're seeing a lot of, you know, chronic medical issues -- hypertension, diabetes, that sort of thing -- in the population we're serving and we are looking at how both the built environment, the buildings themselves and what happens in the buildings can lead to better health for the people we're working with, and we'd be very supportive of that conversation.

Fish: A just a quick PSA on this. When -- with the help of Nancy Becker and the public health community -- we kicked junk food out of the rec centers, there was no drop in the sales. It turns out it was still a captive market. And we weren't precluding people from having choices, it just turns out that Coca-Cola also makes fruit juices and low, low sugar drinks and water drinks and other things. And what I think we're beginning to realize is just like 7-11s tend to end up in areas that have food deserts so that what people get is lots of potato chips and soda but not necessarily healthy food. We want to make sure that folks in the facilities that we fund also have access to healthy food. You're a leader in this, but I'm previewing an idea that's been kicking around that we're going to be talking more about.

Hales: Good. Good idea. Thank you both very much, good presentation. Anyone else want to speak on this item?

Moore-Love: David Davis.

Hales: Come on up.

Crystal Elinski: Commissioner Saltzman, Fritz, and Mayor Hales, my name is Crystal Elinski and I represent 10,000. It's so hard to take any of this seriously. Very privileged to be here. It is quite a privilege to come all the way down to City Hall in the center of the city where we have so much already at our doorstep. We have all of this empty real estate, all these services, agencies that are part of the umbrella of the Portland Business Alliance and getting all these funds. I wouldn't worry about loans because oftentimes City Hall will just waive the amounts so it's technically a grant, but we just keep reinventing and redoing things when it's -- did I hear the last agenda item correctly, that it's going to be 1000 units in 20 years?

Hales: On that particular project.

Elinski: Twenty years? Well, I concur with the speaker -- sir -- yes. We already have things in place, why don't we have a plan, cut down on the bureaucracy and the staff and all the agencies that are working -- essentially working together -- and yet we have to have a new plan over here to build the building for 39 units of captive -- oh, I'm sorry, Fish is gone. Captive -- you know, when we get Home Forward involved -- I'm sorry, why do I call them that? Hope, access, potential. When we get groups like this involved, it's a self-perpetuating system where they just need jobs for themselves so they can get more people into their system, and ultimately, if we had rent control, we wouldn't have to have all of this bureaucracy or to keep building little units here and there, 39 units? What's that? It took them two years to plan this? All the staff, all the people being paid -- two-plus million dollars from different agencies coming through? For 39 people, we could give them two years of rent on just amount that the HAP housing authority is proposing. And we could fix up the hotels that people are still living in temporarily, we could fix up -- monitor to make sure the places are safe that people can afford them instead of spending millions and millions of dollars for just a few units over here so we could monitor more people that

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apparently have mental illness? Well, our whole city has mental illness. We've already got programs like Cascadia and CCC and TPI. Why does JOIN have to join the bandwagon? Why is Citizens Alliance of Tenants joining in with this umbrella of this so-called emergency when we can't even fix what we already have? [beeping]

Hales: Thank you very much. Good morning.

Lightning: Good morning. My name is Lightning, I represent Lightning Watchdog PDX. I do like the fact that we're doing -- focusing more on the zero to 30 percent in this project -- is doing that. In the past, I've heard people say that that's very difficult to accomplish, but today on this project, we're able to do that and that needs to be looked at closely.

Some of the concerns that I have on this information that was presented on the resolution -- I would like to have the developers involved on these projects, if you could on your units start to break down the square footage of the units that you're building. I want a clear understanding of when these are presented in front of City Hall on what the square footage breakdown. I'd also like to see on the overall unit price of the development on these projects. I understand this is probably around 250,000 to possibly 300,000 a unit, but I'd like to see that put down in units on these projects.

Another concern that I have on this project is that we're getting back to the term loan or grant on this \$3 million amount that we're talking about here. What I want a clear understanding of again is from my position, I want to see that paid back over time. Now, one of my biggest concerns is that Central City Concern has been around for many years. And if this particular project can't pay itself, pay the loan back, I'd like Central City Concern to commit from other projects that have been put through to begin paying this loan back. I would like to have it begin being paid back no later than a five-year time frame. I think that gives you ample time to decide where you're going to come up with the resources. If it's not off this project, tie it into another project you have done in the past. I don't think that that's unreasonable to do. I don't like fact -- I heard the 60-year term zero percent interest and the term, "grant." I hope that that's not applying to this same amount of money just due to the fact that you need to get other financing from other sources and follow certain requirements. Again, this states this is a loan. I want this loan to be paid back. If it's not paid back, I want the building to be taken back from Central City Concern, again, giving you five years to figure out how you can begin making payments on this loan is so very reasonable out in today's marketplace to anybody to be made that offer. But to think that you are not going to pay this loan back over this term -- that's not going to happen anymore. This loan's gonna be paid back or we're going to take your property back at that time. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you. Mr. Davis, good morning.

David Davis: I wanted to speak kind of to Nick Fish with his little snacks comment. I mean, you know, you're giving all this money to Central City Concern and they already have their own coffee company, their own real estate company, they got their whole market cornered. Why don't you guys give them money for the snack things, you know? Why don't you start up a healthy snack company for Central City Concern since you like the snacks so much, Nick Fish, and you like to exclude the people from City Hall and stuff like that. That's actually one of the reasons I'm just gonna keep coming here and speaking on like almost every item because of your unlawful blocking me a couple weeks ago and then you called the police on me and tried to get me excluded --

Fish: Is this responsive to the --

Hales: This is not responsive. So, Mr. Davis, talk to the item, please.

Davis: That's pretty --

Hales: You can testify to the item in front of us --

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Davis: Central City Concern is talking about how they created 500 jobs, right? Well, that is crap in reality. How much money did it cost all of the workers and all the case people to create these 500 jobs? And, what, did that support 100 jobs of 100 caseworkers to get these 500 jobs? Because Central City Concern -- as they wage their war on homeless people and also act like they're the helping hand, the nice abusive father that smacks you one day and tells you to go to your room for the next two weeks and you're not eating and then comes in and like, "oh, I am here to save you."

So, Central City Concern are this big behemoth monster that goes around and they evict homeless people. They're one of the main policing agencies that evict homeless people. So, I don't see why they're even in town. You need to disband them as an agency. I mean, I could create 500 jobs pretty easily. It's called, go and rent a bunch of warehouses. You know what? I'm a skilled silk screening company and my parents used to make \$2000 a day before they were made homeless by the government busting them for a little bit of weed and trying to forfeit their property. So, I could open up 10 or 20 warehouses and create 500 jobs myself. So for these guys to pat themselves on the back like they're doing a very big good thing and then you guys probably think that's a great thing, too, that they created 500 jobs -- well, can you tell me how many jobs of these caseworkers and how many Central City Concern people were -- [beeping]

Hales: OK, thanks very much. Your time's up, Mr. Davis. Thank you. OK, anyone else want to speak on this item?

Fish: Mayor, just one comment.

Hales: Please.

Fish: Just a Council discussion. My understanding is that this community development block grant that is proposed for this project could be structured as a grant or a loan or whatever the financing allowed. My understanding -- and I'm not the expert -- is that by capturing it as a loan with no interest for 60 years, it allows the developer to leverage other kinds of funding.

Hales: That's right.

Fish: And so, it is tailored to allow them to leverage or funds. I divided the community development block grant by the number of units, and by my math, we're getting 100 -- for \$100,000 a door, we're getting the most-needed housing in our community with services. I don't remember the last time that we have had that before us that had that kind of leverage.

Hales: Yeah, it's really impressive.

Fish: So, whether it was a grant or loan, I would support this application.

Hales: OK, then let's take a vote.

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Fritz: Thank you, Commissioner Fish. I also was doing some of the math because when people hear about a \$10.8 million project for 39 units, they say, "well, that's \$285,000 a unit and that's a lot." Well, first of all, you can't buy a new apartment for \$285,000 in downtown Portland. Secondly, you calculate it for the Portland Housing Bureau investment of 82,000, which is what we're investing. I calculated over the whole 10.8 million, and for the 38 residents -- not counting the resident manager -- over 60 years, it works out to \$396 a month. And so as you say, Commissioner Fish, we can't get that in any other way, and it is a long-term investment for a permanently affordable supportive housing project. So, kudos to the entire team for putting this together, and I'm very proud to support it. Aye.

Fish: I'm bursting with glee today. We have a housing emergency. There are people who cannot move from the street to affordable homes, and today, Dan has brought two of our best partners together -- Central City Concern and Gerding Edlen -- with the Housing Bureau to make a dent, to begin to make a dent in the shortfall. And I will tell you that it is

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extremely difficult to structure a project like this where almost 40 percent of the units serve the most vulnerable people in the community, and the rest serve people at 30 to 60. Thirty to 60 percent MFI -- just to put a face on it -- is someone who is a full-time minimum wage worker or an older adult that is getting by with some public assistance, but not much. So, we are providing desperately-needed housing with great partners. It's in a good location, it has a tremendous leverage, we're serving the right people, we're building services into the building to make sure that the people are successful, we have great partners. What's not to like? Commissioner Saltzman, thank you. This is --

Hales: No -- no interruptions.

Fish: This is a proud day. And to our partners and your bureau, congratulations on a job well done. Aye.

Saltzman: I also want to thank all the partners. I want to thank the Portland Housing Bureau, Gerding Edlen, Central City Concern, State of Oregon, and Home Forward for making this project pencil. I also want to acknowledge, as Commissioner Fritz alluded to, this was a very challenging site having been used as a gasoline station for time immemorial. And so, it required a lot of work with the Department of Environmental Quality to get a no further action letter required in order to move ahead on this, and I want to acknowledge Shannon Callahan in my office for helping to work directly with DEQ in getting that property to the point where it can now be developed for very low income affordable housing. So, thanks to everybody for a great job. Aye.

Hales: You know, as I've gotten older and I hope matured a bit, I've come to understand that I'm not always the smartest person in the room. I have that experience when I get together with my family because my brother actually is a rocket scientist -- [laughter] -- and I know I'm not as smart as my brother because he figures how to make rockets leave ships and go into space and stop other rockets and I don't know how he does that. I'm very impressed, but when I'm around him, I know that I'm not the smartest person in the room.

The other time that I know I'm not the smartest person in the room is when someone starts to describe the financing plan for tax credit low income housing projects. Because I'm not sure which is more complex, shooting down missiles in space or putting one of these deals together, but both of them are beyond me in terms of their complexity. So, my hat's off always when one of these deals comes together, and for it to come together this way, Commissioner Saltzman, to serve this part of our community is literally stellar. It is really impressive. And the Unity Center will open in October, we're gonna have people getting better mental health treatment in crisis, and then they need some place to live. And this is the kind of place that we need more of for them to live.

Central City Concern has this amazing pipeline of -- or lifeline is a better description -- of getting people off the street, out of crisis, out of addiction, into employment, into their own housing. This is one more example of how well that works for thousands and thousands of people in our city every year. So, I'm not smart enough to figure out how to put these deals together but I'm smart enough to see a good one when it comes along, and this is a very good one.

Finally, in this real estate market, I would hazard to say that there are easier ways for Gerding Edlen or other firms to make money than put a project like this together in partnership with a bunch of public agencies, and you should be commended for being a socially responsible business, because that's what it takes to have partners who are socially responsible businesses. So, thank you. Commissioner Saltzman, Portland Housing Bureau, a 10. Well done. Aye. Thank you.

Fish: Mayor, can I note something? I, too, have a stepbrother who's scary smart. I have a strategy I offer you may want to share --

Hales: [laughs] Good, I need all the help I can get.

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Fish: When I meet with him, I bring Commissioner Novick with me.

Hales: [laughs] Good idea! I'll do that next time. Thank you very much, and well done. OK, let's move on, please, to the items we pulled from the consent calendar -- namely, 271 and 272.

Item 271.

Hales: Want to give us a quick primer on this, Joe? Is that why you were coming up? Thank you.

Joe Zehnder, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Good morning again, Joe Zehnder from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. This Metro grant pays for staffing consultant time to rewrite the multifamily part of our zoning code with particular focus on improving the quality and the site planning of multifamily buildings of the generation that were built in East Portland. Larger lots -- often that were sited poorly and lack some basic amenities for more healthy conditions for their tenants. So, what we can accomplish through zoning regulations we're going to look at and put in through this project.

It also is addressing some of the issues, especially on those East Portland lots, that the Bureau of Transportation has had getting connectivity through these long blocks. So, we're trying to improve the multifamily housing there as well as in the rest of the city. We have a plan, the code and the concept plan for what we're doing written at the end of next - by June of 2017, and then it's just the hearing process.

Hales: Thank you. Questions for Joe? You wanted to speak on this item, Lightning, is that right? Come on up, please. Good morning.

Lightning: Yes, my name is Lightning, I represent Lightning Watchdog PDX. I wanted to have a clear understanding again of what this grant was. My understanding -- reduced barriers to achieving better quality, multidwelling development and healthy neighborhoods through improved regulations that lead to site and building designs that promote livability and health, resulting in more efficient and predictable permittings and aid in the acceptance of new development.

As you know, we just talked about a project that did not have to go through the design review process, and one of the things I want to have a clear understanding I guess through my position is that I want to see projects go through that process, and I want to also have more studies on having more height, density on these projects. Because in my opinion, you know, if we don't expand the urban growth boundaries and we keep wanting to have more projects close-in east side, downtown, we are going to have to offer more height, plain and simple. And I want more studies to go in that direction and make sure that we're able to accomplish that.

Again, just real fast on some of these projections being developed to the zero to 30 percent MFI. I do agree with those projects being developed. Again -- and I want to make it very clear and I'll be very fast -- when I'm fighting to have loans repaid back, remember it is going back to the City. So, I'm on your side when I'm doing that and I want you to understand that. I look at the options out there to make sure that money is paid back to the City to be utilized in the future, especially if we're dealing with very well-funded, good-sized nonprofits that have been in the business for many years in the marketplace. And if you look at their financials and pull up how many units that they have and how much they're making by the end of the year, you see that they have the ability to pay some of these loans off that were -- they're able to do in the future. I want that to be understood upfront. I'm not saying that someone should try to pay something back they don't have the funding. They have the funding to do it, and I want to see the City get paid back on these loans in the future, due on sale upon refinancing. Again, I'm on your side to get the money back to the City and I want that to be made very clear. Thank you.

Hales: Thank you very much. OK. Anyone else? Come on up.

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David Davis: Yeah, I wanted to state, too, that I'm not against affordable housing, obviously. I believe that the city needs a lot more affordable housing, but I also think that you guys could actually do it a lot cheaper by creating tiny homes and building them and letting people in those, you know. I don't think that the Central City Concern is a good organization because they seem to war on the homeless a lot. I have had some dealings with Central City Concern, and I gotta say, they're actually good at getting people their SSI and helping out some people, but there's a lot of hoops you gotta jump through and there's a lot of waste, and I think that the City can do a lot better than having Central City Concern be their main poverty pimp that's getting most of the funding. And I don't use that term lightly. If they were actually doing a better job and taking less for themselves, then they probably wouldn't fall into that category with me. I would like to see you guys actually fund some community-based people that aren't looking for a paycheck, that like -- you know, what if I was going to start up an organization or some other people that don't have profit as a motive that would just like their rent paid maybe or enough to eat on and they are not looking for \$100,000 or more? You know? So, there are a lot better ways to cure housing issues instead of having a bunch of crisis capitalism and poverty pimps. So, that's all I got to say right now.

Hales: Thank you. Let's take a vote, please.

Item 271 Roll.

Fritz: Thanks to Jasmine Wadsworth on my staff. I have more information about this grant, which is again from the construction excise tax. Thirty-five percent of the multidwelling housing is located in East Portland, and this project will coordinate with the East Portland Action Plan, build on the Portland Plan, the Comprehensive Plan, the mixed use project, and the Powell-Division transit project. So, the Planning Bureau is coordinating all of this work, and I very much appreciate that.

The grant will fund \$170,000 to the Planning Bureau staff, 33,000 to Transportation, 100,000 for consulting services. And the reason I'm breaking this down is 7500 is for events and translation services. So, I'm really pleased to see an allocation for events and translation services. In future grants, I would like to see more robust component of the community funding so that we make sure that the communities -- especially in East Portland who may not have a lot of disposable income or time -- are supported and being able to participate.

I also want to note that when the project comes back to Council -- which I hope I'm still on the Council at that time -- I hope it has both indoor and outdoor required community gathering spaces in it. This is something I've been working on, colleagues, for the last 20 years. I would be so happy to have some requirement for indoor spaces where the dwellers of multidwelling units could get together and somewhere other than a parking lot that they could have a barbecue or a picnic. So, thank you very much for doing this project, I look forward to that coming to Council. Aye.

Fish: Aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Hales: Thank you, Joe. Aye. OK, let's move to the regular agenda -- oh, sorry, 272. You need to read that because I need to pull it back to my office.

Item 272.

Hales: If there's no objection, I will refer this back to my office for more work. OK, now regular agenda, please.

Item 281.

Hales: Good morning. Rested up a bit?

Mathew Wagenknecht: A little bit. Good morning, my name's Captain Mathew Wagenknecht, I'm the captain of the tactical operations division with the Portland Police

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Bureau, and to my left here is Lieutenant Brian Ossenkop, who is the commander for the SERT team within the tactical operations division.

Real briefly -- prior to the 2001 transition of the Colt M4 Carbine, the Heckler and Koch MP5 was a SERT primary entry shoulder weapon at that time before then. Since then about 16 years ago, the MP5s inventory has been maintained but not used. SERT currently has an inventory of about 18 MP5s. Various avenues have been explored to dispose of this weapons system to remove them from the inventory while gathering revenue at the same time. The Washington County Sheriff's Office is interested in six of these weapons and is willing to pay \$850 for each one, and \$850 is a value of the weapon if it were sold in parts. And so, I'm looking for authorization for the disposal of the surplus and authorization for an intergovernmental agreement with the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Portland Police Bureau to proceed with this sale.

Hales: So these weapons will remain in a public safety agency?

Wagenknecht: Correct, sir.

Fritz: And this is for first six of the 18. What happens to the other 12?

Wagenknecht: We're keeping them until we can get rid of them in the same fashion. We may be before you again some time in the future with another agency that may want to purchase them.

Hales: OK. Other questions? Straightforward enough. Thank you both very much. Anyone want to speak on this item?

Moore-Love: We have three people signed up.

Hales: OK, come on up.

*****: I'm just interested -- [inaudible]

Hales: OK.

*****: [inaudible] -- I thought they were going to be sold back -- [inaudible]

Hales: Oh, no, they're going to another agency. Thank you. Anyone else?

David Kif Davis: My name is David Kif Davis with Multnomah County copwatch, and this sale of military-grade equipment -- you know, it is rather disturbing that we have police armed like military, and now, you know, City Hall is basically going to authorize a gun deal to transfer the military technology from one police department to another. How would you feel if one of these guns is used to kill a member of the community in Washington County once they get transferred? I know that Mayor Hales claims to be anti-gun even though he's the Police Commissioner and -- do you have any commentary about the militarization of the police and just the over-policing that we as citizens have to deal with? And that we don't like the police being armed with military-grade equipment and all this different high grade equipment they got that are more technically used in war zones.

Hales: Thank you very much. Roll call, please.

Davis: I still have time on the clock.

Hales: Mr. Davis, are you finished? I'm sorry --

Davis: No, I'm not --

Hales: Go ahead. Finish.

Davis: I'm just saying, if I can get a response --

Hales: No, you won't get a response, but you're free to testify.

Davis: You guys should really be concerned where these weapons are going. And you know, if you actually look into a lot of the police departments, you know, there's a lot of not-so-great people within them, you know. You have multiple organized crime people involved with the police, multiple gang members. I mean, I have top members of the Portland police that admitted that there's multiple gangs working within the Portland police. And this is not only a problem within the Portland police, it is infiltrated by all kinds of elements but the military as well. And a lot of the military weapons actually get funneled off

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the basis -- and you wanna know what? When I was a little teenage weed dealer in southern California, I could have bought grenade launchers and grenades and all kinds of stuff. That's the type of stuff that's available to the public if you're in black-market drug dealing networks and stuff -- [beeping]

Hales: Thank you very much. Mr. Davis, your time is up, thank you very much. Thanks very much. OK, let's please take a vote on this.

Item 281 Roll.

Fritz: My staff and I all learned about MP5s and Colt M4s this week. Thank you very much. Aye.

Fish: Aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Hales: Well, I was teasing Captain Wagenknecht about being tired, but I just want to commend you and the whole team from the Portland Police Bureau for the work that they did on the indoor track and field event this weekend. We got multiple compliments from the organizers of the IAAF for how that whole event was supported by the community and by all of our public agencies, but they were particularly impressed with the professionalism and the friendliness of the officers in the Portland Police Bureau. We got lots of those comments from the athletes, from the organizers. In fact, I heard -- maybe this is out of school, but I heard from the security professionals that had come from elsewhere in the country that they were planning to steal the manual for you ran that event because they want to use it for the next one somewhere else because it was so well done. So, Captain, thank you and to everyone at the bureau who put in a lot of extra time and who did get tired because it was a lot of hours of extra work. It was a real success for the city, and we appreciate it, and we appreciate your work on this use on this thoughtful use of police property in a way that will still be used in public safety. Thank you very much. Aye. Thanks. OK, let's move onto 282.

Item 282.

Hales: OK, here comes our working smarter team. Good morning and welcome.

Jane Braaten, Office of Management and Finance: Jane Braaten, I'm manager of the business operations division in the Office of Management and Finance. Last week, you were very gracious and let us present our recommendation to ask for your approval of an ordinance authorizing the funding for five major grant proposals and five micro-grant proposals under the innovation fund. I'm not going to do the group justice, so we had four of our presenters come up and explain their proposals, and you were gracious enough to hear them out.

Ronda Fast from the Bureau of Environmental Services spoke about the Crystal Springs walking tour podcast. She's doing a proposal on that, and I think that certainly piqued the interest of the Commissioner Fish. Virginia Krakowiak from the Bureau of Emergency Communications talked about her project creating a volunteer-based organization to care for wounded animals and reduce the number of times that those calls come into 9-1-1. And the BOEC Director Lisa Turley spoke in support of that -- she was here in attendance. Eileen Argentina spoke about a pilot project in the Portland Parks and Recreation to provide free music lessons for youth at the Rosewood Initiative for underserved communities. Elle Weatheroy from the Portland Police Bureau spoke about the trainer project. That project will build a cohort of community trainers to provide training to Portland police officers. And in her remarks, she talked about she had presented a submittal for the innovation fund an initial time and got feedback about how to strengthen her proposal. She made some changes and brought it back and got the review panel's recommendation for you today. She also mentioned that she shares some of her ideas

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with Attorney General Loretta Lynch who was here visiting, and that piqued her interest as well.

So, we thank the Commissioners last week for time to present and hear from our proposals, and now we are here to ask for your support for these 10 projects moving forward in your innovation fund. Thank you so much.

Hales: Thank you very much. Sorry I had to miss the presentation, I understand it was great. Any questions before we act on this item? It's time to vote then, please.

Item 282 Roll.

Fritz: Thank you for your work. Aye.

Fish: Just a little back story. The Mayor set up this innovation fund, and my recollection is that each budget cycle, one or more of us tries to grab money from the fund for something else. He's put up a little fortress around it because he really believes in this program, and each year, we have the pleasure of hearing about very creative ideas that bubble up through our team members, our valued employees and partners. It's one of my favorite rituals.

And of course, because I have to of course brag on the home team, I really love the Crystal Springs walking tour idea and the mapping they've done. And you know, I suspect that particularly with the orange line, at some point this will become one of the great destinations that visitors to Portland have a chance to see, and we're going to publish additional maps and hand them out to our colleagues so they can give them to the visitors. That's just an example of the kind of creative thinking of the people who do all the hard work in this city, the valued public employees that we call colleagues.

Thank you for the work you've done in the hard work of screening these applications and presenting the best to us. Mayor Hales, I guess thank you for putting up that fence, because this program would not happen if you didn't believe in it. Aye.

Saltzman: Thank you for your work and thank you for selecting some very innovative sounding proposals. Aye.

Hales: It's just a great example -- and thank you for your support in this -- that there is a lot of creativity in our workforce, and this provides an outlet for that, and that if you create a virtuous competition for ideas, people come up with new ones. And this is great. I enjoy the program very much and appreciate you very much for being good stewards of it. Aye. Thank you very much. OK, let's take item 283.

Item 283.

Hales: Second reading and roll call.

Item 283 Roll.

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Hales:** Aye.

Hales: And we are recessed until 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

At 10:52 a.m., Council recessed.

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Hales: Good afternoon everybody welcome to the march 24th meeting of the Portland city council. Would you please call the roll?

[Roll call]

Hales: Welcome, everybody. We only have two items on the council calendar this afternoon. They're both time certain and the first one is 284.

Item 284.

Moore: Accept the report of the innovation fund summarizing highlights from projects that were approved for funding in fiscal year 2013-14, fiscal year 2014-15, and fiscal year 2015-16.

Hales: You were just here yesterday. You've gotten all this done in 24 hours. [laughs]

Jane Braaten, Office of Management and finance: Well, that's a lovely introduction. [laughter] good afternoon, mayor and members of the council I'm Jane Braaten, Omf operations division. Yes, I was going to say we are back again today on innovation. But this time to present you a report on projects that you previously supported earlier in innovation. We wanted to give you just a little bit of background. Thanks to some of our contributors and share news about our future plans, and then we'll get to the meat of it, which is hearing more about some of our project leads and the good work they've been doing in your bureaus. As you know the innovation fund the was created in 2013 and Omf began managing the fund in 2014 we streamlined the application forms, created a process for micro grants and communicated that council wanted proposals that promoted equity and opportunity, improved customer service, saved time or money for the city, partners or community members and improved city services and made things better. We also made a commitment at that time to city council that we would come back to you with some updates from proposals and share them and that's really the purpose of today's presentation is to do some collective learning. What were the lessons learned, what were the successes, how can we share those throughout the city so that we have that culture of innovation in the city and we can really foster that. For background, I wanted to share some of the highlights of some of our statistics. We've had 270 proposals submitted since you supported the creation of this fund. 66 projects were recommended and approved by city council, including 10 from yesterday, and then new innovative work began in 17 bureaus. We do want to thank our city employees who brought these good ideas forward because we've gained some new vocabulary in the city. So we have enjoyed as well hearing from our proposals about data scrapers, rubber sidewalks, honeybee bike counters, early adopters, rx play, mobi mats, and a one call translation services and there's more and more that we keep hearing about. And as you can tell from the stats, not all of the projects receive a recommendation for funding from our review panel. They do ask tough questions and provide feedback along the way. And some of our project leads have actually taken that feedback and returned with a winning proposal and you heard that last week. And some of our projects move forward even without innovation funding because the innovation process and communication methodology has actually created an avenue

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for new ideas to surface and get shared with city leadership across bureaus so we're actually seeing people pick up some ideas and actually get them going even if they didn't make it in that call for ideas proposal. And speaking of the review panel we just wanted to take a second and thank them. Our review panel members over the years have given a lot of time in evaluating the proposals and giving feedback and they are... [reading names] she did serve on our review panel. [reading names] so thank you for letting me acknowledge actually all of the people who served on those panels.

Hales: An interesting mixture of people in and out of city government.

Braaten: They've brought some tremendous perspective and given some great feedback to our proposers. We want to thank city bureau directors because they support these innovators. They promote this program and give us feedback. Just a little bit about what's next for the innovation fund. With council's continued support, we have some plans for next year. We would like to make our innovation website even more robust so there can be better information sharing when news comes back about some of these proposals, maybe other bureaus want to take advantage of the lessons learned. We conducted an innovation fair last summer where we brought in people from i.t., procurement, h.r. And we brought people get their proposals ready, help answer some questions so they would be better received from a review panel. This year we want to do the same thing and invite some of our successful proposers, you'll meet some today, back to share their experience and give that new wave of people some insights much like an alumni network of innovators within the city. And we had some plans last year with training. We had gale baird from the training and workforce development and she put on two classes at the same time as our fair in strategic creativity. Those classes were full and we want to work -- we've been working with her this year in putting on a course in process improvements and we opened up that opportunity first to our people in the city who have put in proposals for the innovation fund. So in conclusion we certainly want to thank the mayor and the council for this innovation fund. We think it's a concept that really has made a difference and we've enjoyed shepherding it to this point. We are proud of the work our city employees have done to bring forward good ideas, many of our proposers have said I really didn't have a way to get my idea to happen if it weren't for this fund. And today, we have leads from five of our projects here to update you on the status of their projects. Before we do that, I want to introduce Janet storm from omf business operations, she serves as the primary contact for proposers and their review panel and she'll be talking about status report process and the information we collect from our proposals once they get going and get your approval. And then i'll be back up to answer any questions.

Janet Storm, Office of Management and Finance: Hi, good afternoon, I'm Janet storm, a management analyst with omf business operations and I coordinate the proposal process. Tracking the status of projects is an important part of the innovation process. Our innovation project leads are required to report their statuses in two ways. One is to report on the decision package to accept the funding and this requires reporting in the fall and spring bump. The other is to report on the project status to omf itself. Our deadlines are set just after the fall and spring bump deadline so the project leads can re-purpose the data that they collect for the budget monitoring process. In a project status report, the leads are asked to share the latest project news, updates to timelines, milestones achieved, results achieved so far and post-implementation requirements and we also ask them to list their total expenditures to date, next steps, successes and lessons learned and feedback on the innovation process itself. In October, we requested status reports on all of the projects that were approved in fiscal year 13-14 and 14-15, and the individual updates are available on the innovation fund website at innovate.Portlandoregon.gov. The next reports will be requested in early April on projects through 2015. Innovation by its

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nature can be risk taking, involves risk taking, however, the rewards can be great and it can lead to solutions that would otherwise fall to the wayside and today, we are joined by five leads working on a diverse group of projects who will share some updates with you. So first, I would like to introduce Stephen Rae from the bureau of environmental services and Stephen will talk about the multicultural videos for food service best management project.

Stephen Rae, Bureau of Environmental Services: Hello mayor and commissioners my name is Stephen Rae I work in the program out at the water pollution control lab with Bes. I'm here today to give you a brief summary of the multi-lingual training videos we're doing for food service establishments. I work with the city's grease inspectors, visiting food service establishments to classify the kitchens for rate assessments and also to observe grease trap pump outs and we have to present technical subjects, such as sewer rate best management practices and grease trap cleaning procedures and we have to communicate those to kitchen managers and owners to facilitate compliance with the city's rules. The food service industry is very diverse and communication regarding our program has been a challenge in some cases. Bes staff needed tools for communicating with food service representatives so that compliance can be achieved even if the representative doesn't speak English. Better restaurant compliance means less enforcement, which is good for restaurants and it also means less maintenance, fewer backups and lower maintenance costs which is a benefit to all city rate-payers. Ensuring that businesses can manage their sewer rates and expenses regardless of language is also essential to promoting equity efforts the city has underway. We applied for the innovation grant to fund the production of these training videos that could be translated into the languages encountered most frequently by the inspectors. Working with the bes communications division we prepared scripts for three videos, one is controlling fats, oils and grease in the kitchen, the other is managing sewer costs and the third is kitchen best management practices. The audio tracks for the videos will be dubbed in up to seven languages. The number of languages will be limited by the funds that we have after the animation and video footage has been captured. The hierarchy of languages that we are selecting to translate into is one, Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Thai, Japanese, Korean, and Russian. Each video will be produced to allow preparation of additional language versions easily. So as far as the status of our projects go, we've got the scripts done and estimate for the translation of the scripts has been obtained by bes communications and we're in the process of shortening the scripts somewhat to lower the cost. They were scratching into quite a few minutes so we're trying to shorten those up. We've provided communications with a list of food service establishments that would be suitable for filming kitchen scenes. Some of these locations we recommended are actually in buildings operated by general services. Communications has selected an animator and videographer and a contractor is being finalized. Our plan is to begin videotaping in April and to have finished videos available or at least have the finished videos done by June 30th, 2016. I think there will be some issues, we'll have to get it onto the website and get some tablets to load it in to use in the field. And I guess that leads to when we have all of them done, i'll use the videos when I go to ethnic restaurants where there isn't an English speaker which happens quite a bit and i'll be able to communicate the rate information easily without -- and ensure that everybody is on a level platform as far as who understands the program or not.

Hales: So you will take a tablet out to the kitchen of a restaurant, set it up and show the video?

Rae: Yes, mayor. And that way we can communicate what is very difficult to communicate verbally with some language issues. So it's been a great project to work on.

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As staff people we don't get to work with the communications division very often and going through the script development process was very interesting. So thank you very much.

Fritz: It sounds like a great project. Commissioner Fish since there are 10 safe harbor languages in the zoning of general funding for 7, do you think we could find additional resources so the other three languages could be added while they're doing the production?

Fish: We could look into that.

Fritz: Thank you.

Hales: Other questions? Thanks, thank you very much.

Storm: Next up is Leslie Goodlow who will talk about the Portland housing bureau's web data scraper.

Leslie Goodlow, Portland Housing Bureau: Good afternoon, commissioners and mayor. I'm Leslie Goodlow the business operations manager for the housing bureau. And we have been fortunate to have received several innovation funds. The bureau has greatly appreciated the opportunity to participate in the mayor's innovation fund program. The program has encouraged the bureau to take risks and leverage modern data gathering and analysis techniques to better understand the housing needs of our community. The housing data web scraper or housing bot is used by the bureau to collect information from the web and transform it into structured data that is stored, analyzed and trended over time. Using this tool is amazingly fast and efficient compared to browsing through many housing websites, such as air b and b, Zillow and redfin and manually entering the data into spreadsheets. Everybody has been surprised at how much time we can save through a small piece of innovative technology. A second innovation fund project, the xml data sharing pilot program converted phb partner data into a machine-readable language that could be easily loaded into phb systems. This eliminated hundreds of hours of duplicated data entry and was expanded into phase two, which involved reaching out to faith-based community partners and building relationships to share data on community needs. While these projects are primarily focused on data gathering and analysis, they serve the larger purpose of helping the bureau and council to better understand the baseline of affordable housing that is currently available and assist in measuring progress as the bureau works to meet the affordable housing and equity needs of our community. Thank you.

Fish: Does any of your data mining involve trying to get information from my iPhone? [laughter] can you assure us that my iPhone is secure and safe?

Goodlow: That's not our job.

Fritz: I have a more serious question. You mentioned using the robot to access air b and b data. Might it be helpful to the revenue bureau as they're looking to tighten oversight of the air b and b?

Goodlow: Just let me ask Antoinette since she's in charge of that.

Fritz: I wasn't expecting an answer.

Goodlow: I would imagine that it would be.

Fritz: And maybe you could offer that since we funded the software, it looks like she's nodding back there.

Goodlow: She says absolutely.

Fritz: Great, thank you very much.

Hales: Thank you very much.

Storm: Our next project lead is Michelle Kunec-North from the bureau of planning and sustainability and Michelle is going to talk about the making great decisions tool.

Michelle Kunec-North, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Good afternoon, council. Thank you for having me. As Janet mentioned I'm Michelle Kunec-North with the

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bureau of planning and sustainability here to provide a quick update on the making great decisions tool. This project is really about making better planning decisions. As you all know, the Portland plan, the comprehensive plan update, the joint climate action plan all set these broad goals, equity, economic prosperity, human and environmental health, resiliency, and to shape the framework of what the city is trying to provide but how do we as planners make day-to-day decisions that are going to advance those broad goals? That's really what this project is trying to support. So after receiving the innovation micro grant, we set off to think first about how do we even have this conversation internally and how do we do that in a more innovative way rather than, you know, convening a weekly meeting for a few months? And we settled on something called user-centered design. It's more common in product design, web design. And the idea there is to go and talk to the end users. Don't build a better vacuum if what people want is a broom so we started by talking with planners, project managers and leadership across the bureau to find out what the need really is, what are the desired outcomes, what kind of staff support is necessary and what sort of challenges should we expect along the way? And we really started to hear that staff want to be advancing these broad goals but they need some assistance in understanding how kind of -- how general planning works, ties to those larger goals and how we might make better decisions throughout a planning process to either maximize co benefits or reduce negative impacts? The second thing that we heard loud and clear was to use a lot of the city's existing resources, our gis data, the equity toolkit, the public involvement principles, all of these things that we can derive ideas from and kind of synthesize something that works better for staff. The other piece about user-centered design that I wanted to mention today is it really focuses on rapid iterations or prototyping of ideas, and I think this is really in keeping with the innovation theme. The idea is that multiple approaches are expected, they're encouraged, it's okay to fail, it's okay if something doesn't work right out of the chute. And that really helped us not get stuck in a preconceived notion of what the solution might be and we ended up deciding that we actually need three different types of solutions: A piece or a module that works with staff when they're scoping a project so they can think about those -- the initial project design, a piece that looks at concepts or alternative analysis, and then a piece that's really about those final findings or justification for a project. So this is definitely still a work in progress. We're refining the tool and filling in pieces. But i'm hopeful that it can support decision making in the future.

Fish: If you don't mind i'm going to steal your best line about don't build a better vacuum if the user needs a broom. And where that impacts me regularly is when I get automatic upgrades for my software at work and at home. And what I find is that periodically someone has offered me this plethora of new functionality that I can't figure out and don't need, whereas I really just need to do my e-mail and occasionally do a word document, and I think that's one of the challenges of technology. It keeps advancing and offering all these upgrades and new bells and whistles but it overwhelms the user and I don't ever remember getting an e-mail from Microsoft saying what would -- what's good for you? [laughter] so I love that statement and I love the idea of user-centered design. I think it's a good reminder for all of us across the board in what we do, that we think about the end user, not just about the advance of technology.

Hales: I think the planning bureau's map app was a great example of that. We really thought about how do we get citizens to access the planning process? So using technology with that purpose rather than letting them kind of run amok. Thanks very much.

Storm: I would like to ask Eileen Argentina of parks to come up and talk about the peninsula park rose garden project.

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Hales: Good afternoon. Do you have slides? Okay.

Eileen Argentina, Portland Parks and Recreation: Thank you, and good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. I'm Eileen Argentina from Portland parks and recreation. I'm joined by Pat Frobes one of the founders of the friends of peninsula park rose garden. Pat also happens to be on our parks board. We are delighted to have this opportunity to showcase how innovation funds contributed to our collaborative partnership and benefited Portlanders. The vehicle for this improvement has been the development of what we now call a preservation strategy for the peninsula park rose garden. The micro grant provided funds for us to conduct a community survey as part of the project. The first thing I'll acknowledge is the journey which led us to this piece of work which we want to share with the council today and we use the term work loosely because it's been a joy and a partnership, we've been mutually inspired with our partners to invest in a collaboration to produce results both in the garden and behind the scenes to ensure the preservation of the city's first rose garden. I'm going to be skipping through a few slides here so don't be put off if it looks like you're missing some. Sorry, this was done for another audience and I want to make the best use of your time today.

Pat Frobes: I'm pat Frobes, one of the three cofounders of the friends of Peninsula Park rose garden. We were created in 2012 by two other osu master gardeners. We immediately partnered with the parks and I would say that the parks bureau has been a fabulous partner. We could not have accomplished what we have in three years without them. In the three years, we've replaced over 6,000 roses with new disease-resistant varieties, all of which have been donated. We started in 2012 with 10 to 15 volunteers, about half of whom were regulars. Last year, we had 129, over 60 of whom were regular volunteers, came regularly, as we'll show in some charts later on. 2010 there were 500 volunteer hours, in 2015 there were 2,000. We've also planted 15,000 crocuses, and sponsored and supported a number of community events in the garden. What we really want to do now and starting last year started to focus on was creating something sustainable that will sustain city and citizen investment in this garden for the next 100 years. The garden is 103 and we want to preserve it for the next 100 years. As a part of that effort we decided we need to create some type of strategic plan that would serve as a road map for that investment and the implementation of which would not be dependent on any particular group or any particular individual but could have some kind of life of its own as well as groups, people come and go, could connect to this plan and continue to make it happen. In order to do that, we needed to better understand the priorities and the characteristics of some of our key stakeholders, including most importantly our visitors and neighbors. With the micro grant we were lucky enough to be able to hire two wonderful interns Kira Leslie from Portland State and Luce-Maria Vega graduate of Rosemary Anderson high school who's been accepted into the Portland teachers program. Neighborhood resident, bilingual, and did conduct the survey in both Spanish and English. They spent 82 hours surveying 357 respondents over six weeks, different days of the week, different times of the day. And we found -- we got a lot of wonderful information. That would be the next slide and we'll go through this quickly. We found that over 94% of our residents come from the east side, east of the Willamette River. This will tie to one of our objectives. We need to raise the profile and introduce the rest of the city to this -- 94% east of the river. 66% from the zip codes covering St. John's, overlook arbor lodge, Kenton, piedmont, Humboldt, Woodlawn and king neighborhoods. So we have work to do to get the word out about this truly hidden gem. The first group of visitors 30% are people of color. And the ethnic makeup of the visitors is quite close to the ethnic makeup of the half-mile service area from the peninsula community center. Half making under \$50,000 a year, half making over \$50,000 a year. Most people found out about the garden because

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they lived in the neighborhood and this ties to another more limited survey we did, national night out, where we interviewed 30 neighbors but because we have so much overlap of visitors and people who live in the neighborhood, the views reflected here give us a lot of clues about what the neighbors think, as well. Everybody agrees, kind of self-evident, it's about the roses. That's what people come for. That's what they enjoy. This is just a word cloud that shows how often by size of letters those words were mentioned in this survey. That's a bar chart of the same results. People come to smell the roses, relieve stress, socialize. Certainly echoes of the 2020 vision about public spaces which you'll see reflected. One of the things we didn't know is how many people just come to Peninsula Park and oh, by the way there's a rose garden. Half of them come for the garden alone and half come for both the garden and the park. And over half of the guests visit at least once a week, sometimes, more than once a day. We asked folks what they would most like to see make their visit more enjoyable. They would like more places to sit, some relief from the sun and closer bathrooms. Unfortunately, some of these are incompatible with roses like shade and others like benches are probably not compatible with the historical design but we have tried to take other priorities into account as we develop the plan. This is just some of the wonderful quotes of people we talked to. One of the things we found is that there are a significant number of the visitors who are people who either were long-time residents at piedmont and/or some of the other neighborhoods or who grew up there who moved and come back to celebrate family events, to share the garden and their experiences with their own kids and this group of historic neighbors we want to reach out to as we move forward with the implementation of the plan.

Argentina: I heard a lot of really wonderful stories and the conversations that the outreach workers had about the role this park has played in family history and family traditions. It was really wonderful. Just an overview of the garden and this slide, actually, the next one illustrates the impact that the friends have had on the park over the last several years. The group didn't even exist until three years ago and you can see the growth in volunteer hours and this is one of the reasons it was so important for us to step up and support the work that this group is doing and really leverage it. And I think this strategy has been a great product of that.

Fritz: If you could go back to that slide I want to just make the point that it's not that the volunteers are taking the place of staff or doing union jobs. It's that we haven't had as many staff to do it and the volunteers have picked up some of the slack. I really appreciate that as the regular staff have been cut, I think you probably would say we could use more of both.

Argentina: We would like more of both yes:

Fritz: Thank you.

Argentina: That is so true. I think the recognition of the role each group has to play has become really strong, and I think that shows up in the strategic objectives. Thank you, commissioner. Well, the preservation strategy itself resulted in a vision, mission statement and then four major strategic objectives. And as it's written here, the vision is a world-class public garden of great beauty and rich historical legacy that generations seek out for quiet reflection, social connection, education and celebration. We really wanted to respect the role this park has played in the neighborhood and for people who live there today and generations who have been there in the past. The vision is consistent with what visitors told us and what volunteers and park staff said was their ideal picture of the garden in five years. Thriving roses in a garden full of a diverse group of people of all ages sharing the experiences and memories that build community and it's worth knowing that the survey results caused us to reconsider how we frame this project. Visitors were put off by the notion of a strategic plan. They thought it was going to create something new and different

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at the park when their priority was to preserve the park. As a result, the effort was renamed the peninsula park rose garden preservation strategy. It was one of those small but significant changes that did a much better job of capturing the values of all concerned and I really believe it wouldn't have happened without the grant supporting our outreach. I'm going to turn it back to pat for four slides on the objective.

Frobes: And that probably --

Frobes: Yes, we want more of both. Our first objective is to maintain the stunning roses, that's what people come for. We want to increase volunteer team, we would like to mulch the roses to keep them healthy and replace and expand the irrigation system. The hard scape, most of the original elements are still there, the original brick pavers, balustrades, they really are now kind of in disrepair. They need to be fixed or they're not going to last. Parks has funded an initial assessment of the hard scape. We think we have a phased plan to do those repairs. We've gone through the capital improvement process and hope to be able to start that with some volunteer help just scraping moss and the like in 2017. We want to promote the town square, the role it's played in the neighborhood and we want to raise the profile and we are going to do three neighborhood events annually starting in 2017. We're already doing an ice cream social and supporting Sunday park ways and the Portland symphony festival. We also are going to do two citywide events annually, one of which we started, the garden rose garden which we'll do again in august. And we will work to install certain garden amenities like bike racks and improved signage. We hope to be able to fund that this year. Overall, we've got a finance division. We'll spend a lot of this year doing a comprehensive plan for raising -- accessing private funds for garden maintenance and funding a portion of the hard scape repair, and then developing a plan to access the private funds to fund a portion of completing the original plan which involves constructing a pergola on Ainsworth.

Argentina: A few more visuals for you. It's been a wonderful journey and we really feel like the partnership is set up for success, especially with this additional community input. Thank you so much.

Hales: A couple of questions. You've had some great donations over the last couple of years like the Neil Kelly Company among others. The preservation strategy includes a philanthropic portion?

Frobes: That will be part of our financing division.

Hales: And the other just notion that occurs to me, i'm not sure if there's a public art opportunity or something there but there's an unsung hero in the parks system who is only mentioned in one plaque in the city and that's Emmanuel miche and we've got to name something for this guy or otherwise give him a little bit more recognition because this iconic space along with Laurelhurst park and Mt. Tabor and sellwood park, a lot of the other parks of the city that everybody treasures were designed by him and he's the first corporate refugee, got moved to Portland by the company and refused to go back to New York. Someday we ought to figure out a way to give that a little bit more visibility at this park and some of the others he's designed.

Frobes: If we're lucky enough to be able to build out his original design and build the pergola on Ainsworth where you could have an arbor, etc. that would be perfect.

Hales: That's a good idea. Other questions? Thank you all. Thank you both very much.

Storm: Our final presenter today is Jody Yates from the Portland bureau of transportation and she'll talk about the rubber sidewalk pilot.

Hales: Karla is going to queue it up for you.

Hales: Speaking of technology that no one understands...

*****: I just don't want to screw it up.

Hales: There you go.

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Jody Yates, Portland Bureau of Transportation: Thank you. My name is Jody Yates, I'm with the bureau of transportation. I'm one of the managers over in maintenance operations group. One of the programs that I administer is the sidewalk repair program and this is a program that identifies sidewalk that requires repair and we follow up with property owners to make sure that that repair occurs. We estimate that about 80% to 90% of the sidewalks that are posted for repair are caused by tree roots and it's basically mature tree roots are pushing up on the rigid concrete sidewalk. We kind of know this. We have some properties that we posted basically every five to seven years for the same problem, and then the average repair cost is \$1,200 per property. So the goal is to explore materials that could alleviate that ongoing cost to the property owners and to make a safe, accessible environment for our pedestrians. Here's an example you can see in the photo of repair that has occurred and already is ready for repair again. That's about an inch and a half lift on the right-hand of that photo which causes a pretty significant trip hazard to a pedestrian. So what is rubberized side walk? It is a flexible paper product, it's basically recycled rubber and they use tires and a patented binder versus concrete which is made up of gravel, sand, cement and water. And it's very rigid. Here was our pilot project on the left hand photo is the rubberized sidewalk and we had three patches fate done around three trees and on the right hand side is rigid concrete sidewalk. We put these in the same place on city owned and maintained sidewalk. So it is one of the locations that gets a repair every five years. So it's our responsibility to maintain. And we put three with rubberized sidewalks for the trees and three with concrete so we'll have a direct comparison to monitor. And if you get the close-up view you can see the difference of the left-hand side is that rubber sidewalk, when you walk on it it's like walking on a rubber track. Kind of like the track around Donaway Park, that kind of material which I think is actually a different material but it feels very similar and then obviously, concrete sidewalk on the right. Some of the things that you would lose with the rubberized sidewalk are functionality of having the broom marks and the esthetics associated with all the cut marks and things like that. Something to be seen there.

Fritz: I thought the broom marks were considered aesthetically pretty I thought just how it turned out.

Frobes: Those are actually put in with a broom. And they provide for a little bit of friction for you to walk on.

Fritz: I thought it was functionality rather than the esthetics.

Frobes: Yes. It's both.

Hales: If you were a concrete finisher you would think it's both. [laughter]

Frobes: I think they would say it's both.

Hales: Great pride in those broom marks.

Fritz: I will cherish them.

Yates: So we did the installation last July. The grant we received was \$6,000. Our cost to install was \$14,000. Part of that was we trained all of our concrete finishers, sent them through some video, and then they all got to participate with the finishing of the product so if we move forward with this with any other applications they're all trained. We did our first inspection in January and there is no post able trip hazard but that's in both groups. One thing that was noted, a little bit more on the slippery side so I could pretend I'm an engineer and use words like coefficient of friction and we have concerns with how other users, those on the two and four-wheeled varieties, how they would experience this. So we're going to do some more evaluation on that.

Novick: On that point, what's the basis for the concern? Any problems?

Yates: One of the persons we had inspect has some mobility issues himself, and he noted that it was a little bit -- he felt like he was wanting to slip on it but it was wet so it's

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just something we want to look at and see what we can do to alleviate that concern. This is also on a pretty good slope, a 5% to 8% range. So what's our next steps? We're going to continue to evaluate. Unfortunately in the world of engineering and civil engineering type products, sometimes, that can be a longer time to find out if we get to quote success. In this area it was a five to seven year of reposting. It might take us a few years but we're going to continue to monitor, every six months, go out and check out the sidewalk. From an engineering standpoint if we did find success and it was a product that we can put into - that our citizens can use, we would modify the standard drawings and our specifications and add it to the cpl list. But ultimately, the goal would be is we would save time, money and have a safe pedestrian environment that would be ultimate success. We will continue to explore other products and put those out in the city as well to evaluate.

Hales: Questions? Steve?

Novick: I really appreciate this experiment. Obviously, it is a big imposition when we tell people to fix their sidewalks and if there's a way we can have people to do and save trees to boot that would be great. I think it's worth a lengthy and careful experiment and thank you very much for moving it forward.

Hales: Thank you very much.

Storm: Thanks everybody for sharing your updates and we would like to answer any questions you might have.

Fritz: I have a couple. It's very clear from this report that two of the goals have been met, improve customer service to the community and/or city customers and improve city services and make things better and the report has anecdotal evidence that that is the case. The two that I'm not seeing any data on are promote equity and opportunity in city government and the community and saving time or money for city partners or community members. So I don't need an answer now, but before the end of the calendar year I would like a follow-up report on how much time or money have we saved and what are the demographics of people who have been reached and assisted by these grants. Thank you.

Hales: Good idea that's great. Other suggestions or guidance? That will be helpful I think. We're trying to measure what we're getting for this and that would be really an important thing to see so thank you. Great work. Thank you very much. Anyone want to comment on this report other than those who already have? If not then --

Fish: Move to accept the report.

Fritz: Second.

Hales: We'll take a roll call vote to do that.

Fritz: I would appreciate a follow-up within six months or so with that information because I appreciate the amount of interest we've had from city employees and the willingness to do things differently to do things better. I want to make sure we're meeting all the goals that the project set out to do and I very much appreciate your diligence on that. Aye.

Fish: Thank you for an outstanding presentation. I'm guessing, by the way that the best presentation on the fats oil grease program and the videos in different languages which was specifically targeted to mid- and east county where we were increasingly finding ethnic restaurants, where there were language barriers, this does meet that equity component but I'm sure there are others. It's been fun to hear all the thoughtful and creative ideas, and then to see them moving forward and get feedback on what we're learning. And we actually are the only area of society where we're not allowed to fail in getting a better product. For those of you who read Steve job's book, which is a tome to failure, we're in a sector where failure is not tolerated but the truth is experimentation and innovation and all these things require us to take chances and risks and then sometimes, we get it right and sometimes, we don't but then we fine-tune it and we keep moving

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forward and that's the spirit of what we're doing, and I think these were a terrific group of projects you highlighted for us today so for you. Aye.

Saltzman: These were great projects and I appreciate the spirit of innovation and I thank the office of management and finance for providing the evaluation and the opportunity to share these exciting innovations and thank the mayor for spearheading the innovation fund. Aye.

Novick: This is always really inspiring to hear about the old projects and the new projects and I second what commissioner Saltzman just said. I think the innovation fund is going to be a major part of a legacy of both mayor Hales and Fred Miller and I really appreciate their leadership on this. Aye.

Hales: This is great work. Thank you. I think I may have a chance to relate to at least one or two of my colleagues, one of my favorite conversations about city management which was when I went to my first U.S. conference of mayors meeting back in the January of 2013. You know I had just got elected, just got sworn in. I'm getting to work and trying to decide like we all do how much time should I spend on extracurricular stuff vs always keeping my nose to the grindstone in the city. And I was actually walking down the hall at this first meeting with Greg Fischer who's the mayor of Louisville and he if not completely complying with Mike Bloomberg's advice to make your first billion before you run for mayor, Greg had at least had been successful. He's a very successful business person who then decided to give back to his city by running for mayor. I'm walking down the hall with him and I'm trying to decide how much time to spend on this, you've been mayor for a couple of years in Louisville, what's your advice? And he has this very straight ahead sort of CEO style and he said how many people do you have working for the city? I said about 5,600, why? How many of them are charged with big picture thinking and research and development? I said well actually not very many. I see your point. I'll show up and learn something. That spirit of, you know, all of us should be spending at least some of our time and effort on big picture thinking and research and development and that's part of the impetus behind this and there are a lot of creative people as we've seen with what was the total again? How many hundreds of proposals? 270 proposals. And only 20% or so of them have been able to be funded but we've got a real fountain of really good ideas started with our own smart people and so it's really fun for me, and I think fun for the council to see the results, important to measure them as commissioner Fritz reiterated here but this is a good idea and I appreciate the big picture thinking and the r and d. Aye. Thank you very much. Okay. Let's move on to our second item of the afternoon, which is 285 and 286 together, yes, please.

Item 285.

Item 286.

Moore: 285, authorize \$48,503 total in grant agreements for the office of neighborhood involvement east Portland action plan, 2016, civic engagement grant agreements and 286, transmit the east Portland action plan, 2016 annual presentation.

Fritz: Thank you. The east Portland action plan was adopted early in my time in office in 2009 and I have often heard commissioner Fish say how proud of it he is and I know commissioner Saltzman shares that and the two newer members of the council have funded it ongoing ever since. So since 2009, the east Portland action plan and its members have served as a shining example of community-led policy making. Part of the east Portland action plan or EPAP's charge is to increase community involvement by and for underrepresented communities by supporting culturally and language appropriate communication. The civic engagement grant program addresses these community specific needs as part of a larger effort to improve liveability in and prevent displacement from east Portland. We're taking these two items together starting with the grant

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agreement for the first 30 minutes and moving to epap's annual report after council discussion and a vote. So we'll take testimony together on both the first and the second part. And handing it off to Roger Anthony who will start it off.

Roger Anthony: Since 2012, east Portland action plan has operated a grant program focused on funding organizations that are working to weave our diverse communities together. We used to describe our civic engagement program as one that targeted racial and ethnically specific communities. Many of those groups and organizations were using a language other than English. By helping these groups expand their work, we sought to create further community involvement among people not usually included in community events or decision making. This year, we have refined our mission even further. The goal of our 2016 civic engagement grant program has been to target under supported racial, ethnic and community specific groups. These are organizations and groups that contribute to east Portland in ways that encourage greater diversity. For 2016, we offered a total of \$48,000 in grant funding. We received 16 applications asking for just under \$110,000 in requests. Of these, we selected eight projects to go forward. These are \$4,487 to the David Douglas school district for a parent engagement workshop series. 130 people are expected to participate in six workshops using five languages. \$6,563 to onelife Portland. Their project is raising the level, it's a series of eight weekly workshops designed to build pride in black culture and knowledge of the heritage of students aged 14 to 21. 15 to 20 are expected to take part. \$13,538 to the Oregon Bhutanese community. Their project is English as a second language and citizenship guidance. They will involve 15 people attending 35 workshops. \$5,000 to ecumenical ministries for their new Americans initiative. Eight Russian speaking immigrants will participate in 10 classes, a voter education class will be offered, as well. \$5,000 to the Russian speaking network for their crime prevention begins at home program. 20 Russian speakers will take part in three half-day workshops. \$1,500 to the park rose heights association of neighbors for construction of a Native American elder council ring to be built in the Hazelwood Park. \$5,880 to noreste enterprises for the Latina empowerment project. Eight Latinas will attend 12 monthly workshops focused on empowering women escaping domestic violence. Finally, \$6,535 to the Slavic community center for Slavic community education and involvement workshops. Six events will discuss the rights and duties of a citizen and the project will close with an election night party. To give you more information about some of the projects, four of the organizations we recommend for funding are represented here this afternoon. We will begin with Timur Holove and Nick Pechenik who will tell you more about the Slavic community center project.

Timur Holove: Mr. Mayor, commissioners, it's nice to see you guys and my name is timur holove and I'm here representing the Slavic community center of northwest. Our center has been around for many years and we build many relationships with local and government organizations and this project that we're planning for the year 2016 will involve the Slavic community which pretty tremendous in the state of Oregon and what we are planning is to hold six workshops that will educate the Slavic community about the importance of participating in the election process of this city. Those workshops will include the rights and duties of citizens, I'll show them that it's important to participate in elections and will also guide them through the process of becoming a citizen, what steps they need to take to take in order to start the process as well. Also we will include open nights where we will invite leaders of the government where they can come and talk to you and express their news and express their concerns. And as many of you guys know, the Slavic community is very underserved, and it's hard to reach out to them because they're so closed in their daily lives. Many of them belong to big church organizations, it's hard to get into. Over the years we were able to build those bridges with local pastors and other

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nonprofit organizations and we have pretty good relationships with the community. So with us, they will be more open to come and listen and participate and learn and many, many Ukrainian and Russian speakers are already eligible to vote. It's just the problem is that they don't understand why it's important to vote, why they have to go out there and fill out different forms join different parties and hopefully, with our help they will be able to make the right decisions and are able to participate, which is very important I think.

Hales: Great thank you. Thank you very much.

Nick Pechenik: Mayor and commissioner, I'm Nick Pechenik and I'm part of the Slavic community center of northwest and like Timur said, I want to mention that the majority of Russian speaking community here in northwest, they are already citizens but they don't know the actual process of how to do it. So we are here to ask you to give us a grant so we can help them.

Holove: And that's pretty much it, if you guys have any questions, we would love to answer it, if not, we would introduce the next speakers.

Hales: Okay let's go then.

Holove: I would like to introduce the next three speakers, Dianna Gomez, Christopher Williams and Lefoster Williams, as well. Thank you very much for your time.

Hales: Thank you, keep it up. Good afternoon, welcome.

Dianna Gomez: Good afternoon. My name is Dianna Gomez, noreste enterprises is a Latino newspaper in the community. As a Latina woman who has suffered domestic violence first-hand, I want to propose my plan. As a survivor, it wasn't easy because I started from the bottom. I picked berries and I know how difficult it is for the women due to a lack of English to find resources in the community. My plan is to provide workshop to these women and help them, lead them to the right resources to grow and I believe I can do it because I did it. And I have wonderful partners who they can help me to develop this. I work with the Rosewood initiative center in southeast Portland, I was in business in that community center, I learned so many resources and I want to teach them to grow. Also, I believe the women, we have the power to lead and we can create jobs in the community. We can help them escape domestic violence situations. And when we create success with women, they go out, they reduce violence because they don't want to be under the management of the men who punish them. And I guess that's one of my plans. And I have the resources, I have the newspaper to spread the word, and I live in the community, in the Latina community, and I know they see me as a model and I know I can do it.

Hales: Thank you. Thank you very much. Good afternoon. Welcome.

LeFoster Williams: Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to come speak. My name is Lefoster Williams. Our organization is called onelife Portland. Our program is called raising the level, which means like raising the level of consciousness, raising the level of awareness, and our target audience is the black youth of east Portland. So our program teaches them programs and lessons on character, personality, entrepreneurship, self-reliance, purpose and we talk about civic engagement, how to participate in lobbying, voting, and things of that nature. So, for example, with the entrepreneurship portion, we teach them ways to create students to have a better economic life as they create small businesses. We have a small business where we sell t-shirts, snap backs, things like that. So we teach the youth out to make side money by creating small businesses. We also teach them about self-reliance and like I said personality and character so we can teach them how they should represent themselves in a community. We also offer examples of a role model, being role models and also being leaders within the community because we feel the youth of east Portland, especially the black youth, don't have leaders on a local level or national level that can speak for them and represent how they feel. We talk to them about racism, about ways that they can maneuver around racism and achieve the

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opportunity they would like to achieve. We also would like to invite police officers and people with power in our community to come speak to the youth so we can bridge the gap and create relationships and build reciprocal relationships and teach the officers things and they can teach us things so we can stop some of the, you know, illnesses of our communities.

Christopher Williams: Hello, I'm Christopher Williams. And so last year, we reach about 80 youth out in east Portland and the locations we dealt with were at rosewood initiative, David Douglas high school, Reynolds high school with their sun program, southeast works and we also partnered with epap, east Portland action plan. And our goals were to develop connections between youth and adults like my brother mentioned, police officers, workforce, higher education, and then we were developing future leaders in community activists, they can be active and do what we do in the community, as well, help each other out and this year our goal is to reach about 120 youth with our eight week program for youth ages 14 to 21. And anything else?

Williams: We also take youth on a trip to like the epap office and we show them like different things like maps on the wall, different activities and programs they can participate in. We show them different ways they can be involved in different communities, volunteer, participate with other communities. So like the rosewood initiative, it's a great location that's very diverse. A lot of different populations, east Portland residents can come together. For instance, we did a summer kickoff, we had a bunch of youth doing hip hop music and there was Aztec Mexican dancers who came. They had different people that did a fashion show. So we were able to get the whole community together and throw like events and let everybody participate. But like I said our main focus is the black youth of east Portland. We want to get them some leadership, make them feel like they have a future, make them feel like they're represented in Portland, make them feel like people with power care about them and also want to see them succeed so that's our objective and our goals.

Hales: Thank you very much. Good work.

Williams: The next three people is the east Portland neighbors, Deo Bastola and then roger Anthony and lore wintergreen.

Hales: Thank you very much.

Deo Bastola: Hi, my name is Deo Bastola, I'm from the Bhutanese community of east Portland. Today, I applied for the grant and esl is really important for the Bhutanese community. It's a second language for everybody who have been like immigrants in the United States. With the help of the esl, it is really easy, it's very hard to involve esl in the beginning because everybody for the Bhutanese community, they've never been to school in their whole life. And so in the beginning, it's very hard, they feel like lonely and stay at home and they are facing the problems like depression and because they didn't try to engage in the other activities for lack of English. It's really hard for them to go out to shop or do anything else without English. English is really important for the people, for the Bhutanese community and organization. So if we have help with English. [phone rings] i'm sorry. Okay. If we have English and a better opportunity for the jobs. If we have lacking the English, then it's very hard to find a better job. They have to be always at home, they have to spend their time in the entry level jobs. So it is very important for the Bhutanese community to have their esl class. And so we're starting since 2008 but in the beginning it's very hard, you know, to find the right location where to take the people and which people do we involve in the esl class? So sometimes, we're taking it in our own house, getting people and we call them and we start teaching from upper-case and the lower case. And so citizenship, it's really important for any of the immigrants, those who have been in the United States, not only for the Bhutanese community but all over the

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world immigrants. So because of esl, they are able to get their citizenship and citizenship is, you know, a right for the speech, for the vote, for the freedom, and so these people are lagging behind without the citizenship. They didn't have an opportunity to find a better job. I want to give you an example of my own mom. She got married when she was 10 years old and she stayed in the refugee camp for a long time to get to the u.s. In 2008. We encourage her to go back for the esl class and she went to several classes in different locations and finally, the citizenship class and she got the citizenship because esl has to find her the citizenship. She's really proud to have citizenship. Now, she has a right for the speech, right for the vote. And so I think it's really important for the Bhutanese community to have the citizenship and without citizenship we can do nothing else. We have to stop in the entry level job. We are lagging behind being immigrants. We want our rights. Almost half of the Bhutanese community, they come from the refugee camps, and even if they didn't get the opportunity for the right kind of job, we have skilled, trained, educated workers but they didn't have the right job, they didn't find the right job but in the u.s. They have the same problem. So you know, without citizenship, we didn't find the right job. We have to work like entry level job. And so it's really important to have a citizenship class for the Bhutanese community, to have the citizenship for any of the immigrants, especially for the Bhutanese community and thank you so much.

Hales: Thank you very much.

Lore Wintergreen: Would you like to speak of how the children and childcare, what they would be doing?

Bastola: I want to talk about the childcare program too. We have actually, you know, the moms, they don't have anything else to take care of their children when they are going to esl class. So we tried to figure out, some of the people from our own community, like on the human side, these people are really lagging behind for the education process. So we try to figure out some strategies to take care of the children due to the esl class. At least we are trying to find two hours for the esl class, for the citizenship. So at least for the two hours, you know, at least we are seeking to be adding the time for the children and trying to teach like kindergarten system of education and so it's helped them to be able to build their future, too.

Wintergreen: And what is special is they're going to be teaching the children nepali while the children are learning English.

Bastola: That is the second important thing.

Hales: That's great. Thank you very much.

Roger Anthony: I have a couple of summarizing points here. The eight grants we've chosen to seek funding for this year reflect the use of 11 languages and will serve at least 220 participants. These Portland action plans grant review committee is recommending that the eight projects presented to you in our request be funded for a total of \$48,503. Of that money, I should note we have \$5,000 in money returned from our previously funded program that was incompleated. With that I will turn it over for the summation of my good colleague, lore wintergreen.

Wintergreen: I'm here to speak about the 2015 general grant program. This year in 2016 we're still in the process of finalizing our recommendations. We held the meeting on Monday but we've never reported to you what we did in 2015. And with that we had 21 applicant projects for a total ask of \$83,871. Ecap funded 17 of those projects for a total cost of \$72,624 and leveraging \$391,268. Those projects represent seven youth projects, four community gardens, two festivals, six community spaces, language and cultural specific projects for four communities, and economic workforce development for three. There's crossover, obviously, in some of the grants. We have chess for success, increasing community participation and involvement, David Douglas community benches

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so that the parents can watch their children and sit down. We also have let's see division midway mural project with division midway alliance. East Portland neighbors association of Slavic immigrants. The Slavic festival. I know some of you have been to that, and it's a wonderfully attended event. The Iraqi society of Oregon economic empowerment for Iraqi women in east Portland. We have the Lents street fair, free arts northwest with east Portland community engaged public art working with youth leadership to develop that. Green Lents, community orchard gathering space. Grow Portland, Floyd light community garden, Morpheus youth hip hop youth project, Lents school amphitheater and outdoor classroom, Lents youth initiative, green ring implementation, working again with youth and the surrounding leadership and building skills with opal. And then outgrowing hunger, new Portlanders, civic engagement through garden advocacy. So while outgrowing hunger is building community gardens, they're also doing education and having those community members who are predominantly from other cultures working on how do you get involved in the larger community? Hazelwood hydro park kiosk, and improved food security with the Portland fruit tree project. We have the youth builders and wisdom of the elders workforce development planning phase one. In addition I want to -- i'll be introducing the next speaker. I want to tell you about our municipal partnership projects which are different than our grant program. The municipal partnership projects are projects that can be initiated much like your innovation funding by epap members, people who attend a general epap meeting twice and agree to attend regularly and honor each other. They partner with a municipality to build the capacity of our community members to work with and influence how municipalities do projects. So we've spoken about some of their projects before but in 2014-15, we had \$86,000 total and one of those projects was with the neighborhood prosperity initiative. The moneys that we gave to that, the \$36,000 were matched by pdc but give us the freedom of those projects the jade district, the rosewood initiative division midway alliance and historic park rose they let them set the agenda for what's needed in their community in support with pdc. We have the mobile playgrounds again. You've heard of that before. Every year we give them a little less. They are weaning away from us. We gave them \$7,000 last year and the parks department is stepping up and not only getting those mobile playgrounds institutionalized within their ongoing funding and we thank the parks department and commissioner Fritz for that but also bringing free lunches to those new sites. So that's the very exciting and seeing we've worked on that and David Douglas school district needed like the city of Portland to translate essential documents. What we said is we would work with them to do that in a different way. Instead of them deciding what the essential documents are, they're convening in five languages groups of parents and students to work with their staff to determine what is essential to those language-specific communities. So they got \$7,000. Next, i'll be introducing police sergeant Robert voepel and he's going to give you more background of the municipal partnership project that they started in 2014-15. It's really exciting. And we're bringing him here today to speak to that in the hopes that hearing about the project will inspire you and the city to seek ongoing funding for this shining example of community engagement and community policing. It's really an excellent project and we're hoping that they can go to the next stage, we think it should have federal recognition for what they're doing. So our next two speakers, we will have sergeant voepel and then Jeremy O'Leary who will introduce the annual report.

Hales: Come on up, sergeant. [inaudible] all right, great. Thank you.

Robert Voepel, Portland Police Bureau: Good morning Mr. Mayor, city council. I'm Robert voepel, police sergeant with the city of Portland. I'm here today representing sergeant Abrahamson who designed and helped create this who got the program off the ground but I have to recognize lore wintergreen and the east Portland action plan for their

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efforts in this and what they've done has allowed us to take this plan, move it forward and present it community. This is based for Portlanders who don't have access to drivers training in Portland. Odot currently -- subsidies do not apply to ages under 18 years for driver education. The crashes from the immigrants refugees new Portlanders, he's got an acronym of irnp. They're on a rise because the folks are not properly equipped to drive in the city of Portland because they're coming from the communities that don't have the same kind of legal requirements and the same kind of roadways and infrastructure that we have here. We've obtained nearly \$50,000 in funding for safety courses to be conducted to educate, train and empower college esl students and irnps in the east county, improving the awareness of traffic safety in our community and the program itself deals with folks that are in esl programs that are four stage, there's a. Through e., and they're in d. And e. Stages of the program so they do speak enough English to communicate with police officers in a traffic stop and whatnot. Each course gives the training to 48 students and it will be conducted at our Portland police bureau training facility. A combination of classroom and hands-on. They use the back paddock area for the training. It talks about cone courses, backing, parking, braking speeds less than 25 miles per hour. We have our next course slated, we've already presented the first course, the next is may this year. The curriculum and specifics are being vetted through the subcommittees. Odot, Oregon impact, pbot, ppb, the trainers and the traffic division and odot, curriculum has been made available to us from odot. The program and we hope to the ominous presence of the police uniform will be broken down and predispositions removed between police and the irnps. We have 19 different languages in our police bureau and we work with all of those. It would be beneficial to have the officers present during the training to represent our diverse bureau to place students at greater ease and further ease with these communities. We're able to speak to them in their language and in English both when we have some of our 19 languages represented there community members from the Russian speaking network, Latino learning community, African youth and community organizations, Bhutanese organizations of usa, the lao community foundations, zomi usa, irco and they will be invited to be present during a graduation ceremony in order to build solidarity and solidify lasting partnerships. Our hope is students will take the course back to their communities and provide information about the course so folks can take the course and just through osmosis and through their own interaction with their family members and friends, that they'll provide them with further education, just the contact with the police and how the cultural differences can be overcome by just reaching out to one another in the common languages. The dvd I gave you, it actually has the overview of the course. It's got some folks in there from odot and pbot. One of the partners we're working with on the outside. It's the Oregon driver's education course. They help with the curriculum and teach the curriculum there. And then the last part in that dvd is I think pretty empowering, it's fear of the police is the label of it. And it talks to different people from different communities on some of these obstacles that we have to overcome to have to reach out to these communities, and I think the sergeant has done a fantastic job. Lore has done a great job. Jeremy is next.

Jeremy O'Leary: Hello, good afternoon, commissioners and mayor hales. I am Jeremy O'Leary, I'm one of the co-chairs of epap and also epap's representative to the hazard mitigation plan. The east Portland action plan was developed by the community for the community, 286 action items and we really acknowledge that all 286 action items, you can't work on them all at the same time, it's a bit unwieldy so each year, the communities come up with their top priorities of the year and the designated general meeting we come to the consensus on what are the strategic priorities for the year. We're focusing on 20 logical groupings of action which the speakers after me will be going into greater details.

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One of the major projects that we worked on this year, I worked on quite a bit, the epap's comments, exhibit a., epap's comments to the climate action plan. In exhibit a. The goal was to illustrate the impacts of global warming and how responding to it requires a multifaceted approach. I also wanted to thank the city and county staff who have been working on this effort over the years to have dramatically improved it and made it much more integrated. The overly short summary of epeas comments is to equitably implement the climate action plan you need efforts like the east Portland action plan. And when the public comment period begins for the effort of the natural hazard mitigation plan i'll be offering up a similar list of comments. We as a city and a society are facing challenges on the near, mid- and long-term and needing to address all of them at the same time. Epap offers a perspective on how to support a region of the city that has been historically underfunded. And epap is the lens to be addressing these issues on a near, mid- and long term. We need to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and how do we do that without causing a displacement wave in the process or further concentrating poverty in low service areas? And you need to be figuring out financing mechanisms to be funding, seismically upgrading buildings and bridges and sewer infrastructure and such. And one of the major near term challenges that epap has been focusing on was the creation of our east Portland involuntary displacement prevention recommendations. And this set of tools focuses on civic engagement, economic development and housing. Examples are continuing the civic engagement grant program which you just heard about, rent stabilization, local hiring, minority contracting, the prosperity initiatives and, of course, inclusionary zoning which thankfully that's legal at the state of Oregon level. The next three groups of speakers who will be discussing the bulk of the -- apologies, discussing the bulk of our priorities. Next up is Adriana Govea and Emily Larraga for civic engagement. Thank you very much.

Voepel: I did want to add that part of this program, too, working with epap, we're on the vision zero program with the city of Portland. It's a great partnership that is getting us to that goal, as well. It's just one more.

Hales: It's really creative work on the bureau's part so thank you. Thank you and others in the bureau that have been making this work. Good afternoon.

Adriana Govea: I'm Adriana Govea and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to come and speak to you.

Fritz: Can you move the microphone over a little bit?

Govea: Thank you. I come to speak for displacement in Portland. It's not only happening in east Portland. I think for me, displacement has happened in all of Portland. And for me, it's too hard and I don't understand why because everybody else started moving from east Portland and right now, seeing the displacement, it's not only happening in one part of the community. It's happening to everybody. And I would like to show the pictures with what epap has done in the past. I have it in my mind and my heart, when everybody comes -- displacement. For me, it's very hard and it's very emotional when I see eight different languages coming -- what's happening in this place. I think in the past that's only happened to the people who don't understand English and not for everybody, and it's very important to doing epap, a lot of doing, because it's working very hard and it's not only for the Latin people. It's working for all the communities. No matter if they speak English as a second language or in Spanish. I come speaking to you to say please help because the community is no working by yourself, it's working to -- it's more easy. It's more exciting because everybody likes Portland, to live. I live here in Portland 22 years. And I don't want to move. My daughter and my son is born here. And I don't want another place, Portland is the best, I have a beautiful apartment too, its success.

Hales: Thank you.

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Emily Larraga: Hello, I'm Emily Larraga and I'm going to-----So our priorities are letters E and F I think if I have the handout. And it's—one is for interpreting all—for all ethnic communities to engage in community activities and I have seen that happen a lot. It's been really successful like officer voepel said, with the grant that we did it was very successful a lot of people went if you see the video it is really heart touching. That's one way that we use—um it's a successful thing that we do, we also do the workshops for the displacement thing like my mom said. We did that and it was had different languages and it was really beautiful. And letter F is to advocate for increased funding and technical assistance for organizations that desire to establish or strengthen their community health workers programs. And one way that it's been helping is the health brochures given out in schools are now in peoples native languages, so in every two or three years there's going to be more languages put on. So it's been really helpful and it's broken a lot of barriers and I've seen more diversity in activities that I've seen. Next it Todd Struble.

Hales: Thank you. Welcome.

Todd Struble: Mr. Mayor, commissioner's thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. My name is Todd Struble and I work in east Portland as the jade district npi manager and I serve on the east Portland action plan economic development subcommittee. During the past year the epap economic development committee has made progress on many important issues and tasks that help support the residents of east Portland by resisting displacement pressures and connecting to resources available to our community. Today I'm going to speak about the goal of the economic subcommittee the progress we've made on the East Portland action plan strategic priorities and anti-displacement tools you've heard a little bit about. And then finally I'll close briefly with how east Portland action supports me as an npi manager and why that continue support is necessary. So first the goal of the economic development subcommittee is about to develop a strong business environment that strengthens existing businesses, promotes new businesses, and expands family wage jobs in east Portland. Over the last year we've made progress in the following areas and unfortunately I don't have the precise letters, but in cooperation with the bureau of planning and sustainability epap worked on addressing zoning and design standard recommendations with respect to the 122nd ave zoning project with applications throughout east Portland. Through that we've developed and active partnership with Corky Collier and the Columbia corridor association to advocate for the increased frequency of transit service on 122nd so east Portland residents can access living wage jobs in the Columbia corridor. And manufacturing jobs are typically well suited for new Portlanders, immigrant or refugee community members, we've also advocated at the firms in the corridor bilingual supervisors and take advantage of Mt. Hood community college's offer of English as a second language classes for free during lunch. Working with pdc, trimet and metro we are connecting east Portland residents to family wage employment outside of the area by identifying and removing barriers such as limited transportation options. We continue to assess the needs for residents in east Portland and particularly we have identified needs for increasing service and better connections along 122nd to provide safe conditions for transit riders in the evening hours and more service for north, south routes on public transit in east Portland. We've also worked to maximize east Portland economic benefits for public projects for example the jade district and division midway npi's we leveraged the Powell-Division transit and development project into investments from national foundations and organizations such as the credi foundation and transportation for America. These investments are leading to community led place making work that will benefit businesses in east Portland and while rooting the residents and community in place and that's sort of doing our projects that really lift the businesses and really connect them to the residents in those areas. East Portland action plan also

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advocated for 25% local higher on suppliers on the work being done to develop east Portland parks that commissioner Fritz and the Parks and Recreation are funding with support of Commissioner Fritz a local higher stipulation was included in this process. East Portland action plan also works with pdc, bps and metro to promote cellist development workforce projects in east Portland through partnering with npi's and other urban renewal economic development efforts to market east Portland as a place to do business. With epap funding the rose initiative is working on several small business incubator projects providing space for new businesses and is partnering with Mt. Hood community college to provide technical assistance and advice to these businesses. Historic park rose is working on a job fair for local residents and students in march, and the three npi's through the work that epap does we're able to partner together not just kind of do our own work in our own little spheres, but also work together to get the second annual east county jobs fair in may held at the rosewood initiative. And then I think some of the npi's some of our most visible projects are some of our events, things like the division midway festival of nations, the jade districts international night market, a taste of park rose and the holiday market and national night out at the rosewood initiative. So next we'll talk a little about the tools the anti-displacement tools that we've worked on, the economic development subcommittee proposed these tools and then we got consensus from some of the other communities as well. We worked for nine months to develop these recommendations and then they were cross reviewed by the civic engagement and housing subcommittee and brought to the broader community 200 people with 90% speaking a first language other than English and then it was approved by the full east Portland action plan. And then the following is just a brief synopsis of each of the economic development subcommittee initiate recommendations. We'd like to see living wage provisions as an additional income will position people to be able to afford rent and housing and housing increases. We'd like to see local hiring this requires developer and contractors to prioritize hiring locally defined as from east Portland as well as hiring women and minorities. This is a component of the community benefits agreement which epap has already considered and endorsed as benefiting east Portland residents and their ability to make family wages. For example David Douglas school district had 26% minority hiring on the earl boyles project. Minority contracting east Portland has the cities highest percentage of the population identified as minority, so minority contracting should help employ the east Portland minority population in family wage jobs and thus prevent displacement. We'd also like to see commercial stabilization and commercial rents stabilization, this includes many of the tools that the npi main street project are using for economic development including store front improvements, targeted business assistance, capital improvements, business attraction and community controlled commercial development. You know it's really talking about displacement as a holistic sense if you lose the businesses your residents are going to follow right after that too. So really thinking about that anti-displacement idea. The community reinvestment act banks and hospitals have to reinvest in the communities within three to five miles of each facility, this program was fairly developed to guide banks make loans to other community investments available to everyone especially locally. We'd like to see commercial transit oriented development so tod incentives for business retention and growth near current and planned transit centers can promote development employment, however we do want to be clear that transit oriented development was not recommended for housing purposes that received tax abatement and had a time limited affordability commitment unless funding is for non-profits like really develop that housing as affordable on a permanent bases. Finally we'd like to see broad support for community benefits agreements this is a contract with the government agency, real estate developer or other jurisdiction to provide specific benefits to the local community or neighborhood in

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exchange for certain provisions from community or neighborhood. On public projects cba's can be negotiated with the initiating government agency and can be included in request for proposals with contractors, with private developers benefits can be negotiated in a contract. In the past cba's have funded workforce training, local hiring, child care access, affordable housing units, relocation stipends, reinforced access to family wage jobs and other public benefits. And finally I'd like to close with how epap serves me personally in my role as an npi manager. It really amplifies and leverages the work that city of Portland has already invested in our program through the municipal partnership and civil engagement grants that you've already heard a little bit about. It allows up to do work that otherwise would not be possible with the limited resources that we have it includes events like the night market and community forums that really get to the heart of economic development from the ground level. Epap serves as a great facilitator I often am working in my neighborhood and imp talking with business owners there and they don't really know what's going on kind of in my broader community and when I come to the epap meetings and the subcommittee meeting I really get a sense of what's going on as a whole in east Portland and without that it would be really difficult to know exactly how many different projects are interacting. And also the fact that epap shares the values of development without displacement is crucial to the jade districts success and the npi's success. So without epap I feel our work would be really hampered and many of those conversations would not happen and we really would lose some of the great programs you've seen out in east Portland. So I ask that you continue to support epap and we look forward to working with you as partners. I'd like to introduce the next two speakers.

Fish: Before you do that I'd like to make one comment. Thank you all for your excellent testimony and Emily are you in school locally or..

Larraga: Yes I'm in David Douglas High school, a senior.

Fish: Well mom congratulations. I'm sure you're very proud of your daughter.

Govea: Thank you, I am proud of my daughter and I am proud of epap for giving the opportunity not only to me but to my daughter and thank you for your continued support of epap because my second language is English and I don't speak correct English, but I feel proud as a community, I feel proud when I come to epap I feel good to live in Oregon, to live in Portland, Thank you for epap and for my community. Thank you so much.

Fish: Just to follow up my mother-in-law Carmen came to this country with no English and a 6th grade education and she's the scrabble champion of our family, so your English is terrific. I want to go back to something our other friend said and mayor reminds me of the potential for confusion because of language so we use, we have two different things called the community benefits agreement and we also separate from the community benefits agreement we have a committee charged with the city with promoting and boosting mwesb participation in all of our work. And I think we've now reached a sort of critical point where these terms are so confusing when you put them side by side because they all have a different meaning, a different purpose and I think it reminds me that we need to go back and at least find a way to distinguish between the community benefits agreement and a community benefits agreement cause they have separate meanings cause we have two of them that we use, but their different and they have similar goals, but different mechanisms to achieve those goals and then separate and apart form that we have this broader commitment to mwesb and then you alluded to the fact that commissioner Fritz is in fact pioneered a fourth category which is kind of a community benefits agreement that's a hybrid of what we require above a certain dollar threshold that she's tailored to projects that otherwise done qualify so let's spend some time maybe rebranding a little bit cause I think some of the confusion that I sense in the community is we're not sure which does

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which and yet we may want to do all of them. But I think there is some underlying language confusion.

Fritz: We're going to have that discussion I think as part of the comprehensive plan but the essential elements are community and benefits and agreements. And that's what we're going to have --

Fish: Amen to that. Now I'm even more confused.

Fritz: Each of the words mean something and there important words, and I think we all understand the shared goal and so that's what we need to help too find. I want to also thank two of our testifiers for participating in the parks budget advisory committee process, and your extremely well behaved young relative who is putting my younger children to shame and thank you very much.

Govea: Thank you.

Struble: I will introduce the next two speakers are Frieda Christopher and Nick Sauvie.

Hales: Great, thank you.

Hales: Welcome. You are spending a lot of time in this room.

Frieda Christopher: More time next week. Mayor and commissioners, thank you for having us here, and for the record my names Frieda Christopher, I co-chair the housing subcommittee with Nick Sauvie the executive director, during the past year the housing subcommittee has been the focus of much of epap's work. We appreciate the work on affordable housing and homelessness and epap wants to continue to work with the city and other partners so the progress continues approximately five years ago we formed the housing subcommittee, and myself and Jane were asked to co-chair it, and we were a unique group because we had developers, of affordable housing such as nick, as well as people like myself who are only knew education and knew very little about housing and the complexity, and felt affordable housing was the cause of the problems in David Douglas. But that evening when we met, we came up with a common goal within two hours, to find common ground and support a range of housing types in east Portland. As a means to strengthening livable communities, encouraging healthy and complete and stable neighborhoods and promoting family wage jobs. A range of housing types is meant to include rental housing and home ownership, and as well as housing for people of various income levels. Mayor hales, declared a state of housing emergency in Portland, and this is what housing emergency looks like in east Portland. There is a 60% increase this is homeless families in East County in one year. The shelter was overflowing as soon as it open on February 1, as of march 13th David Douglas school has counted 420 homeless during the 2015 school year, identified under title 10, which is where you identify homeless because they get special services. This exceeds the number of all of last year with three months left to go, and in fact, we trained January 29 and February 11, a mere two weeks, 79 new students were identified as homeless. The numbers were climbing as rents increased, stable housing is a key factor in student success in school and the ability no schools to close the achievement gap for students of low income and of color. Additionally east Portland experienced some of the largest rent increases in the city. According to the Willamette week, and Parkrose had a 16.9% increase and Lents foster, 14%, and pleasant valley, 10.6, and 122nd divisionary at 10.1. All experienced higher rent inflation in the city, average of 8.4. In addition, according to the housing bureau's state of housing in Portland report, during the five years from 2010 to 2014, there were 613 multi-family units permitted in east Portland. And in 2011 and 2013 there were zero multi-family unions permitted anywhere in east Portland. During that time the rest of Portland experienced a building boom of 10,000 apartments. In 2013, a steady commission by planning and sustainability indicated east Portland was not in danger of gentrification and thus, displacement was not a risk at the time. Though gentrification is just beginning in east Portland, our residents

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are experienced, involuntary displacement now. Epap saw two years ago that our residents might be facing involuntary displacement and wanted to see if there was something as an advocacy group that we could do to mitigate the impact. Nick Sauvie will share the work that we have done in the housing subcommittee.

Nick Sauvie: Thank you, I am Nick Sauvie with Rose Community Development. I think you're going to hear recurring themes of the work we've been doing in housing and economic development and civic engagement subcommittees and we think these are connected. Each subcommittee worked over the last two years on various displacement prevention tools and their applicability to east Portland conditions. We drafted a list of tools and prepared them, distributed them, and we had an anti-displacement workshop on August 15th attended by more than 200 people. They came and provided input in those recommendations were incorporated into the proposal. Epap continues to advocate for change and participate in coalitions such as anti-displacement, PDX and Welcome Home. A January legislative town hall on housing was held in east Portland and had more than 500 attendees. Epap needs the support of city council, city bureaus and other partners to achieve our goal of revitalized neighborhoods without displacement, here's a summary of the top priorities. Establish policy and practices that balances regional affordable housing supply and promotes fair share across Portland. The legislature removed the statewide ban on inclusionary zoning. We need the city to move quickly to implement IZ and capture as many affordable units as we can before the end of the current building boom. Increase opportunities for minority home ownership, east Portland is relatively affordable and has the most diverse population in the city, more resources are necessary to make home ownership possible for moderate income Portlanders, community benefits agreement, we were pleased with the community benefits plan for the two new east Portland parks and included a 25 test local hiring goal for east Portland. We are concerned that other city investments such as 40 million for mixed use projects in Lents do not have strong community benefits requirements. Renter protections Epap believes in strong renter protections are necessary to prevent wholesale dislocation of disadvantaged groups that has been a recurring nightmare in Portland. These include rent stabilization, just cause eviction, code enforcement and renter education. Anti-displacement impact analysis. This should be a requirement for all significant public investments, the planned division Powell transit corridor would be a good place to start. The delay provides time to develop resource and is acquire property before a speculation heads full force. Acquisition rehab, east Portland has a large quantity of rundown private market apartment buildings acquired and preserved for affordable housing. And Epap is pleased that PHB and the mayor's office budget recommends 1.5 million for acquisition rehab in east Portland. And finally, homeowner retention Epap supports PHB's recommendation of 500,000 for home repairs for well income homeowners. In regard to the last two points, Epap especially appreciates that PHB intends to offer resources outside of the urban renewal areas and we also appreciate PHB's increase engagement with Epap over the last year, Michelle has been a great addition to the housing subcommittee has worked closely with us on the research outreach and programming. So finally, thank you very much for the attention that the city is paying to east Portland housing issues. We look forward to working with you over the coming years and increase the housing opportunities and improve housing stock and revitalize our neighborhoods. Thank you.

Hales: Did I hear that number right? The number of homeless students at David Douglas 422?

Christopher: 420 and that was as of March 11th basically that's Title 10 funding that we get from the federal and homeless that they can get like if they live outside of the district a homeless child can go to any school. With transportation they can receive these through

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special assistance, and so that's how we count them when they apply and are identified and registered that way.

Hales: By that definition of homeless they can be sleeping in a car, couch surfing all kinds of things.

Christopher: That's homeless, and this is a broad definition.

Fritz: But they are showing up to school? So they are identified through the school?

Christopher: Right. Identified through the school, and showing up every day, I can't tell you but --

Fritz: At least they made contact with the School, they want to be in school.

Christopher: And what we're finding, as you know, with a lot of the information, there is more newly homeless families, and they want to stay in school. Douglas is a popular place to stay, because we work so hard with the low income and children of color, and we have had great success in closing the achievement gap.

Fritz: I think it's fantastic that the school and the community is aware of and wanting to provide services to those students, and it's fantastic that they showed up at school and obviously want to continue their education, so thank you for the work you do on the school board.

Christopher: That's how I got into it. I thought that there was two megas accept property and now I learned so much more and we always felt stable housing is important, if we keep them in the same school without the huge turnover rate, we can close that gap.

Fritz: You are one of the people that I like to cite because you cite it yourself, that you came into this challenge, clear about what the problem was and what the solution would be and the more you learned the more you realize it's not that simple and that it takes all of us to engage in a range of solutions to a range of problems rather than the one thought to start off with.

Christopher: Yes, I take a lot of time at the school board explaining how complex it is and how important it is to the school board and the district to stabilize it.

Hales: Thank you both.

Sauvie: So our next speakers are Linda Bauer, Teresa Keishi Soto and Arlene Kimura.

Linda Bauer: Hi, Linda bower. Teresa and I are on the east Portland land use and transportation committee, and one of the objectives for transportation is fully fund the east Portland in motion strategies, and commissioner novick personally came out and helped us to come up with this east Portland in motion and now we have sidewalks on 136th and sidewalks on 162nd. And 17 signalized crossings and we're expecting a lot more and really excited and can't hardly wait for more.

Teresa Keishi Soto: Hello. Hello, Mr. Saltzman, and Mr. Hales, and miss Fritz and steve novick. May you all be well. The east Portland action plan and the east Portland land use and transportation committee continue to work with metro, the city of Portland bureau of transportation and the Oregon department of transportation to secure funding for the outer Powell conceptual plan. As a member of the safety project I am delighted that thanks to Miss fagen and Vega Peterson and others, 20 million has been secured for renovation, of the streets, from southeast 116th to southeast 136th. And 3 million of this came from the Portland bureau of transportation, thank you, and epap advocated for this in the mitp grant and continues to look for areas of opportunity to highlight the importance of the outer Powell conceptual plan and secure additional funding. Epap thanks odot for applying for tiger funds in coordination with the city. The intent is to leverage funding that has been secured for renovation in southeast 120th to southeast 136th so the renovation may be done all the way from southeast 116th to southeast 162nd. Thank you, mayor hales and members of the city council for maintaining the outer Powell safety project as a regional priority. And every day the traffic on the outer southeast Powell increases I am

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taking the number 9 bus at the corner of southeast 122nd and Powell boulevard to avoid walking east on Powell to southeast 125th place where I live. This is a safety measure, since there is less of a chance that I will get hit by a car by riding the bus, the last three blocks, and I would like to be around when that project is finished.

Hales: So would we all.

Soto: The east Portland action plan, and the east Portland land use and transportation committee have advocated for and continue to advocate for the addition of cycle track, or protective bike lanes to the outer Powell safety project. The dialogue regarding the safety of those riding bicycles along the southeast Powell Boulevard is an ongoing one with the bicycle transportation alliance, epap, and the east Portland land use and transportation committee. Some members of the safety project rode their bicycles from Ed Benedict Park to southeast 174th and back at the beginning of 2015. They reported that it was a very scary experience, and they felt very vulnerable and unprotected. Epap and east Portland land use and transportation will continue to insist on protected bike lanes in the Powell safety project design. We look forward to your support. Epap wants the project prioritized to increase the crossing safety on major arterial roadways and to connect to the transit and schools, and these need to be concurrent with new developments, and southeast 136th from division to Holgate, close to where I live now has sidewalks, thanks to Shania Fagen. 17 crossings with rapid flashing beacons have been installed in southeast Portland. I crossed from the east side of southeast 122nd to the west side and a rapid flashing beacon pedestrian crossing to get to the midland library. Thanks to the installation of that crossing I don't have to dodge cars while attempting to cross 122nd. Epap wants 15 additional rapid flashing beacon pedestrian crossings and 15 intersection signal changes with red light cameras annually. Epap will advocate on behalf of residents and pedestrians in east Portland, the safety of the pedestrians, and their ability to get around southeast Portland depends on the addition of more pedestrian crossings with the rapid flashing beacons and the intersection signal changes. Muchas Gracias and Si se Puede, Arlene Kimura is next.

Bauer: I need to finish up first.

Soto: Sorry.

Bauer: Another one of our priorities is fostering equity and transportation decisions and services. And I have some bad news for you. According to your Portland profile, east Portland is one quarter of the city, yet in 2015, we were not even in the top ten, not even in the top five for individual funding on transportation issues, so that's something that we need to work on together. Thank you. Now, Arlene.

Arlene Kimura: Thank you. First I want to talk about parks and I want to tell you thank you for the two new parks that we are getting, and they will be online in 2017, and I hope to see construction starting at both the discovery park. Thank you, Commissioner Fritz, and thank you to the rest of the council because for our children, and for our people who have no gathering spaces these are really important resources. Is the strategic priorities for the east Portland action plan for parks has stayed the same because we also know that some of these implementations, like the transportation projects takes a few years. So we're still asking that the master plan process implementation for both kleta butte and park lane move forward, and we are looking at doing some of the things sectionally rather than everything at one time. We are working on that. Metro has an east project that they are doing in Gresham, and there is absolutely no reason why, and we are working on it that we cannot connect. The city does that we have starting at mount tabor and rocky butte, and we are working to try to get that as a project that connects to and is part of the Gresham project. We don't have to reinvent the wheel on that. It is a slow process and it is with the bike and pedestrian connections within the city. Part of the issue is in case of the big

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earthquake or the natural disaster, it may be our only way of getting around because we won't have streets and the final piece that I want to talk about is we are working diligently on getting the gateway green implemented and working on their fundraising, and we are excited that after all these years, we are going to have events in the summer dedicated to bikes and a few other things such as maybe disc golf so that the parcel of land is used and people get used to seeing that there will be activity on there. With the implementation of the tea hop and the tool five undercrossing, we will actually get better access from the west side to gateway green. Now you have to go through the transit center to find it. So we want to thank you for your efforts and I hope to import more progress next year.

Hales: Thank you all.

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Hales: Who is next.

Kimura: I never follow directions very well, either. Klesta butte paul butte,, there is also, you know, what is it, scotter mountain and all those are buttes that we want to connect to, we want to thank you very much for all of the support you have given for the action plan, and we look for our continued support, one of the exciting things is that the parks have expanded to include a bureau That we have not worked with, ppb and their driver education has been very exciting. When you look at the video and the ladies in there burkas, and you think, they are learning how to drive. And they are not seeing that this is a foreign concept. They can do this. Some of our men driver because they know how to get into the cars and drive according to that. These are important issues to make the community feel empowered, and that's one of the things the action plan has done really well. I am going to ask you again. Please remember all city outreach, and I talk to the county, I talked to the county about this. We have people who don't speak English and it is critical that they get this information. Please work with the bureau staff to push outreach and not just English, thank you.

Hales: Thank you very much, is there anyone else that wants to speak on either of these two items? If not, the first is an ordinances, and the second is a report, so let's take action on the ordinance first. Which is the grants.

Fritz: Thank you mayor, I am going to make my comments on both, thanks to the community. As a little aside the 3.5 pages of the community impacts and community involvement statement that Lore wintergreen wrote was one of the best that I have seen and I really appreciate, yes of course it's about community engagement so you could put yes it's about community engagement but you went into the details about how they were engaged. It's a model and I am not suggesting 3.5 pages is necessary on every item but a little more than three sentences would be nice on many of the things we consider, and it's an example of what did the community say and how did we react to it which used to be in the community impact statement which isn't any more we're going to work on that. So thank you very much for the way this presentation was done. And for the organization and everybody here to support and didn't need to speak and thank you to the speakers, as well. I am continuing to be impressed and thrilled to be part of this process with east Portland action plan, and your abilities to accomplish a huge amount with very few dollars. I will remind the council this is a phenomenal return on the investment of 300,000 a year, and this council put the funding into ongoing funding, the office of neighborhood budget advisory committee didn't talk about potentially giving a 5% cut to the east Portland action plan or to -- we did discuss the diverse leadership program which was held harmless and again, the office of neighborhood involvement said no, both east Portland action plan and the diversity leadership program needs to be held harmless and we're going to try to find more funding for you. It's a recognition by the entire community of the importance of the work that you are doing, and I really very much appreciate that. Looking at these grants,

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the first of these votes, over the last few years you received a little over 200,000, And that is impressive, the amount of work that you have done and the amount that you are going to be doing with the 48,503 that we're allocating today, I can't help the draw the comparison with the 2,315,274 that has gone to the innovation funding and yes there are things that the city government needs to do better, and we need to learn lessons from what you have done in the community to make sure that there are the benefits and that there is the equity. As we move forward with budget discussions I would like us council to continue to think carefully about the distributing resources equitably to the community partners. We are getting a lot of the input on the parks venue Portlanders' program and the programs that make a difference to the people in the neighborhoods on what we heard about today and I very much appreciate you bringing those to our attention. Thank you, lore wintergreen for your amazing leadership of the east Portland action plan team it's -- you are a city employee and an employee of the east Portland action plan team, and are beloved, and we very much appreciated that you have been an integral part of this and glad you are going to continue to be working with us. Thanks to the council, also, for agreeing in partnership with the east Portland action plan folks who came several months ago, asking about a strategy for making sure that we continue to implement and their suggestion was to hire an extra staff person to work within the city bureaus, and my alternative, which the council has now agreed to, is that every council office will dedicate a Staff member and we will be responsible for the bureaus that we oversee, so Clare in my office will not only be looking at how our reimplementing the east Portland action plan with the office of neighborhood involvement, also within the bureau of the Portland parks and recreation and each of my colleagues on the council has agreed to dedicate a person to do that so we'll have a coordinating committee that will work in the partnership with you to let you know what we have done and can't do. I agree with everything that's on your list, and you know, as Frieda came to recognize the tension between housing and education, and there is not enough money to do everything, so we do need to prioritize, and sometimes we need to do things in business and sometimes we have to say, we are so mad that we cannot do this just yet and maybe at that point, we need to think about how do we raise the resources to be able to pay for the services that every community needs, every community wants and every community in Portland deserves. Thank you very much for the work you do. Aye.

Saltzman: Thank you for a great report on the grants as well as the state of east Portland, I guess that's what we call it, it looks very good and I appreciate the hard work that you do in serving on the communities and the energy and the time that you devote to your passion, which is making east Portland better, and I am pleased to associate myself with that effort. Aye.

Novick: Three quick things that I wanted to mention, commissioner Fritz mentioned this but Arlene was talking about the outreach to all communities, and Andrea valderama on my staff is my outreach person has also been working with pbot and other bureaus to improve the level of outreach in all communities and all languages. Teresa was talking to me about funds that Shania fagen and vega Peterson have gotten for public safety improvements for east Portland, I am very sad that neither of them is running through the election, we need to make sure that whoever takes their place, that one of them gets appointed to the transportation committee and we hope that they continue to be, to be strong advocates for the east Portland projects and the legislature, and finally, Linda was talking about the sidewalks at 136th, and I decided to take this opportunity to illustrate and tell a lot which is I went to walk along a stretch of new sidewalk, and I encountered the woman hanging out at the fence, and we are talking to her about the new sidewalk, and she said you know, since the sidewalk went in, there is people that I have not seen for

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years and I thought that they were dead and I saw them walking by myself on the sidewalk, and that's a dramatic example of what a difference a sidewalk can make. I am making my comments on both items, of the first item, but I wanted to say thank you all for your work. I am so grateful that everybody worked so long and hard on east Portland in motion before I got here. It means that we go out to the voters and ask for investments. And we can present them with a list of things that we want to do that have been vetted to the community, and we can say these are priorities, aye.

Fish: Commissioner Fritz did you mention Commissioner Leonard's role as you often do?

Fritz: I didn't, no. One of the few things I missed in my long comment.

Fish: You often mention that he had a role, and senator Merkley, representative merkley, had a role in this so we acknowledged both of them. I saw Commissioner Leonard the other day, and he finished renovating his new home so my sense is he's getting ready to transition back into the normal world. Is this the seventh year that we have had a report like this? I am losing track of time.

Fritz: It would be.

Fish: Sixth. So this is the sixth year, and as Amanda and I have often reflected, when we both came on the council, the conversation that we often had when we visited friends in east Portland was very much we are forgotten. We don't have a voice, and no one cares what's going on out here. That was pervasive, in neighborhood associations, the business districts and talking to folks. What I have observed in my time on the council, is that this process of east Portland action plan created a framework for us to have these discussions, and then to go beyond good intentions but get very specific about what we were committing to. I really appreciate that under mayor Hales we shifted the funding to Ongoing because this is one that felt like a, like perils of Pauline trying to get the money and now it's established but it has focused like a laser beam on our work together on what we should be accomplishing in east Portland. When I had housing in parks I felt like two-thirds of the, of what was in this report were focused at my bureau and is now they are in the able hands of my colleagues and I want to address one item in the plan. That is the work that we're going to do to acquire and restore brownfield sites, and as the mayor knows, this is a central part of our economic development plan going forward, and if we are going to hit our industrial land quota, we're going to have to do a lot of work with brownfield. They are incredibly complicated. And difficult and because I lead the bureau of environmental services we have projects here and there. The one that we almost completed is now in east Portland, the old Schultz property where in gateway, the Schultz family used to store the port a potties there. And it's a challenging project and we're not out of the woods yet and thanks to Steve, we are talking about potentially making some additional tweaks so we can maximize the development of the site, this work on brownfields is the future. We don't have a lot of land, and so we need to, to get brownfields into productive use, and it's a critical part of our equity agenda because there is so many in places that have not received the level of services that we received in the past so it's a two-fer, and I know it will be difficult. The legislature gave us an extra tool this session and looking for ways to help us do financing. I am very excited about taking the community desire to do that work and the city expertise and we will have to blow it up on a bigger scale. It is our future, and let's be the city that leads the nation in brownfield remediation, another green credential. And thanks to everybody who came out today and testified, particularly young people. And thank you to the leadership team for the work you are doing and you have focused our attention again and here we are on the budget, so you will hold us accountable as you always do. Thank you very much, aye.

Hales: Every time I interact with the east Portland action plan effort, and I thought that this again today, just listening to your presentation. I keep returning to the word, leverage.

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Because for example these grants you leverage an awful lot of public outreach, public service, public understanding for a really shockingly small amount of money. But you leverage more than that, you leverage the active engagement of the bureaus as we heard about today from the sergeant voepel and from Todd and we should have that leverage with all of the bureaus. It makes them do a better job and allows them to do a better job, and it, also, makes sure that they are thinking about and being accountable to the needs Of the diverse communities of east Portland so that's another example of leverage, and another one, two more, one is politics. You are engaging people as political actors to have influence and that's important. It is important for east Portland and everybody and important for all of the various communities of our city that wonder if it's really true if you get involved that you can have a say and you can have any power, and you are helping people learn that they, actually, do, and that's really important. As we welcome a lot of new Portlanders to Portland from all kinds of places, some of which don't have functioning politics where people can make a difference. So that's really important, and then another one, you are leveraging civic entrepreneurship. You are teaching folks by experience how to get some help from the bureau here, and from the county there and business people there, and to advance good ideas. That's a school for civic activism. Epap has been from the beginning. That's really important so the leveraged principle seems to run through everything that you are doing. It also, you know, it also puts pressure on us you know, our community said give me 11 and I can move the world, so you are moving the world with that leverage. I appreciate how that's working on all of the different levels, And that's why it is important that we, as a council, now institutionalized the city's support for epap in our budget but not just in the budget but the fact that you have got a sergeant from the traffic division here who is a believer in working with you to reach people to be better citizens in how they exercise the privilege of driving on our streets. You have got an economic development effort that is now committed to working with you, and that's taught the Portland development commission how to get things done not just in east Portland but especially in east Portland, so it's a tremendously valuable effort, and I have learned a lot from you in this work together and will continue to because I think it's valuable to us so thank you for a great presentation, and for each of us and the staff like Andrea and Diana Nunez in my office, they learned a lot and teach the rest of the team in my office that this is what's happening and how epap is making it happen so you have five fans here, and five allies and again, what happens with leverage if someone invests in your business, or your political campaign, who do you go back to? You go back to the same people and say ok you are my partner and I need you to help me do the next thing. I know you will, and that's the other thing, you are never shy about asking for our support and engagement so keep that up and well done, very well done, and this is a thrill to see the work that you are doing and progress you are making and people are engaging in this work and aye. And now a motion please to accept the report.

Fish: Moved.

Fritz: Second.

Hales: Roll call.

Fritz: I really love it had we have two things to vote on especially when I am the first to make my speech because when everybody says other things, oh, I need to add on to that so now I get to it's delightful to me, and I hope you can hear the sincerity in our voices, that you know have five new best friends we're not new friends, we're your friends that you and your colleagues and elected representatives who are working in partnership with you and have been since 2009, so I get kind of angry when people say nobody is listening to east Portland or east Portland is getting short shrift. When you look at the investments particularly in parks before 2009, in the last ten years, the majority of the system

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development charge investments have been in east Portland. We are starting to see the facilities come online and we will continue directing resources to east Portland as long as I'm the parks commissioner cause we have a lot of catching up to do we need to close the gaps and maintain what we have, and it's not one or the other but both. We need to do both and I appreciate the opportunity to work for you and for you and with you and I appreciate working with my colleagues and for those who are concerned without district representation, we don't have leaders who care about the different parts of the city, and I disagree with that emphatically and I hope that with the civic engagement with the citizen program, that the Bhutanese community is engaging in such that we start seeing greater numbers of east Portlanders participating voting and becoming the community for candidates who haven't had the privilege of working with you to get to this point. So that's important. It's your successes not ours, or the city's success but yours, and so when people say east Portland is not getting what it needs my answer is you should visit the east Portland action plan and ask them do they feel that they are making a difference and the answer is yes so thank you, and also thank you to [reading names] in the office of neighborhood involvement. It's election year and I recall back in 2012 I was concerned that I might not be here at this time so that was the reason I worked with you to put the appropriation of the east Portland action plan into the office of neighborhood involvement so it would be sheltered and looked after, then mayor Hales decided to be in charge of the Office of neighborhood involvement and that was a privilege to be with the mayor and the mayor, it was a privilege to work with you, and I am not so grateful that I've been given the honor of being back in charge of the office of neighborhood involvement working with all of our colleagues on the council as well as with you. I think we are in a good place and it's to your credit, aye.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

Novick: I am glad we get to vote twice because it gives you an opportunity to make an utterly silly comment, the division midway alliance is one of my favorite names in Portland because it sounds like the people who won the second world war, and aye.

Hales: I am sure that they did, thank you very much, aye, and we are adjourned --

Hales: Oh, no, we are not. Sorry, we have to take a motion. We are back in order because we have to take a motion through 3.02.010 for an evening council meeting to occur the city council will holding a 6:00 p.m. Meeting for the plan on April 14th in the auditorium of the Portland building and do I have a second?

Saltzman: So move.

Hales: A roll call, please.

Fritz: This gives everybody notice that we are holding an evening meeting, colleagues in the future I really would appreciate everybody took time off work in their daily business to come and stay, and somebody came out of school and thank you, and maybe I should think about scheduling an action plan report in the evening, as well. Thank you for doing the comprehensive plan at that point. Aye.

Fish: Point of order does this need a major or a unanimous vote?

Hales: I think a majority.

Fish: I was going to try to work -- I have an orphaned budget ask. [laughter] Aye.

Saltzman: We're, I believe we have the meeting scheduled we're just moving it to the auditorium of the Portland building.

Fritz: Just a formality.

Saltzman: Happy to vote aye.

Novick: Aye.

Hales: We did it swiftly for anyone listening and wondering what is going on, we're going to have our meeting on April 14th in the evening, going to be at 6:00, and don't show up

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here at 2:00. And it's not going to be in this building but next door in the Portland building in the auditorium because there is a group having a party in this building and they are going to be noisier than we are so 6:00 p.m. On the 14th and thank you very much and now we are adjourned.

At 4:28 p.m. Council adjourned.