

Community Members,

There are some very important issues on the immediate horizon that need your input and tracking NOW. Please comment and get involved where you can. If you want good sustainable city planning that allows for growth but still want to retain your community identity and character, please get involved and comment. The following are policy issues that relate to design concerns you have raised in the course of our four-year community engagement project:

1. Citywide Design Standards & Guidelines Report & Open House Tonight- The DOZA Design Overlay Concept Report is just out, very importantly this impacts new citywide standards and guidelines. Details at the end.

>>Key Dates + Action: Open House TONIGHT 5/9, 5-7:30 pm, 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Room 2500 (2nd floor). Please attend if able. Comments Due quickly by June 1st.

2. Historic Resources Inventory (HRI) - Not updated since 1988 and a big issue given much growth. Funding removed in proposed budget per the Mayor. This budget item is a one-time \$80k investment in our future and would draw upon much volunteer support to save costs.

>>Key Dates + Action Needed: May 12th - Budget Meeting - send an email to the Mayor and City Council to restore funding for long overdue Historic Resources Inventory Update.

3. Residential Infill Project (RIP) - You've seen the mailers on RIP, but might not realize that within some good design changes there is an A- overlay with a "housing opportunity zone". While there is very good intentions in aiming to foster greater diversity, accessibility and affordability, many have raised the concern - will this new overlay cause unintended consequence of increased demolitions, leading to further loss of existing affordable housing?

Planning Commission Hearing is May 15th, hearing starts at 5 pm, sign up to testify by 3:30 pm. Staff has indicated city written testimony may be submitted through Monday, May 18th, 5 pm.

>>Action: testify on the map ap, come to the hearing, or send a letter to the Planing and sustainability Commission.

4. Unreinforced Masonry Buildings (URM) Retrofit Mandate - At Council today. This may impact 1600 buildings city wide, 40+ buildings on Hawthorne alone by new requirements for upgrades yet there is no funding support for these expensive yet important health and safety improvements putting small businesses with often important character-defining building at risk of demolition.

Woodstock Business Association's comment letter notes: "These buildings are the placemakers in our community. Without a safety net for owners, this mandate will force "fire sales" to developers and the buildings will be demolished. Demolitions will erase the historic character of our neighborhoods and affordable rent. They will displace tenants

across the city. Without a plan for funding or for the displacement of small businesses and residents, this mandate is untenable.

>>Action: City Council Meeting Today 3 pm. Consider attending or sending an email to comment.

Feeling overwhelmed by the volume of community and city issues to track? Worn out after Mixed Use Zoning, Comprehensive Plan, DOZA, Central City Plan, huge volumes of new developments to track? You are not alone.

These issues are related yet many feel these interconnected issues are being processed without sufficient comprehensive approaches and a full understanding by both the city and the community of their impacts. Feel free to comment on this to the city as well to advocate for more reasonable timeframes that allow for more meaningful engagement with community members and a broader comprehensive look.

Details below on the DOZA Design Report and Open House TONIGHT....

Thanks for tracking these and weighing in where you can. Reminder this is a volunteer effort to help respond to community design issues and concerns. We don't get paid, we are busy with kids and jobs, and just want to support you in having your voice heard.

Many thanks for being involved, and for speaking out,
Heather Flint Chatto and Linda Nettekoven,
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P.S. Watch for Division Design Guidelines out next week!

The City has just released it's new Concept Report on their Proposed Design Standards and Design Guidelines.

Link to the concept report draft here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/683165>

[Read the DOZA Tools Concept Report](#)

Open House

Community members are invited to an open house on May 9 to learn about the *DOZA Tools Concept Report* as well as the [DOZA Process Discussion Draft](#). Project staff will be available to answer questions and welcome community feedback.

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 5 – 7:30 p.m.

1900 SW 4th Avenue, Room 2500 (2nd floor)

TriMet: Multiple bus, MAX and Streetcar lines

Staff will also be meeting with community groups and others to share information about the projects and to answer questions. If your group is interested in a presentation, please contact Kathryn Hartinger at Kathryn.Hartinger@portlandoregon.gov or (503) 823-9714.

How to Comment

Comments on the DOZA Tools Concept Report are appreciated by **Friday, June 1, 2018**, but welcome through the summer. Send comments to Lora Lillard, DOZA Tools Project Manager.

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