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Executive Director

This document represents the official meeting record of the May 29, 2013, Portland Development Commission (PDC) Budget Committee Meeting held at the Portland City Council (City Council) Chambers, 1221 SW 4th Ave., Portland, OR 97204. The full video recording of this meeting can be found at

<http://www.portlandonline.com/index.cfm?c=49508&a=451199>.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Charlie Hales convened the City Council as the PDC Budget Committee at approximately 11:32 a.m. Ms. Gina Wiedrick, acting as recording secretary, called roll:

Fish	PRESENT
Saltzman	ABSENT
Novick	ABSENT
Fritz	PRESENT
Hales	PRESENT

2. Item 490: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Portland Development Commission Budget (Mayor convenes Council as Portland Development Commission Budget Committee)

Scott Andrews, Chair, PDC, thanked the City Council for the time and effort over the last months to become familiar with PDC's large and complex budget.

Executive Director Patrick Quinton gave a quick overview of minor changes made to the budget as a result of the changes in the general fund that was just presented to City Council. A little over \$200,000 was added to the business development category; and \$300,000 was moved from contingency to Community Livability Grant Program, as PDC foresees extra demand in Lents. He also stated that a memo was provided to City Council answering questions raised at the May 15, 2013, City Council meeting.

Commissioner Fish asked what the maximum amount is an applicant can seek from the Community Livability Grant to be accessed in the Lents neighborhood. Executive Director Quinton responded that he did not think PDC had a defined maximum, but rather looked at the total pool of applicants and what needs are expressed in their applications. He added that historically, it can go up as high as \$300,000 but typically most grants are between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

3. Public Testimony

Mayor Hales asked if anyone had signed up to testify, and called them forward.

Lightning. Focused his comments on the homeless, housing, and the role that PDC could play in solving this problem adding that he would like to see a Bud Clark Commons-type project on the east side. PDC should get into the EB-5 program to bring money in for projects, and the City of Portland (City) should earmark revenues coming in from property taxes to help the homeless.

Mary Ann Schwab. Spoke regarding the housing development block grant money that had been available to individuals to rehabilitate their homes and wondered if the money set aside for Lents will be to upgrade the houses from the 1920s and 1940s, adding that the money seems to be going more and more to big developers and investors instead. She expressed frustration in the closure of 40 school properties and dismay at the lack of funds for the community center at the Washington High School site.

4. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Fish thanked Chair Andrews and fellow commissioners for their unpaid public service work and the work they do, and expressed his thanks to PDC staff that have devoted so much time and service to the city. He felt that there are more positive feelings in the community, noting the findings of a poll asking (1) whether respondents agreed with the statement PDC plays an important role in the community and 72 percent agreed, and (2) highest ranking of priorities, with an 8.2 out of 10, it was creating and keeping good jobs in Portland, and 95 percent of the respondents agreed the City should focus on neighborhoods most in need of business growth. Commissioner Fish finished by stating that as the city moves forward, PDC is going to play a critical role in a more prosperous and equitable city, and voted aye.

Commissioner Saltzman voted aye.

Commissioner Novick thanked Executive Director Quinton for his quick responses to questions about the budget and other aspects of PDC's work, and voted aye.

Commissioner Fritz stated that there is a more constructive and productive relationship between the City Council and PDC, and thanked Chair Andrews for his leadership and guidance and his fellow commissioners for their service, and also Executive Director Quinton for his leadership especially in the midst of very difficult times, and voted aye.

Mayor Hales stated that there are great prospects around the city and PDC will play a very important role, adding that it will use some tried-and-true methods as well as experiment with and find new ways that work. He added that at a Lents neighborhood association meeting he attended there was a great deal of optimism expressed about working with PDC to make good on the hopes of the Lents urban renewal area plan. Mayor Hales stated that there are many great opportunities ahead and the City has a great team to work with. He finished by saying that there are good days ahead, good work to be done, new resources to be found, and new opportunities to be realized through great partnerships with the community, and voted aye.

AYES: Fish, Saltzman, Novick, Fritz, Hales

NAYS: None

5. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mayor Hales adjourned the PDC Budget Committee portion of the City Council meeting at approximately 11:49 a.m.