

PDC

PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

DATE: June 22, 2011

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Patrick Quinton, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Report Number 11-52
Appoint Mr. Irek Wielgosz; and Reappoint Mr. Rick Williams and Mr. Owen Ronchelli to the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Area Advisory Committee to one-year terms

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt Resolution No. 6892

ACTION SUMMARY

This Resolution will authorize the following actions:

- The appointment of Mr. Irek Wielgosz to the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Advisory Committee ("OCC URAC") as an organizational member representing the King Neighborhood Association.
- The reappointment of Mr. Rick Williams and Mr. Owen Ronchelli to the OCC URAC as organizational members representing the Lloyd Transportation Management Association ("Lloyd TMA" - Williams) and the Lloyd Business Improvement District ("Lloyd BID"-Ronchelli).

Mr. Irek Wielgosz is currently working in the construction trades and has interest in topics dealing with transportation, economic development, and job creation. He has previously served on the Streetcar System Plan Advisory Committee and North Williams Traffic Safety Stakeholder Advisory Committee, and is currently serving as a board member with the King Neighborhood Association. As a first generation Polish immigrant, speaking both Polish and Russian, Mr. Wielgosz brings diversity and provides construction expertise to the OCC URAC.

Mr. Rick Williams is Executive Director of the Lloyd TMA/BID and Mr. Owen Ronchelli serves as Program Director for the Lloyd TMA/BID.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Meaningful public participation helps promote democracy and civic engagement, builds public trust in government and enhances the Commission's credibility within the community. Effective public participation can improve the quality and effectiveness of Board plans and decisions. PDC believes that meaningful, timely, and effective public participation is essential to successfully implement the agency's policies and projects.

This action will support the following PDC goals:

- Strong Economic Growth and Competitiveness
- Sustainability and Social Equity
- Healthy Neighborhoods
- A Vibrant Central City
- Effective Stewardship over our Resources and Operations, and Employee Investment

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND FEEDBACK

The public is continually advised of the opportunity to serve on an URAC, and encouraged to apply for appointment.

The process for identifying potential URAC members includes:

- Ongoing recruitment and acceptance of applications via the PDC website;
- Assessing the range of existing URAC composition and diversity;
- Personal outreach and recruitment by PDC staff and URAC members;
- Review of applications by PDC staff and URAC chairs.

COMPLIANCE WITH ADOPTED PLANS AND POLICIES

This action is consistent with the URAC Policy adopted by the Board of Commissioners September 14, 2005 (Resolution No. 6293), and amended on July 9, 2008 (Resolution No. 6614), that requires the Board to create membership positions and appoint members to Urban Renewal Advisory Committees ("URACs") that the Board has created. It is also consistent with the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Policy Amendment approved on June 8, 2011 (Resolution No. 6886), allowing the Board to appoint members to serve terms of up to three years.

This action helps implement the Public Participation Policy adopted by the Board on June 22, 2005 (Resolution 6266), which establishes that "public participation is required and will be an integral component of project schedules, budgets, and board decision-making processes for developing and implementing urban renewal area plans and implementing urban renewal projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no significant financial impact as a result of this action.

RISK ASSESSMENT

There are no significant legal, financial or operational risks resulting from this action.

WORK LOAD IMPACT

The major workload associated with the appointment and reappointment of URAC members is communicating the decisions to the URAC and providing new members with orientation training and related materials specific to their URAC. This activity is coordinated by the Public Participation staff and is included in existing work plans.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS

This is the only manner in which URAC appointments can be made. The Board could choose, however, to change the appointments or to not appoint one or more of those recommended. The Board could also choose to modify the length of term.

CONCURRENCE

There are three types of organizational members, those nominated by neighborhood associations, neighborhood business associations and community partners. The organizational members being appointed to the OCCURAC at this time has been nominated in accordance with the URAC Policy

BACKGROUND

On September 14, 2005, the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) adopted Resolution No. 6293 establishing a formal policy regarding the composition and operations of Urban Renewal Advisory Committees (“URACs”). Pursuant to that policy, the following URACs have been formally established by the Board:

1. Central Eastside
2. Gateway Regional Center
3. Interstate Corridor
4. Lents Town Center
5. North Macadam
6. Oregon Convention Center

Currently two of the 12 members of the OCC URAC have expiring terms and one new member needs to be appointed.

On June 8, 2011, the PDC Board amended the URAC Policy (Resolution 6886) to provide for the appointment and reappointment of members to terms of one, two, or three-year. This action was taken to provide the flexibility to make appointments for shorter than 3 year periods, particularly during the next year while PDC conducts a review of Agency-wide public participation policies and practices. As such, PDC staff recommends that these appointments be for a term of one year.