

PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Portland, Oregon

RESOLUTION NO. 6568

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AND THEIR
TRANSITION TEAM TO REVIEW OPTIONS FOR 50% MFI OR
BELOW RENTAL HOUSING**

WHEREAS, there are a number of entities that provide affordable housing and supportive services including The City's Bureau of Housing and Community Development (BHCD), Multnomah County, the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP), Members of the Community Development Network (CDN), the Portland Development Commission (PDC) and others;

WHEREAS, there are many city housing policies including No Net Loss Preservation Policy, 10-year Plan To End Homelessness, Schools Housing Initiative which must be carefully weighed as priorities for spending are made; and

WHEREAS, the current multi jurisdiction approach makes the comparison of funding priorities hard to discern;

WHEREAS, the PDC Board wishes the funding process to be clear and transparent to Providers and Citizens;

WHEREAS, it is critical that the delivery of housing and supportive services be delivered in the most cost-effective and efficient manner;

WHEREAS, it appears that there is much overlap, possible duplication of effort, and opportunities to provide the same service levels at a lower overall cost;

WHEREAS, much of the time and effort of the Board and PDC staff are spent on matters related to the funding, public involvement, staff time, and siting of affordable housing projects;

WHEREAS, the BHCD, HAP, PDC, Multnomah County and the City of Gresham have funded a consultant study (known as the Clegg Study) to review the roles and responsibilities of these entities to determine if efficiencies can be gained and if other cities have alternative examples to follow;

WHEREAS, the Board has established a policy to set-aside for affordable housing projects, based on a five year rolling average, approximately 30% of Tax Increment Funds generated in those Urban Renewal Areas that have residential lands;

WHEREAS, PDC is now embarking on a major reorganization of its primary operating departments of Economic Development, Development and Housing to become more efficient and effective in delivering on its core mission;

WHEREAS, the Board holds PDC employees and their capabilities in highest regard and wishes to emphasize this point as relates to the extremely effective PDC Housing Dept. staff;

WHEREAS, this reorganization is expected to result in greater customer/stakeholder satisfaction in PDC project and program delivery;

WHEREAS, this reorganization will integrate our departments and provide distinct neighborhood and downtown economic development plans; and provide more clarity in the roles and responsibilities of the staff, managers, and department directors;

WHEREAS, this effort is expected to eliminate duplicative or overlapping requirements and steps in the completion of projects delivered directly by PDC or through PDC /public and public/private partnerships;

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the reorganization of PDC's three primary operating departments into a single full-service department provides the opportunity to identify PDC's best and most appropriate role in the provision of housing and the necessary supportive services for the lowest income residents of the region;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Economic Development Director will soon be establishing a transition team to develop an implementation plan and schedule for the creation of the single full-service urban development department; and

WHEREAS, The Board would like to use this organizational change to guide the changes in PDC's roles and responsibilities in the provision of these affordable housing and supportive services that could result in entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with HAP or another entity, existing or to be created/changed, to do this work with the advantages outlined above, and allow PDC to focus its work and resources on economic opportunity, redevelopment, jobs, workforce housing and home ownership.

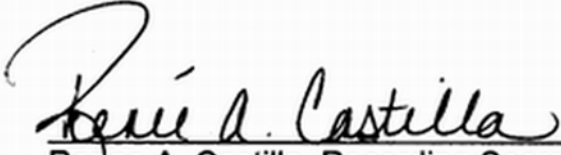
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board requests that the Executive Director, the Economic Development Director and their transition team, in developing the implementation plan for the new urban development department, and in consultation with area low income housing providers and City Council , review options that would include entering into an agreement with HAP, BHCD or another affordable housing service provider for 50% MFI or below rental housing to allow PDC to focus on its core mission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board requests the City of Portland to include in its lobbying priorities for the next legislative session the amendment of ORS section 457 to allow for the expenditure of URA funds, outside of the geographic boundaries of the URA, for the sole purpose of affordable housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board requests that the Executive Director provide a regular update on the progress of the transition team and their analysis of the potential benefits that could flow from a decision to enter into a partnership with another service provider for the provision of affordable housing and supportive services that are now provided directly by PDC and that a final report and recommendation be presented to the PDC Board by August 1, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted by the Portland Development Commission on April 23, 2008.



Renee A. Castilla
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PRESENT FOR VOTE	COMMISSIONERS	VOTE		
		Yea	Nay	Abstain
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Rosenbaum, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Certification

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

The attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution as finally adopted at a Board Meeting of the Portland Development Commission and duly recorded in the official minutes of the meeting.


Renee A. Castilla, Recording Secretary

Date: April 23, 2008