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URM Seismic Retrofit Project – Policy Committee Agenda

3:00 – 5:00 PM | Portland Development Commission Boardroom – 220 NW 5th Avenue

Objectives:

- Review action items from January 14, 2016 Policy Committee meeting
- Identify challenges posed by historic buildings and develop policy recommendations for Council adoption
- Identify issue areas for staff to research regarding affordable housing and financing options

3:00 ***Welcome and introductions*** (Margaret Mahoney, Chair)

3:10 ***Action items from January 14, 2016 meeting***

- Acquiring updated cost estimates/case studies examining recent seismic retrofits
- Determining cost of doing nothing (deaths, business disruption, displaced residents, loss of real estate value and property tax base)

3:30 ***Presentation on Historic Preservation Program***

- Nicholas Starin – Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

3:50 ***Policy Discussion***

- How should historic buildings be defined (on National Register, in a National Register Historic or Conservation District, listed on City's Historic Resources Inventory)?
- How do we identify/prioritize what are the most important URMs from a cultural and economic impact standpoint?
- Should historic buildings be exempt from mandatory retrofit policies? Should owners of historic buildings be provided additional tools, incentives or timelines or given priority for scarce financial resources?

4:50 ***Wrap up and next steps***

- Recap areas of agreement

Next Meeting: March 3, 2016 3-5 PM, Portland Development Commission Boardroom

Topics:

- Affordable Housing
- Financial Tools