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Executive Director

This document represents the official meeting record of the April 11, 2018 Prosper Portland Board of Commissioners (Board) meeting held at 222 NW Fifth Ave., Portland, OR 97209.

The full video recording of this meeting can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95XypTJgSfs>

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Gustavo Cruz called the meeting to order at approximately 3:06 p.m. Pam Micek, Prosper Portland Board recording secretary, called the Prosper Portland Board roll:

Chair Gustavo Cruz	PRESENT
Commissioner Francesca Gambetti	PRESENT
Commissioner Alisha Moreland-Capua	PRESENT
Commissioner William Myers	PRESENT
Commissioner Peter Platt	PRESENT

2. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Gambetti

- Attended the Broadway Corridor Public Forum on March 21
- Attended the Women of Influence Awards on April 5

Commissioner Myers

- Attended the State of the County address on March 19
- Attended the Oregon Trades Women Stakeholder Engagement session on March 28
- Attended the Urban League Fair on April 3
- Attended the Women of Influence Awards on April 5

Commissioner Moreland-Capua

- Attended the Hill Block Community listening session on March 27
- Attended the Hill Block Project Working Group on April 4

Chair Cruz

- Attended the Portland City Council budget work session on March 19
- Attended the Northwest District Association Board meeting on March 19
- Attended the Broadway Corridor public forum on March 21
- Participated in the Broadway Corridor developer interviews on March 22
- Attended the Women of Influence Awards on April 5
- Attended the Harbor of Hope press conference on April 10

3. Executive Director Report

- Presented Prosper Portland's budget to Portland City Council on March 19

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- Spoke at the Portland Business Alliance March Forum on March 21
- Attended and participated in the Broadway Corridor public forum on March 21
- Participated as a panelist in the Women’s Executive Leadership Forum on March 22
- Attended the Hill Block project community awareness event on March 27
- Attended the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center + Rosemary Anderson Workforce breakfast on April 5
- Recipient of a Women of Influence Award on April 5
- Attended the East Portland Action Housing Subcommittee meeting on April 9
- Attending the Mayor's State of the City speech on April 12
- Attending the Allen Temple CME church restoration event on April 12
- Prosper Portland is sponsoring the Opportunity Youth Job Fair at the Oregon Convention Center on April 13
- Speaking along with Chair Cruz, at the ribbon cutting event for the new Natural Grocers location in the Alberta Commons on April 18
- The next meeting of the North/Northeast Community Development Initiative Oversight Committee is April 19
- Serving as a judge at the New Venture Championship on April 19
- Prosper Portland is sponsoring the *Asian Reporter’s* 20th Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner on April 26

4. Meeting Minutes

Chair Cruz called for a motion to approve the March 14, 2018, Prosper Portland Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Myers moved and Commissioner Platt seconded the motion.

AYES: Cruz, Gambetti, Moreland-Capua, Myers, Platt
NAYS: None

5. Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda

Keith Edwards requested renaming Union Station (see Attachment 1).

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Action Item: Resolution 7266 - Approving Additional Funds to Complete the Portland Union Station Tracks and Building Preliminary Engineering/National Environment Policy Act Grant Work

Chair Cruz called for a motion to approve Resolution 7266; Commissioner Platt moved and Commissioner Myers seconded the motion.

AYES: Cruz, Gambetti, Moreland-Capua, Myers, Platt
NAYS: None

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **Action Item: Resolution 7267 and 7268 – Approving Broadway Corridor and USPS Property Agreements**

Prosper Portland staff presenting this item:

Sarah Harpole, Project Manager I

June Reyes, Project Coordinator II

With this action, the Board authorized the Executive Director to execute a professional services contract with Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects (ZGF) for the purpose of completing a Development Plan for Broadway Corridor (Development Plan), including a Master Plan for the United States Postal Service property (USPS Property); selected Continuum Partners LLC (Continuum) as the preferred developer partner for the USPS Property; and authorized Prosper Portland to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Continuum summarizing the roles and responsibilities for the preparation of the Development Plan and the redevelopment of the USPS Property.

Ms. Reyes provided a broad overview of the public process for the redevelopment of the Broadway Corridor which was informed by a staff-led Racial Equity Impact Assessment. In addition, Ms. Reyes detailed the robust process leading up to and involving the 41-member steering committee composed of community members.

Ms. Harpole described the process undertaken to solicit and select a developer and reviewed the evaluation criteria. Ms. Harpole reviewed the results from the public forum noting Continuum consistently rose to the top. Ms. Harpole continued by stating the steering committee and community will participate in the development planning with ZGF and Continuum.

Chair Cruz called forward guests to testify.

Sam Rodriguez, Broadway Corridor Steering Committee member, spoke of how impressed he was with the process.

Commissioner Moreland-Capua asked Ms. Harpole to check in with the Oregon Historical Society when researching the requested name change for Union Station by Keith Edwards during Public Testimony.

Commissioner Gambetti requested a detailed timeline for the Broadway Corridor public process.

Chair Cruz called for a motion to approve Resolution 7267 and 7268; Commissioner Myers moved and Commissioner Platt seconded the motion.

AYES: Cruz, Gambetti, Moreland-Capua, Myers, Platt

NAYS: None

8. Action Item: Resolution 7269 – Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Portland Office of Management and Finance to Accept Conveyance of the 0.62 Acre Block 25 Property in the River District Urban Renewal Area

Prosper Portland staff presenting this item:

Lisa Abuaf, Development Manager

With this action, the Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Portland (City) Office of Management and Finance to accept conveyance of a 0.62-acre property known as Block 25 (Property) located in the River District Urban Renewal Area bounded by NW Flanders Street to the south, NW 4th Avenue to the west, NW Glisan Street to the north, and NW 3rd Avenue to the east. This action grants Prosper Portland ownership and control of the Property in order to engage the community to determine a development process and program for the Property that is consistent with the Old Town/Chinatown Five-Year Action Plan.

Ms. Abuaf noted the Property transfer contributes to Prosper Portland's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan to contribute to healthy complete neighborhoods as well as partnering with both the City and the Old Town/Chinatown Community Association. Additional strategic outcomes include furthering the priorities of the Old Town/Chinatown Action Plan and Prosper Portland's Financial Stability Plan.

Chair Cruz called for a motion to approve Resolution 7269; Commissioner Moreland-Capuia moved and Commissioner Myers seconded the motion.

AYES: Cruz, Gambetti, Moreland-Capuia, Myers, Platt

NAYS: None

9. Information Item: Update on the Sale and Redevelopment of Centennial Mills Project in the River District Urban Renewal Area

Prosper Portland staff presenting this item:

Lisa Abuaf, Development Manager

Will Thier, Project Manager I

Mr. Thier provided a recap of the City's decision process that led to last fall's marketing efforts, provided details on the outcomes as well as feedback solicited from stakeholders. Mr. Thier proceeded to provide next steps on the sale process and overall development schedule.

Chair Cruz called forward guests to testify.

David Dysert, Pearl District Neighborhood Association, requested Prosper Portland be very specific in the contract in regards to meeting the five principles of the 2006 Centennial Mills Framework Plan (Framework Plan).

Larry Mazer, Pearl District Neighborhood Association, asked how Prosper Portland will enforce implementation of the Framework Plan after the sale and requested that enforcement be included in the agreement.

Commissioner Myers requested a copy of the Framework Plan.

Commissioner Gambetti asked Mr. Thier to respond to public testimony. Mr. Thier noted that he will work with legal counsel regarding specifics to ensure consistency with the Framework Plan.

10. Action Item: Resolution 7270 – Adopting Budget Amendment No. 2 for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017, and Ending June 30, 2018; and Making Appropriations

Prosper Portland staff presenting this item:

Tony Barnes, Finance Manager

With this action, the Board formally amended the current fiscal year 2017-18 Budget for the second time in the following ways:

- (1) Updated forecasted tax increment revenue based on estimated short-term debt and demand for line of credit draws;
- (2) Updated other revenues based on latest forecast for loan collections and property income;
- (3) Updated project and program budgets based on changes for forecasted year-end expenditures; and
- (4) Updated Affordable Housing Set Aside Budgets based on estimated timing of expenditures from the City of Portland Housing Bureau.

Mr. Barnes described the purpose of the revisions, the budget monitoring process and provided a summary of Prosper Portland's resources. In addition, Mr. Barnes reviewed some of the revisions by line item.

Commissioner Moreland-Capua inquired about the housing net decrease. Mr. Barnes provided a brief explanation and stated that he would provide an additional update.

Chair Cruz called for a motion to approve Resolution 7270; Commissioner Platt moved and Commissioner Gambetti seconded the motion.

AYES: Cruz, Gambetti, Moreland-Capua, Myers, Platt

NAYS: None

11. Information Item: Update on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Process

Prosper Portland staff presenting this item:

Tony Barnes, Finance Manager

Mr. Barnes detailed the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget process, addressed the general fund recommendations from the City Budget Office (CBO) and Prosper Portland's requests. Mr. Barnes noted that in addition to working with the Budget Advisory Committee, staff reached out to twelve organizations for community input.

Executive Director Branam requested Commissioners provide recommendations staff can share with CBO.

Chair Cruz asked Mr. Barnes to communicate to the CBO office the Board's endorsement for the Small Business Working Capital Program.

Commissioner Myers requested Prosper Portland coordinate with the Office of Management and Finance regarding the adopted one percent for construction workforce training dollars.

12. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Chair Cruz adjourned the Prosper Portland Board meeting at approximately 4:44 p.m.

Approved by the Prosper Portland Commission on May 11, 2018



Pam Micek, Recording Secretary

RENAMING
OF
UNION STATION

April 11, 2018



Proposal for renaming Union Station.

To whom it may concern:

This is a proposal to rename Union Station. The new name would be A. Philip Randolph Memorial Union Station. Naming the station after A. Philip Randolph, the main organizer of the Sleeping Car Porters, would only be fitting given the history of the Union Station and the area in which it is located. We know there may be other plans for the renovation of this site. We hope that history would not be lost on enterprise. We believe, and we hope you believe they can coexist.

In the renaming, nothing would change except the addition of signage. We would also hope that information regarding the historical contributions of A. Philip Randolph were made available in this place.

As president of the Sleeping Car Porters, A. Philip Randolph fought the Pullman Company for twelve years, from 1925 to 1937, before negotiating an agreement that recognized the first union made up of predominately African-Americans and led by an African-American, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

It was A. Philip Randolph who spearheaded the action that influenced President Franklin D. Roosevelt to sign **Executive Order 8802**. It was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on June 25, 1941, to prohibit racial discrimination in the national defense industry. It was the first federal action, though not a law, to promote equal opportunity and prohibit employment discrimination in the United States.

Randolph also pressured President Harry S. Truman to issue Executive Order 9981 on July 26, 1948, ending segregation in the armed services.

In 1955, when the American Federation of Labor and the Council of Industrial Organizations merged, A. Philip Randolph was made a vice president and member of the executive council. The first African-American to hold that position.

In 1963, Randolph was chosen by the 'big five' (Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young Jr., James Farmer, John Lewis and Martin Luther King Jr.) to head up the March on Washington, which was organized by Bayard Rustin, at

which Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech.

In 1965 the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was interviewed by Alex Haley for *Playboy*. I would like to share an excerpt from that interview. Dr. King was asked by Alex Haley, "Whom do you consider the most responsible Negro leaders?"

Dr. King answered, "Well, I would say that Roy Wilkins of the NAACP has proved time and again to be a very articulate spokesman for the rights of Negroes. He is a most able administrator and a dedicated organization man with personal resources that have helped the whole struggle. Another outstanding man is Whitney Young Jr., of the National Urban League, an extremely able social scientist. He has developed a meaningful balance between militancy and moderation. James Farmer of CORE is another courageous, dedicated and thoughtful civil rights spokesman. I have always been impressed by how he maintains a freshness in his awareness of the meaning of the whole quest for freedom. And John Lewis of SNCC symbolizes the kind of strong militancy, courage and creativity that our youth have brought to the civil rights struggle. But I feel that the greatest leader of these times that the Negro has produced is A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, whose total integrity, depth of dedication and caliber of statesmanship set an example for us all."

It is said, "A sign of a good leader is not how many followers you have, but how many leaders you create."

In the early years in Oregon, Blacks lived in outlying areas; but as the railroad industry boomed, they gravitated to the neighborhood around Union Station and Old Town. This makes Union Station an ideal location for a Black History Museum of Oregon. A museum on a par with the Civil Rights Museum in Atlanta, GA. Not of the same magnitude but of the same quality with dignity and pride that respects all Oregonians past, present and future. An exhibit that tells the truth regarding the history of Blacks in Oregon.

This Black History Museum would be a central depository for Oregon's Black History. This would allow children of all races and cultures to learn more about our history.

Currently there is no central place for learning about and viewing our rich Black History of Oregon. Currently that history is dispatched throughout the city in various locations. Our city can do better and our children deserve better.

I want to thank you for consideration of this endeavor and seek approval from the Board of Commissioners of Prosper Portland to rename Union Station, 'A. Philip Randolph Memorial' Union Station.

I would like to continue this conversation at your earliest convenience. Please contact me at (503)957.7189 or at Lakesr49@msn.com. (not Lakers).

Thank you for your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "K" and "E".

Keith Edwards



Tom Chamberlain, *President*
Barbara Byrd, *Secretary-Treasurer*

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WHEREAS, A. Philip Randolph fought his entire life for civil rights, was a leader in labor, a vice president of the AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS, Portland, Oregon does not have a landmark properly dedicated to the legacy of Randolph who spent the beginning of his career fighting for railroad workers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oregon AFL-CIO and community partners will present to Prosper Portland that a legacy as strong as Randolph's deserves a landmark in Portland, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northwest Oregon Labor Council and affiliate unions support the Oregon AFL-CIO and community partners as we present to Prosper Portland in the hopes of renaming Union Station to be A. Philip Randolph Union Station.

From: Clayola Brown

Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 10:34 PM

To: LA Edwards

Subject: Re: Renaming Union Station

Brother Edwards you've done an amazing job on making the case for Renaming Union Station Portland and honoring the legacy of A. Philip Randolph.

Please know that I will follow your lead on this however you direct me.

Looking forward to a successful outcome...that I would be honored to attend.

Again, it was great seeing you in Memphis.