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Hill Block Project Working Group Orientation Meeting – January 31, 2018

June Key Delta Community Center ~ 5940 N Albina Ave. ~ 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Anthony Deloney, Bill Prows, Bryson Davis, Byrd Cruz, Chabre Vickers, Charles McGee, Cupid Alexander, Donetta Monk, Dr. Alisha Moreland-Capua, E.D. Mondainé, James Faison, Joy Alise Davis, Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, Lakeitha Elliott, Leslie Goodlow, Michael Alexander, Sharon Maxwell, Stephen Green, Tony Hopson, Walter Robinson

Members not present: Charles Wilhoite, Chris Guinn, Jillian Saurage, Justice Rajee, Rakeem Washington, Symone Sparrow

Prosper Portland Staff present: Kimberly Branam, Tory Campbell, Wayne Shammel, Lisa Abuaf, Yvonne Smoker, Shawn Uhlman

Legacy Staff present: Vicki Guinn, Brian Terrett

Summary of action Items:

- Cupid Alexander and Dr. Alisha Moreland-Capua provided introductory remarks
Antoinette Edwards began and facilitated the meeting.

- Kimberly Branam presented a brief background on the Hill Block collaborative project.
 - A Project Working Group (PWG) member inquired about the land donation and confirmed Legacy's intent to contribute the land without cost to the project.
 - Another member inquired whether there is a memorialized agreement between Prosper Portland and Legacy; staff responded that there is not a legal agreement, but all partners verbally reaffirmed the partnership commitment.
 - A member requested a copy of the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (ICURA) Plan be provided for the group; staff committed to distribute to the group the ICURA Plan as well as a Plan accomplishments summary matrix prepared as part of the N/NE Community Development Initiative process.

- Cupid Alexander and Tory Campbell gave an overview of the PWG's roles and responsibilities, which included a broad overview on the PWG's decision-making process.
 - The PWG requested project staff provide materials online and early enough for PWG members to review and to have flip charts at future meetings to record member comments.
 - There was an inquiry regarding whether the Project Working Group is intended to come up with ideas regarding the vision and process for development of the property, or to listen to the community for those ideas. Project partners responded that the intent is for both to occur.
 - The PWG asked for further conversation about which organizations were contacted to participate in the nominating process and PWG and which declined to participate. They requested this information be provided by aggregate numbers (i.e. number of orgs/groups reached out; number who responded). The PWG also requested a process map to get to the names on the list.
 - The PWG asked for further information to be part of future presentations regarding what kind of development the site zoning allows for and whether "community benefits" means a formal agreement or is intended more broadly.
 - There was clarification requested regarding the selection of the developer, and the PWG's role as either lead or support in that decision-making process. The PWG requested that the table provided be further refined to reflect decision-making versus recommending roles.
 - The PWG is also tasked with coming up with its own charter, and volunteers were requested to serve on the Charter Subcommittee.
 - Bryson Davis, James Faison, Joy Alise Davis and Byrd Cruz volunteered to serve on the Charter Subcommittee.
 - PWG members inquired about the 18-month process commitment and what was assumed in that timeline. Staff responded that the goal is for the community process to be paced correctly to respond to PWG and community priorities.

- Wayne Shammel provided a summary on public meeting and record requirements, as well as an overview of the PWG's conflicts of interest expectations.
 - He reviewed the Conflict of Interests forms and stated they could be signed at the meeting or submitted at the next meeting.
 - PWG members asked for confirmation that if City staff is copied on correspondence regarding the project, the agency will archive those records. Staff confirmed this understanding and said if PWG preferred, they could also create a committee-focused email to separate personal emails from those that will be subject to public records requests.

- Antoinette Edwards led a discussion on the PWG's expected outcomes for the February community event, as well as what the agenda should look like, and what time the meeting should take place.
 - The recommended time for the February 20 community event is 6-8 pm, with a meet-and-greet and dinner from 6-6:30 pm, and the meeting to kick off at 6:30 pm and run until 8:00 pm, with an optional continuation of the meet-and-greet afterward for those who can stay.
 - The PWG requested that there be childcare and food options at the meeting.
 - This first meeting is intended to be a Community Awareness Event to introduce the PWG to the community at large, to provide a high level project background including a historical and forward looking statement, to focus the community on the 1.7 acre opportunity, and to communicate the future community event opportunities that will occur. The information shared should also provide context regarding how this project fits into larger processes underway in N/NE Portland.
 - Representatives from Legacy Health, Prosper Portland, and the City of Portland should make opening remarks, provide a background on why the institutions are here at this time, and then "pass the torch" and transfer the project stewardship to the PWG.
 - PWG members suggested that timing of future opportunities should be considered (e.g. on the weekend) and there should be opportunities to provide comment outside of meetings and online (e.g. library, organizational meetings, etc.) to ensure broad community attendance.
 - It was suggested that there should be a Q&A section on the agenda, versus breaking out into smaller groups, to hear the community's feedback and input. The breakout sessions and focus on hopes and aspirations should occur at a subsequent community meeting.
 - The PWG also suggested having a storytelling corner via videotaping/photo booth/etc to capture the stories and concerns of the community. This information could be collected from meeting to meeting since attendance likely will change between meetings.
 - Targeted outreach to the older Portland community is needed to ensure that they are at the meetings.
 - The PWG asked staff to include budget information as part of the next PWG meeting and to review URA guidelines for resources.

- Antoinette Edwards facilitated a discussion regarding next steps and hopes for the PWG:
 - The PWG will need to put together a schedule for additional meetings to engage with the community at large in both the N/NE area and other areas (Gresham), as well as to determine the frequency of PWG meetings. City staff discussed the kinds of processes undertaken during the formation of the N/NE Housing Strategy and Community Development Initiative.
 - Establish a the blueprint for how this group can work together into the future.
 - This project should be for more than just affordable housing, and should be beneficial for minority contractors and small businesses as well.
 - This collaboration should create unification of a disenfranchised and divided community.
 - Welcome the opportunity to be part of honoring old history by creating new history; and those responsible for creating disruption are helping to create new history.
 - The goal is to get something going on the property and to build trust.
 - Bring people to the table who can help with the lift.
 - Be bold, intentional, and strategic in our efforts.
 - This is a great start; there are other processes that we have been left out of and this is a way for us to coalesce and get into those rooms/tables. Self-determination is key.
 - The hope is that this group will remain steadfast to the mission; this is about African-Americans and the economic upward

mobility.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29pm.