



Wednesday, April 22, 2020

6:00 pm Chat | Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm | Zoom Online Meeting

Purpose: To coordinate advocacy for implantation of the Action Plan

Time	Topic Leader	Topic	Info	Discuss	Action
6:30	Sabina Urdes & Doug Armstrong	<u>Welcome</u>			
		- Review Zoom Meeting Guidelines	X		
		- Recognition of Zoom Meeting Host: JR	X		
		- Meeting Overview & Speaking Protocol	X		
		- Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 20th	X		
		- Participating Member Agreements	X		
		- Recognition of Facilitator	X		
		- Recognition of Timekeeper	X		
6:45	Sabina U. John M. Katie L	<u>Committee Updates</u>			
		- Grants Committee (5 mins)	X		
		- Operations Committee (5 mins)	X		
		- Housing Subcommittee (5 min)	X		
7:05		<i>Dinamica Break (10 min)</i>	X		
7:15	JR Lilly	<u>COVID-19 Responses & Resources (15 min)</u> An Update on how EPAP is moving forward for the next few months with meetings and activities. And sharing some resources for community who are impacted by COVID-19.	X	X	
7:30	John Mulvey	<u>City Council Candidate Questionnaire (10 min)</u> In January, the participating members of EPAP approved five questions to send to all candidates running for Mayor and City Council in the May, 2020, primary election. The candidates were asked to address several issues of concern to East Portland residents, including jobs, housing, and safe streets, and were given the opportunity to share their vision of East Portland's future.	X	X	



7:45	Sabina Urdes	<p><u>Community Needs Assessment Survey (10 min)</u> We are seeking to understand how the East Portland community is coping with the coronavirus (COVID-19) shutdown so that we can determine how to better advocate for the needs of all our neighbors here in East Portland. We are seeing families unsure how to pay bills after losing their jobs abruptly, significant cultural gatherings canceled, general confusion due to language barriers, more isolation than usual, and mixed information about paying rent, to name a few of the challenges that folks in East Portland are currently facing.</p>	X		
7:55	JR Lilly	<p><u>EPAP Budget Workgroup (5 min)</u> We are recruiting for a workgroup that will be working on drafting the 2020-2021 EPAP Budget. We will be working from May to June. Meetings to be determined.</p>	X	X	
8:00	Layla A. Linda R. Doug A.	<p><u>Representatives Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portland United Against Hate (5 min) - East Portland Parks Coalition (5 min) - East Portland Land Use & Transportation Committee (5 min) 	X	X	X
8:15	JR Lilly	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EPAP Co-Chair Elections (3 min) - Open Floor (5 min) - Success & Action Tracker Report (2 min) 	X	X	
8:28		<p><u>Meeting Adjourn</u></p>			

If you want to be on the agenda

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EPAP General Meeting

February 26, 2020, 6:36 pm

Welcome: Sabina welcomed everyone. Arlene was the host tonight. He announced the next meeting is on March 25th. The food was Thai Fresh. Each person introduced themselves. Sabina said Bob Earnest will do the orientation at the end of the meeting and has the participating member agreements for those that had attended 2 meetings and wished to sign one..

Sabina requested 2 microphone runners –John and Jared volunteered. Doug will be time keeper.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Economic Development: Katie provided this month's report. She said they discussed list of potential priority and decided on 4 goals. She invited everyone to their next meeting is first Monday at 5pm at EPCO (See notes for details).

Housing Committee: Frieda shared they had guests from Congressman Blumenauer's office that shared his housing proposals he wanted our input on. The committee also had updates on Deeper Affordability Proposal/RIP, EP preference policy; anti-displacement programs; and spent the balance of the meeting on strategic goalsetting. (See notes for details)

Civic Engagement: JR gave the report for the committee. They discussed strategic priorities current possible future priorities; Civic Engagement grants; Multnomah County services for a future meeting topic; and support for the Alif Baa Arabic Language Teaching school. They are looking for a new co-chair. (See notes for details)

Grants Committee: Robert gave the report There were grants support sessions and are looking a reviewing what we had in layout. They are also looking a sponsorship program for the additional funds allocated.

LBGTQ+ Committee: Sabrina provided info on how they have established the new committee and she will be contacting those that signed up to determine when the first meeting will be.

Dinamica:

2020 Grant recommendations: Robert and Bobbi gave the report. There was no Municipal Partnership applicants this year so the \$150k would be divided between Civic Engagement grants and regular grants. Robert read off the recommended grants that were approved by the Grant committee. There were questions. There was a question if there was funds still left. Bobbi said yes around \$8k. Sabina asked for consensus for approving the grant committee's recommendation. It was approved. Bobbi went on to share that there was \$5k from last year grants that could be rolled over until next year. There were questions about what wasn't funded. Robert explained there was a criteria and if they didn't meet the criteria they weren't funded. Sabina asked if there was consensus for reallocating the \$5000 to grants committee. There was a consensus.

Lents Urban Renewal Area Audit: Mary Hull Caballero, City Auditor, explained what the auditor's office was and what it provides. She said they do performance audits. The Auditor picks the topics for audits each year. Minh Dan Vuong did the audit on the Lents URA. It was started about year ago and he spoke with many that were here. There was mixed results.

They looked at how Prosper Portland (PP) and Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) managed the projects. They have asked PP and PHB to look at how they are reporting to the public and look at their goals and how it is analyzed. There were questions. It would have been nice to know the demographics when comparing Lents to Montevilla. Bob asked why they didn't compare the two URAs. They said they wanted to compare a URA with a non-URA area. John said he wishes they had measured the amount of affordable and that what it meant. Like what is the affordable housing that the residents of Lents could afford. There were several questions and comments. Minh Dan said he could provide additional information if requested. Nick presented a letter to City regarding the URA audit in response to the audit report. The letter did not have consensus and it will be brought back next month when PP makes a presentation.

Letter for Clean Energy Fund from Economic Development: Gayle Palmer explained what Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF) was and how the fund was to be spent. There are 3 East Portland (EP) residents on the grant committee. Economic Development Committee wanted to follow this to see what proposal could help benefit EP. It proposes to offer assistance to help advocate and communicate about the grants to EP. Asking the committee look at the EPAP to look at the work we have done and what has been identified to be done. Sabina asked if there was consensus to send the proposal with EPAP approval. The group had consensus.

Representative Reports:

Parks Coalition: Linda shared that tomorrow was deadline to make comments on Parklane Park plans. www.portlandor.gov/parks/79557

Gateway Discovery Park has community space can use the space at no cost if they have it open for the public. There is a process for using it. Park calendar is online now. She listed some of the events on the calendar. Robert asked about the committee being part of EPAP. Linda said they had a discussion regarding this issue.

East Portland Land Use & Transportation: Doug provided a handout explaining TriMet improving Pedestrian access and they have an interactive map where you can put comments on the barriers to bus stops. By fall of 2021 148th Street is finally getting a bus line. This will be a full service bus line. There is an open house for visioning EPIM 2, at EPCO Mar 29th from noon-6pm.

Announcements:

Galena announced they were having a Memory Walk on May 9th which commemorates the victory of Nazi Germany.

Linda Robinson was the success tracker. She listed the successes for this past month. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

EPAP General Meeting
March 25, 2020
CANCELLED

Grants Committee

February 20- Grants Review Committee Scoring Meeting
March 21- Emergency Meeting held to create Community Support Fund
March 23- Continued Meeting on Community Support Fund
March 25- Continued Meeting on Community Support Fund
April 1- City Council Presentation on 2020 Grant Ordinance
April 23- Next Grant Committee Meeting

Community Support Fund

Application deadline: Friday, April 24, 11:59 PM

The East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) has set aside funds to support the efforts of our partners to address the needs of East Portland community members. This Community Support Fund's purpose is to help provide basic community needs, support essential services, and foster healthy community connections during this COVID-19 Virus pandemic.

Projects we will consider supporting include:

- Supporting basic community needs and essential services, such as medical assistance, food and housing related services, transportation and mobility assistance, support services for the most vulnerable.
- Supporting healthy community relationships by creating/maintaining social connections, such as support for groups who need assistance in communicating with community members or developing methods for existing communities to remain connected during social distancing.

There are approximately \$40,000 total funds available at this time and project requests may be for up to \$2,000 in funding. The City is committed to providing equal access to all City programs, services, and activities, and in an effort to promote that goal priority will be given to organizations that serve historically underrepresented and underserved communities (e.g. communities of color or people with low income) or promote widely shared prosperity.

Timeline:

April 24- Applications Due by 11:59 PM

April 30- Award Decisions made

May 1- Grant Period Begins (funds available for disbursement)

Dec 31- Grant Period End

Emergency Operations Committee Meeting

March 19, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting

- JR gave an update from the City about the State of Emergency, the EPCO Offices, and EPAP Advocate. All city offices will be closed including the EPCO Office. JR will now be working from home until further notice.
- With the State of Emergency all Portland City Council Meeting Agendas are being updated to be able to address Emergency needs and services. The EPAP Presentation & EPAP 2020 Grants date will be changed. JR will work with the Grants Committee to still get the 2020 Grants Ordinance passed and the EPAP Annual Presentation will be pushed to a later date possibly May.
- With David Douglas Schools and the EPCO Office closed we will now be moving all EPAP Meetings- General/Subcommittee/Committee to online. We will use Zoom for those platforms and work with members to make sure everyone can still be involved.
- EPAP Budget- As we are looking at remaining funds in the 2019-2020 EPAP Budget we are projecting to have \$22,000 of unspent funds and to have \$18,000 allocated to Grants that are not spent yet. The committee discussed options of carrying over the remaining funds in the Spring BMP but we are not fully aware of the changing City Budget Policies being put in place because of the COVID-19. It was decided that we will allocate \$2,000 more funds to the Grants Committee and asked them to create a Community Support Fund. More research and discussion need to happen for the remaining unspent funds.

Operations Committee Meeting

April 14, 2020
Zoom Meeting

At our last Operations Meeting on March 19 we had started the conversation about remaining EPAP Funds. We had discussed that it looks like we are going to have \$22k in our budget that will not be spent this fiscal year. Plus the we have \$18k allocated to the Grants Committee.

- Some Clarification on this topic:
 - At our last Operations Committee Meeting we approved \$2k (of the \$22k) to go towards the creations of a Community Support Fund, with details to be determined by the Grants Committee.
 - The Grants Committee has \$18k of remaining funds unallocated for this fiscal year. Which plus the \$2k makes \$20k for the Community Support Fund.
 - This leaves us with \$20k in our current budget that still remain unallocated.
 - At the end of the meeting it was decided to vote by email if we should move these funds over to next fiscal year with the Spring BMP, this did not reach an agreement and new details are now present.
 - In light of COVID-19, all carry over funds need to be designated to addressing the pandemic in one of the following ways:

- 1) assist in supporting current Mayor and Council priority packages for FY 2020-21,
- 2) ensure the continuity of core services and operations through FY 2020-21, or
- 3) contribute to the City's fund to address urgent emergency response needs.
- With this new information here are some options for us to consider:
 - Do nothing. Whatever funds that are not spent will not be carried over and go to into general funds
 - Create Plan to spend these funds. Including allocated more funds to the Community Support Fund
 - Contribute funds to City's Funds to address needs. We would have some say on where these funds go
 - Use funds to address Situation in another way like addressing the Digital Divide and help connect East Portland families to the internet
- The Committee agreed to create a Workgroup to help draft next Fiscal Year's Budget-2020-2021. We will make this announcement at the General Meeting to recruit members and start working in May with a goal to have a draft by the end of June.
- Refreshing ourselves with the Structures Document
 - Clarification on Roles and Authority
 - Supporting other Committees
 - Continuing the conversation about relations with East Portland Land Use & Transportations Committee and the East Portland Parks Coalition.
 - Update: EPAP, Committees, and EPCO Leadership meet to discuss the relations further. EPCO revealed that the Committees are Community-Led organizations and not EPCO Committees.
 - Next step if to meet with Committees and discuss how they would like to proceed. We want to work towards defining the relationship and how we support each other's work.
- Co-Chair Election in June
 - JR reminded us that we need to have an election in June for our EPAP Co-Chair. The seat currently held by Doug term ends in June 2020. This seat was originally held by Mustafah and he resigned the position. Doug was voted in to finish the term.
 - In June we will have an election at the General Meeting for this seat which will start in July 2020 and end June 2022. We will make the announcement at the General Meeting and also seek out potential candidates.

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East Portland Action Plan

Housing Subcommittee

Monthly Report

April 13, 2020

The Goal of the Housing Subcommittee is to find common ground in supporting a range of housing types in East Portland as a means to strengthening livable communities, encouraging healthy, complete, and stable neighborhoods, and promoting family wage jobs. A range of housing types is meant to include rental housing and home ownership as well as housing for people at various income levels.

The purpose of the EPAP Housing Subcommittee is to agree upon productive strategies for housing and to prioritize action items involving housing for East Portland. These strategies and action items might include (but not be limited to): encouraging housing for people in a range of income levels---including affordable housing for low-income people, promoting high quality housing development and construction standards, and encouraging property rehabilitation as well as new construction. The EPAP Housing Subcommittee will work with a lens of preventing displacement, protecting tenants' rights, promoting enhanced housing inspection enforcement, supporting local schools, encouraging job creation and economic development, and strengthening neighborhoods.

The EPAP Housing Subcommittee will strive to promote, for all East Portland residents, quality housing by design which in turn promotes stronger educational systems; an increase in living wages jobs, greater economic opportunity, stronger educational systems, enhanced transportation, and healthy neighborhoods throughout East Portland.

Housing Subcommittee Meeting

April 13, 2020

The meeting began at 6:05 pm. Tonight's meeting is being held remotely via Zoom meeting.

Attendees: Doug Armstrong, Linda Bauer, Frieda Christopher, JR Little, Leslie Lum, Andy Miller, John Mulvey, Laurie Palmer, David Potts, Jennifer Breedlove, Dom BelCastro, Alissa Keny-Guyer, LaTasha Carter and Jason Trombley.

Guests: Matthew Tschabold and Jamila Dozier

John thanked everyone for joining the meeting and turned it over to JR to explain the use of the platform and some online meeting etiquette. JR provided a brief explanation.

John asked everyone to introduce themselves and say a little about how things are with them and what they are seeing with the stay at home order due to COVID-19. The key items that came up were to greater demand at the food banks, need for rental and utilities assistance, and Internet access for students to have greater access to Direct Learning

Meet the New Housing Bureau East Portland Policy Coordinator: Matthew Tschbold shared what was happening at the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) and the emergency fund that was set up to help families affected by COVID-19. Matthew introduced Jamila Dozier as the new PHB East Portland Policy Coordinator. Jamila shared a little of her history and background and she was looking forward to working with EPAP.

Letter in Support of Renter Relief in Response to COVID-19: Dom BelCastro from Portland Tenants United introduced a petition on Support of Renter Relief. He shared the petition. He would like to have people and organizations sign on.

There was a discussion of the rent assistance to cover rents that would go directly to the landlord versus the tenant. There was a continued discussion on the details related to his request and the petition. Most supported the concept but were concerned about some of the language. There was no consensus, but John said individuals could sign on to the petition if they wanted.

Update on Housing Bureau, Prosper Portland and Joint Office of Homeless Services: John said he shared links to the individual bureaus budget presentations and the City Budget Office's review. Frieda proceeded to explain that following these presentations the balance of the budget work sessions were cancelled due to the social distancing order. She said although bureaus had prepared budgets for 2020/21 there could be significant changes due to the Stay-at-Home order and the effect it would have on the business tax and other sources of revenue. The Mayor had already requested for bureaus to preserve as much of the 2019/20 budget as possible. It was very uncertain on the total affect the shutdown of businesses would have on the City's budget.

Update on EPAP's Response to Lents URA Audit: In Nick's absence, John gave a brief update. He said the presentation of the audit to city council had been postponed and a future date had not been set.

John announced since we were running out of time we would postpone the discussion of Committee Strategic Goalsetting to next month.

Other business/Future Agenda Items

None suggested.

Announcements

John announced he had received the EPAP survey back from candidates for City Council. He is completing the report and will send it out when it is completed.

Frieda felt it important that we recognize when PHB had followed through on a commitment to us. She said Director Callahan had not been able to meeting with the homeless liaisons from the schools, but she was already talking with developers to make sure they reached out to them with their pre-marketing.

JR announced the application for Community Support Fund was available. Groups/organizations could apply for up to \$2,000 and application were due by April 26th. He also mentioned they were postponing the General meeting with Prosper Portland and PHB until EPAP could meet in person again.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.05 pm.

Next EPAP Housing Meeting:
Monday, May 11th at 6:00 pm
Meetings will be held with Zoom until further notice.

Childcare or Translation needed? Dietary restrictions?
Contact JR Lilly at 503-823-8027 or jr.lilly@portlandoregon.gov

East Portland Action Plan 2018 – 2020 Strategic Priorities with dedicated Housing Subcommittee Advocacy

- H. Office of Renter’s Services:** Fund and implement a housing rehabilitation program for East Portland to improve the safety, appearance, and affordability of existing housing stock. Involve the East Portland Action Plan Housing Subcommittee in the development of the program. (HD.2.3)
- I. City Housing Bureau and State of Oregon Legislature:** Increase opportunities for sustainable moderate income and minority home ownership. (SN.2.1+2)
- J. City of Portland Housing Bureau and Bureau of Planning & Sustainability, Prosper Portland, METRO, Multnomah County, and State of Oregon:** Perform an Anti-Displacement Impact Analysis when considering multi-family and commercial developments. to provide a pre-build assessment of the effect such development will have on displacement in the area (usually a one-mile radius). (SN.1, SN.2, SN.6, EQ.1, and EQ.2)
- K. City of Portland:** Create an “Equitable Neighborhood Housing Fund” for East Portland to support the acquisition of developable land and existing market-rate housing currently serving low-income families and communities of color by organizations actively working to prevent residential displacement and build healthy, inclusive neighborhoods within East Portland. (SN.1, SN.2, SN.6, EQ.1, and EQ.2)
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Displacement Prevention Recommendations for East Portland

• **Community Benefits Agreements (CBA)**

This is a contract with a governmental agency, real estate developer, or other jurisdiction to provide specific benefits to the local community or neighborhood in exchange certain provisions from that community or neighborhood. On public projects, CBAs can be negotiated with the initiating government agency and can be included in a Request for Proposals (RFP) with contractors. With private developers, benefits can be negotiated in a contract established with community groups who then accept (or don't oppose) project adjustments. CBAs have funded workforce training, local hiring, childcare access, affordable housing units, re-location stipends, reinforced access to family-wage jobs, and other public benefits.

• **Rent Stabilization**

Just as Oregon has property tax increase protection, Rent Stabilization protects tenants in residential multi-family properties from excessive rent increases by mandating reasonable gradual rent increases, while at the same time ensuring the landlords receives a fair return on their investment.

• **Just Cause Eviction (JCE), Code Enforcement, and Renter Education**

Just cause eviction controls are laws that protect renters by ensuring that landlords can only evict with proper cause, such as a tenant's failure to pay rent or destruction of property. While JCE provides such protections for renters, landlords retain full right to evict a tenant for breach of rental contract. Code Enforcement compels landlords to improve unsafe building conditions. Code Enforcement can ensure that multi-family dwellings are owned and managed responsibly. When housing code violations are found and not corrected, the government can impose significant penalties upon landlords. Rights and responsibilities education for renters must be included as an active component of JCE and Code Enforcement, to ensure the systems are reasonably monitored and enacted.

• **Anti-Displacement Impact Analysis**

Impact Analysis is a tool that requires multi-family and commercial developments to provide a pre-build assessment of the effect such development will have on displacement in the area (usually a one-mile radius).

- ***Housing Acquisition Rehabilitation to Insure Affordability***

This applies public housing dollars to purchase existing multi-family developments in poor condition and to rehabilitate the facility for use as affordable housing to be managed by a public entity or non-profit that serves low-income populations.

- ***No Net Loss/Affordable Housing Preservation Ordinance***

No Net Loss is when a City has to maintain a fixed amount of affordable housing through preservation, new construction, or other replacement of lost units. The Affordable Housing Preservation Ordinance is the establishment of a policy to ensure that the amount of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income persons does not decrease over time.

- ***Broadening Homeownership and Cooperative Ownership***

This establishes programs to increase opportunities for low-income households to have the opportunity to purchase a home. It means that some of the barriers to homeownership are removed so that homeownership becomes easier for groups of people who are often unable to purchase homes for themselves. Cooperative Ownership of multi-family developments occurs when a group

of people form a collective business corporation to share ownership of a building. Co-op members work together to reach mutual goals based on democratic control and decision-making. Co-op members may or may not be residents of the shared ownership building.

- ***Inclusionary Zoning***

This requires developers to make a percentage of housing units in a new residential development available to low- and moderate-income households. In return developers receive non-monetary compensation in the form of density bonuses, zoning variances, expedited permits, or similar provisions that reduce construction costs or promote the developers' goals. This can be done in developments with many single-family units or in multi-family developments.

- ***Owner-Occupied Homeownership Retention for People with Low - Income***

As house values rise taxes rise and people living on limited and fixed incomes are not able to afford the taxes. While benefiting at the point of sale, people cannot afford to stay in their often longterm residences and cannot find another home in the area that does not present the same condition.

**Economic Development (EcDev) Subcommittee
Monthly Meeting NOTES, March 03-02-2020**

The purpose of the East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) Economic Development Subcommittee is to develop a strong business environment that strengthens existing businesses, promotes new businesses, and expands family wage jobs in East Portland

Attendees: Leslie Lum, Gayle Palmer, Andrea Pastor, Katie Larsell, Linda Bauer, Nick Sauvie; Sabina Urdes

EPAP Staff: JR Lilly **Guests:** Surya Joshi; David Potts, Char Pennie

Facilitator: Katie Larsell; Notes prepared by Gayle Palmer

Minutes from 02-03-2020 approved as written

1. Next EPAP EcDev Meeting: Monday, April 6, 2020

Notetaker: Leslie Lum; Food: Char Pennie

a. Next EPAP General Meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Reporter: Katie Larsell

2. Action: Letter Consideration- we will consider support for a letter written by Nick Sauvi to Prosper Portland
Re: Lents Urban Renewal Audit. Action approved - Subcommittee has approved taking the letter to the general meeting for final approval. The EcDev Subcommittee via Katie will sign on as well. J R explained that a workgroup of the General Meeting membership will look into the Lents Audit generally, perhaps ask more questions and delve into the audit data. This will occur concurrently this month, prior to the General Meeting, and will report at the General Meeting.

3. Subcommittee Priorities for 2020-2022- as we finalize our Strategic Priorities for EcDev we will start to craft language around the four areas identified: Workforce Development; ADU/RIP Advocacy; PCEF Advocacy; and Quadrant Plan Advocacy. Come ready to give input on language for these areas. **Action: Finalize wording of the priority statements. Approved language shown on attached sheet**

- a) Workforce Development:
- b) ADU/RIP advocacy: *Identify and develop strategies to remove barriers to small business development in East Portland.*
- c) Portland Clean Energy Fund advocacy: *Monitor and promote projects in East Portland that maximize the economic benefits accruing to residents of East Portland from the Portland Clean Energy Fund initiative.*
- d) Quadrant Plan advocacy: *Advocate for Quadrant Plan equivalent plan for East Portland.*

4. IRCO & Workforce Development- we will have Surya Joshi, Program Coordinator with IRCO, share with us about current Workforce Programs. Surya will get us started understanding Workforce Dev. In East Portland. Presentation attached.

Other providers are: Central City Concern; SE Works Lents; Human Solutions, SEI, and IRCO they work with local Work Source offices, (Aligned Network of providers – Work Systems generally provides funding) Five Work Source locations in the Metro area **Action:** to be Continued next meeting – Surya will return

Remaining topics held over for next meeting

5. Reports: we have been doing some work between meetings. We will hear about efforts happening: a.

Economic Development summits -

b. PCEF Report - The PCEF Grants committee has established a public comment period Mar 2- 28th for the statements of principles. A second public comment period will occur May 1-28th on the Criteria for the grant proposals. Gayle will forward information for JR to post to the enews.

c. AUD/RIP Support -

6. Subcommittee Continues Outreach- who are the organizations, programs, individuals, etc. who are doing Economic Development Work in East Portland? How can we engage with them and work alongside them? Bring your ideas and contacts.

7. New Business: Suggestions: a. Establish a benchmark indicator that would symbolize successes and achievements toward the goals,

b. Ask for Prosper Portland to talk with us about the process, who, what, where, when, how small businesses get help to open in the NITs i.e. Lents or Rosewood, Gateway. Especially relating to permits, BDS, City permits generally

**East Portland Action Plan
Ec Dev Sub-committee notes
April 6, 2020**

Note Taker May 4th: Gayle Palmer

Report Back at EPAP meeting: Katie Larsell

Attendees: Katie Larsell, Surya Joshi, Gayle Palmer, Troels Adrian, Linda Bauer, Megan Kidd, Marie Scott, Thea Munchel, Justin Douglas, JR Lily, Leslie Lum

- 1) **Impact of Corona Virus on Economic Development** (Justin Douglas, Prosper Portland)
Prosper has never seen anything like this before. State could see unemployment of 30%. Will take a while before federal CARES act makes it to the City, so Prosper released funds sooner. Prosper activity since COVID-19:
 - a) **\$150,000 to APANO** to deal with xenophobia, vandalism, etc prior to CV-19 to Jade District and Chinatown. <https://www.apano.org/blog/2020/03/27/jade-district-and-old-town-chinatown-selection-committee-announce-small-business-grants/>
 - b) \$2 million small business relief fund grants. Just finished reviewing applicants. Most businesses owned by POC or women. 30% East Portland. <https://prosperportland.us/portfolio-items/portland-small-business-relief-fund/>
 - c) \$50,000 small business relief fund loans, opens later this week. Scroll down: <https://prosperportland.us/portfolio-items/portland-small-business-relief-fund/>
 - d) Federal funds: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>
 - e) People are looking to OCF for more potential grants.

- 2) **IRCO & Workforce Development- continued from March meeting** (Surya Joshi, IRCO)
Over 33,000 people served in 2019. Workforce Development Department helps individuals enroll in short term occupational training, internships, and basic skills training leading to new career pathways.
 - a) Youth Internships- SummerWorks, WEXY (year-round), C2C and Peer2Peer
 - b) Prosper Portland funds Portland Economic Opportunities Program to support refugees and immigrants seeking to obtain career specific training and job placements. Program

- assists with job readiness training, career assistance, and helps participants get Certified Nursing Assistant training.
- c) Community Economic Opportunity project is a consortium with 5 other agencies including Human Solutions and El Programa Hispano. Focuses on assisting disadvantaged individuals obtain career track employment through career coaching, trainings, other resources. Rent assistance can be offered to those in need. Survivors of domestic violence and members of communities of color receive priority status for this program.
 - d) TechRise PDX bridges the gap in Portland's tech training and development to build diversity with homegrown talent pipeline. TechRise PDX focuses on assisting individuals obtain tech internships and apprenticeships, accelerated training, scholarships, or jobs.
 - e) Refugee Career Pathways. Refugees with foreign credentials and professional experience can receive Career Coaching to understand the educational licensing requirements of their field. If licensing is an option, clients apply for recertification and possibly additional training.
 - f) Immigrant Nurse Credentialing helps foreign trained nurses gain their Registered Nursing license in the US. Through a combination of classroom and clinical training prepares nurses for exam.
 - g) Health Careers NW is a 5-year program focused on training and employment in healthcare occupations. IRCO is waiting to hear if the federal government will extend the program.
 - h) Next Gen Program is career building program for low-income youth. Focus on in-demand careers- healthcare, construction, IT/Tech, Manufacturing. IT and healthcare positions have not lost their jobs.
 - i) Next Gen Career Boost Program targets SNAP eligible young adults to prepare them in construction, health care, IT, and manufacturing careers.
 - j) Community Works Project supports TANF clients. Partners with Human Solutions, SEI, Urban League, NAYA, El Programa Hispano. Works with people who have barriers such as childcare, criminal background, adequate training, stable housing, medical/behavioral health/disability
 - k) WorkSource North/NorthEast helps affiliated partners with their workforce development programs.

QUESTIONS: how does this all fit together, do these programs benefit people in East? Gaps