

# CENTRAL EASTSIDE



## Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Project Updates for October 2009

### 1. Item: *Burnside Bridgehead*

#### Temporary Uses – Art Fence on Block 76

The selection committee met September 8<sup>th</sup> and reviewed 16 artist applications. The committee will be interviewing three applicants on October 8<sup>th</sup>, with selection of an artist to follow shortly afterwards. The Burnside Bridgehead Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) representative to the selection committee, Joni Hartman, reports that the applications were quite interesting, with a broad mix of muralists, conceptual artists, and artists working with a variety of materials and mediums.

#### Redevelopment Framework Plan

In August, PDC issued the Framework Plan Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP Selection Committee consists of representatives from PDC, Beam, CAC and the city. In September, the selection committee reviewed ten (10) submittals and narrowed down the pool to two teams that were interviewed in late September. The selected consultant team will be introduced to the public at the October 20<sup>th</sup> CAC meeting.

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### 2. Item: *Eastside Burnside-Couch Couplet*

The Eastside Couplet project is currently under construction on Couch Street, starting between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues. In addition, the Bureau of Environmental Services is completing some water and sewer work on Couch St., and the Streetcar project is under construction on Grand Ave. and Martin Luther King Blvd. BES has uncovered some additional water and sewer work on Couch which will delay the Eastside Couplet construction schedule about 3-4 weeks. PBOT now expects to complete the curbs, swales and signal work on Couch this winter. The grinding and re-paving will take place next season.

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### 3. Item: *Clifford Apartments*

The project developer and owner of the Clifford Apartments is Innovative Housing, Inc (IHI). IHI has been working to close complicated financing with the private lender and historic tax credit equity investors. PDC anticipates closing our loan for the Clifford Apartments project later this fall. The building's tenants have been relocated to other IHI projects in anticipation of construction start.

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### 4. Item: *Routes to the River (R2R)*

PDC and PBOT executed a R2R Intergovernmental Agreement to implement safety improvements based on the November 11, 2008 *Routes to the River – Recommended Priority Projects* memo developed in coordination with Central Eastside stakeholders. The following improvements have been **completed**:

- Refreshing existing traffic and pedestrian markings (i.e. stop bars, bike lane...)
- Install new traffic and pedestrian markings (i.e. stop bars, bike symbols...)
- Install six (6) ADA ramps on SE Salmon and Main Streets between SE 3rd and SE Water

This last improvement is **underway**:

- Delineation of angle parking and sidewalk on SE Salmon and Main Streets west of SE Water

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