

JOBS



Union-backed coalition pushes bold vision for Broadway corridor project

Should Portlanders allow their city to become a playground for the rich, or should they fight for a city that provides high quality jobs and housing for residents of all income levels?

That's a real question the city faces as it considers how to redevelop 32 publicly-owned acres near the Broadway Bridge. Known as the Broadway Corridor, the area includes the former U.S. Postal Service site and several other city blocks owned by the city's development agency, Prosper Portland (formerly known as the Portland Development Commission.) Prosper Portland has plans to develop the area as a site of high-density employment and signature city attractions connecting the Old Town/Chinatown and Pearl District

neighborhoods.

But a carefully developed union-community coalition is putting forward its own vision — which calls for the construction of affordable and accessible housing, the creation of good union jobs both during the building phase and when the development is complete, and opportunities for women and minorities to get experience in the building trades as workers and contractors. The Healthy Communities Coalition formed three years ago, with about a dozen business, environmental and community groups plus seven unions: Service Employees Local 49, Oregon AF-SCME, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757, IBEW Local 48, Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters, Portland Fire-

fighters, and Professional & Technical Employees Local 17.

"We are tired of being pitted against one another," said Vivian Satterfield, deputy director of the environmental justice group OPAL, which helped form the coalition. "We need to tie our fates together as workers, as people with environment interests, and those striving for representation and a voice along racial and social justice lines."

The coalition presented its vision to Prosper Portland at a July 25 meeting. With any luck, it won't be a hard sell. Prosper Portland's slogan is "Building an Equitable Economy." And one of its board members is union building trades leader Willy Myers, who helped nego-

PEOPLE

New faculty at LERC

University of Oregon Labor Education and Research Center (LERC) is hiring two new full-time faculty in its Portland office, beginning September: Economist and veteran Labor Notes trainer Mark Brenner, and researcher Lina Stepick from the UCLA Labor Center. LERC is a university extension service that provides training and research support to Oregon labor unions.



Mark Brenner

Brenner and Stepick are filling positions that became vacant last year after longtime instructor Barbara Byrd retired and researcher Raahi Reddy left to become director of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program at the Metro regional government.

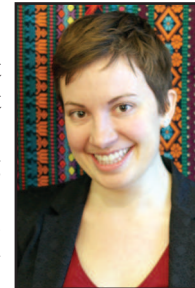
LERC Director Bob Bussel says Brenner and Stepick bring distinctive skills to LERC, with Brenner focused on teaching and leadership development, and Stepick on research.

Brenner is best known for his 12-year tenure directing Labor Notes, a Detroit-based non-profit dedicated to "putting the movement back in the labor movement." Labor Notes publishes books and a monthly magazine and provides training and net-

working events for union activists. At Labor Notes, Brenner co-authored Secrets of a Successful Organizer and two other books. Prior to that he spent six years as a researcher at the Political Economy Research Institute of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, supporting living wage and minimum wage campaigns around the country. He has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California Riverside.

Stepick researched scheduling practices of retail workers in Los Angeles while at UCLA. Before that, she surveyed formerly incarcerated workers for the Los Angeles County Federation of

Labor, conducted research about public transit and affordable housing for a Los Angeles labor-community coalition, and interviewed immigrant detainees, among many research projects since 2006. Bussel met her in 2009 when as an undergraduate at Dartmouth she interviewed him as part of a research project for the Portland-based Voz Workers Rights Education Project. She's now completing a PhD in sociology at UCLA.



Lina Stepick

Turn to Page 15

SHEET METAL | AIR | RAIL | TRANSPORTATION

Sheet Metal Workers' Local 16
Members, Officers & Staff

Wish All Workers in Oregon and Washington
A Safe and Happy Labor Day

<p>Staff</p> <p>Charlie Johnson, Business Manager/FST Josh McClaughry, Business Representative Shawn Eckelberry, Business Representative Joe Harris, Business Representative Vanessa Steward, Business Representative Brian Noble, Business Development Emmy Keever, Office Manager Lisa Bloker, Secretary Calli Moore, Secretary</p>	<p>Officers</p> <p>Dustin Hysmith, President Devin Hosking, Vice President Michael McIntyre, Recording Secretary Thomas Belezos, Warden</p> <p>Trustees</p> <p>Justin Bigelow Eric Clayton Todd Stevens Doug Haase</p>	<p>Executive Board</p> <p>Art Himm Jared Bonney Steve Stewart II Ed Dawes William Willman Russ Jacobson</p>
--	--	--

2379 NE 178th Avenue, Suite 16, Portland, Oregon 97230
* 503-254-0123 * Fax: 503-254-0157 * www.smw16.org

UNION LABOR BUILT THE AMERICAN DREAM

WISHING A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOR DAY