

Equity Lens Fitted to Economic Development

An advisory group to the Portland Development Commission held its annual retreat Friday to focus on strategic planning, identify key challenges ahead and welcome newly appointed members.

The Neighborhood Economic Development Leadership Group is working on a range of issues including the creation of an equity lens to guide PDC investment, the development of a new strategy for commercial corridor investment and providing insight and recommenda-

tions on the city's budget investments to support economic development priorities.

"Our goal with the NED Leadership Group was to create a diverse committee composed of community and business representatives who brought expertise in areas like business ownership, workforce development, finance, small business development, or redevelopment - as well as a passion for Portland," said Patrick Quinton, PDC executive director. "Their partnership and

support on neighborhood economic development goals thus far has been invaluable."

"As a resident and supporter of east Portland, I'm really looking forward to the opportunity of serving on this group," said Annette Mattson. "I'm optimistic we can play a key role in advancing the Lents neighborhood and east Portland."

"I'm honored to serve on the NED Leadership Group on behalf of the Urban League of Portland," said Michael Alexander. "I'm eager to

work with other city-wide leaders to close the equity gaps in north, northeast and east Portland and work to create opportunities for all Portlanders."

In May 2011, the Portland City Council adopted a Neighborhood Economic Development Strategy which articulates how community, business and public partners can use focused neighborhood-level actions to collectively foster economic opportunity and neighborhood vitality throughout the city.

Week in The Review

Government Shut Down

The federal government officially shut down for the first time in 17 years at midnight on Monday, after House Republicans refused to drop demands that parts of the Affordable Care Act be delayed in return for approval of a mandatory government funding bill. Federal employees who are considered essential to public safety will still be expected to work.

'Obamacare' Into Effect

Officially known as The Affordable Healthcare Act, "Obamacare" went into effect Tuesday with online health exchange marketplaces which are primarily targeted at easing the financial burden of health insurance for low and middle income families and small businesses.

Arena Football Return

The Arena Football League will return a team to Portland for the first time since 1999, officials announced Tuesday. The yet-to-be named franchise will be owned by Terry W. Emmert of Clackamas-based Emmert International, an engineered transport and structural relocation company specializing in ultra-heavy duty transit.

Oregonian Cuts Deliveries

Starting Tuesday, 'The Oregonian' newspaper stopped delivering papers each day, excluding deliveries on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday. The publication said it would focus more on its Internet business.

Wrongful Rape Convictions

Two Washington state men have each been awarded \$5.25 million by a federal judge and jury following wrongful, two-decade old, rape convictions. New DNA testing cleared the men of the charges and led to the award.

Accidental Shooting

A man handling a gun near Southeast 87th and Ellis Street accidentally fired Tuesday, injuring himself and a nearby female. Both were transported to Portland hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Jellyfish Shutdown

A nuclear power plant in southeastern Sweden was forced to shut down after jellyfish clogged pipes that bring in cool air on Sunday. Marine biologists say this could be a continued problem in the future.

Arrests Follow Graffiti

An 18-year-old man and a 15-year-old boy were taken into custody following a string of vulgar-laced graffiti was found in Washougal on Tuesday. The older male was charged with criminal mischief.



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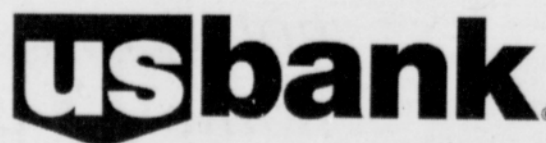
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