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LOCAL NEWS



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A parcel of property owned by the Portland Housing Bureau and proposed for construction of housing affordable to low income and disadvantaged residents is situated on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, between Northeast Cook and Ivy Street.

Combating Displacement

Bureau releases \$20 million housing plan

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After extended public input, the Portland Housing Bureau has a formal plan on how to use \$20

million in Urban Renewal monies to fight gentrification in north and northeast Portland.

The proposal comes before the Portland City Council this week after several months of planning and community meetings, including reaching out to faith leaders within the black community, and other neighborhood leaders and residents.

Less than two decades ago, housing in many inner north and northeast Portland neighborhoods provided homes to more African Americans than anywhere in the city—or in the state. But during the 1990s, city efforts to address problems of crime and blight by sponsoring eco-

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Talks on Race and Policing

Widespread protests in response to the deaths of black men at the hands of police in 2014 have prompted national conversation over issues of race and policing—subjects with which many residents of the Portland area have long been familiar.

Oregon Humanities, an independent non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the

Humanities and a partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust, invites Portland-area community members to talk about the challenges built into how we protect ourselves in a series of community discussions on race and policing.

The discussions will be led by trained facilitators and will take place Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Central Library, downtown;

Saturday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. at the Kenton Library in north Portland; and Saturday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. at the Rockwood Library in Gresham.

The events are free and open to the public. Oregon Humanities is planning two additional events for later in February. Visit oregonhumanities.org for the latest information.