

A Pathway to Return

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will be working with the Portland Housing Bureau to revise the policy to be more effective and hopes Pathway 1000 will also attract more buyers.

A meeting between Mayor Wheeler and the committee overseeing the strategy is scheduled for later this month to discuss improvements that could be made.

The policy came in the wake of a city-proposed Trader Joe's at the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard and Al-

berta Street four years ago, which sparked community outcry of further displacement, and prompted City Commissioner Dan Saltzman and then-Mayor Charlie Hales to pledge \$20 million for housing initiatives.

"We can make amends for some of the thing we've done in the past, as a community," Fitzpatrick told the Portland Observer, as to her aspirations for Pathway 1000. "If we can do this and do it right and give them an opportunity to return to their roots that would be doing the community a good

service."

A home-owner who was placed into housing through PCRI shared her journey at the ceremony of buying her first home, a three bedroom condominium in northeast Portland in July.

Arika Bridgeman-Bunyoli, a health educator for Multnomah County, said she was paying about 45 percent of her income to rent each month and was barely able to keep herself and her two young children afloat financially. In 2012, when she went to the offices of PCRI for help, she was practi-

cally in tears.

"In case there is anyone out there that is struggling on this home-ownership journey, I want you to know that it is possible," Bridgeman-Bunyoli said. "There are going to be challenges, there's going to be set-backs, it's hard. But this is a phenomenal team that's really committed to the community and that will get you through to the other side."

The building site on Williams will accommodate four townhomes with two and three bedrooms, two and three stories each, respectively, and comply with Earth Advantage green building standards.

The homes are scheduled to be completed late 2018 in part-

nership with locally owned Albina Construction, Brett Schultz Architect, and lender Beneficial State Bank, with grants from Wells Fargo Housing Foundation and the Meyer Trust helping to ensure the homes are affordable to low-and-medium-income buyers.

Fitzpatrick thanked the Portland Housing Bureau, Mayor Ted Wheeler, and Commissioner Dan Saltzman, and the PCRI team for their support.

More groundbreaking for Pathway 1,000 homes are slated to occur in the coming months, one on Baldena Avenue and one on the corner of Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks Way, Fitzpatrick said.



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2018 CALENDAR

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

	<p>○ 1 Share a Smile Day Harry Belafonte born, 1927; Singer, actor and civil and human rights activist</p>	<p>2 Dr. Seuss born, 1904 Read Across America Day</p>	<p>3 National Anthem Day Inventor Alexander Graham Bell born, 1847</p>	<p>4 First meeting of Congress (1789)</p>		
<p>5 Boston Massacre (1770)</p>	<p>6 Artist Michelangelo born, 1475 Shaquille O'Neal born, 1972; Four-time NBA champion</p>	<p>7 National Cereal Day Telephone Patent Granted (1876)</p>	<p>8 International Women's Day Robert Sabuda born, 1965</p>	<p>☾ 9 Floyd B. McKissick, Sr. born, 1922; Civil Rights activist, first Black student at the Univ. of N. Carolina</p>	<p>10 Abolitionist Harriet Tubman Day 1st Paper Money Issued in 1862</p>	<p>11 Daylight Savings Time Begins Johnny Appleseed Da</p>
<p>12 Anniversary of the Death of Anne Frank (1945)</p>	<p>13 Good Samaritan Day Uranus Discovered (1781)</p>	<p>14 Pi Day (3.14) Scientist Albert Einstein born, 1879</p>	<p>15 Absolutely Incredible Kid Day Funk music legend Sly Stone born, 1943</p>	<p>16 James Madison born, 1751 (4th President)</p>	<p>● 17 St. Patrick's Day Nat King Cole born, 1919; Legendary jazz musician and singer</p>	<p>18 First Walk in Space (1965) Grover Cleveland born, 1837 (22nd & 24th President)</p>