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The First AME Episcopal Zion Church. It was torn down during the Urban Renewal programs of the 1960s-70s.



North Williams and Russell in 1988

signed by the hospital, the PDC and the Housing Authority of Portland mandated they would use “maximum energy and enthusiasm” in replacing the lost housing within the Eliot neighborhood – none of which happened, according to “History.”

Mrs. Warren is quoted in the history document from an interview with the Portland Observer:

“Didn’t they have a long-range plan? After all, if your life’s investment was smashed to splinters by a bulldozer to make room for a hospital, you could at least feel decent and perhaps tolerable about it; but to have it all done for nothing? Well, what is there to feel?”

Urban Planning Now

Albina resident Lisa Man-

ning was also quoted in “Bleeding Albina.”

“It used to be that living ‘far out’ was 15th and Fremont. Now it’s 185th and Fremont. A lot of people leave the neighborhood because they feel they’re leaving something that’s not theirs anymore anyway. It will never be that way again. There’s a lot of sadness. For a lot of us, it’s just too hard to stay and watch

your history erased progressively over time. There are just too many ghosts,” Manning said.

Gibson says anyone weighing in on the current citizens’ advisory process for North Williams Avenue transportation safety should take a moment and look at past plans. She singled out the 1993 Albina Community Plan drafted under the leadership of then-Portland

Planning Bureau Commissioner-in-charge Charlie Hales, who is now running for mayor.

“African Americans were heavily involved in the Albina plan,” she said. “The Planning Bureau should probably provide us with an

update.

“There have been other plans, but for me the key for any of the plans is how well are they carried out? We should evaluate how well some of those plans play out in the end.”

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