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Memo to Lynn Bonner from Carl Abbott

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TO: Lynn Bonner
Metro 7 Board

FROM: Carl Abbott

I've sorted through the bulk of Ernie's planning related files. I have grouped them into four categories: (1) materials that should be offered to the Oregon Historical Society, (2) materials to be transferred to PSU College of Urban and Public Affairs, (3) a file directly relevant to the Pioneer Courthouse Square video, consisting of the notes and documents from which Ernie constructed his draft script and chronology, (4) files relating to Metro 7 and the PDXPlan.org website. I also discarded some irrelevant or outdated materials. In addition, there are personal files in the two two-drawer filing cases which I've listed here as (5).

I have not dealt with interview tapes and transcripts, since Lori is working on those, although I recommend that hard copies of all approved interviews be given to OHS (and to the Stanley Parr City Archives and Record Center if they are interested).

(1) OHS has a strong collection of materials relating to city planning and city officials, especially those from the era of 1930-60, and Ernie's materials would be an important supplement. I can handle the arrangements for transfer, although this would require a short letter from Lynn formally giving the materials to OHS.

(2) PSU College of Urban and Public Affairs and the PSU Library are in the first stages of developing an on-line collection of key Portland area planning documents (grant applications are pending), and the reports that I've identified would be a good addition to the available materials.

(3) and (4) are materials directly relevant to the continued work of Metro 7.

(5) Personal materials (see below).

For Oregon Historical Society

✓(1 File 1/Drawer 1 (notes, clippings, reports)

Front Street
Lauugaard Plan
Harbor Wall
Public Market
Waterfront Park
Harbor Drive
PDX history
Park Blocks

File 2/Drawer 1
(2) File 2/Drawer 1 (notes, clippings, reports)

- ✓ Major events in Portland planning (clippings)
- ✓ Urban Growth Boundary
Downtown Planning
- ✓ Metro (relating to East Bank)
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Ice Rink

(3) VHS Tapes (on table)

- ✓ Renovation of City Hall
- ✓ City Hall's Second Century
- ✓ Broughton Flume

(4) Notebooks (on table)

- ✓ Downtown Plan
- ✓ 1981 Interstate Transfer (a single report by Ernie Munch for city)
- ✓ Tom McCall Waterfront Park (draft of video script, detailed history)

✓ **(5) Box with Harbor Drive materials (on table)**

✓ **(6) East Bank planning documents and materials (stacked on table)**

For PSU

(1) Notebooks (on table)

- ✓ PDC project summaries (two notebooks)

(2) Small file boxes (on table)

- ✓ City and PDC reports
- ✓ Misc. Downtown reports
- ✓ Portland housing reports
- Misc. Regional planning reports

For Pioneer Courthouse Square Video

✓ File folder in File 1/Drawer 1

Swanson

For Metro 7

- ✓ In File 2/Drawer 2: M7 financial statements, articles of incorporation, PDX.Plan website

Personal materials (these are the personal materials intermixed with planning materials)

File 1/Drawer 2

File 2/Drawer 2: in addition to Metro 7 and website materials, this drawer contains miscellaneous personal files and "Ernie Bonner Planning Journal," which is personal record of planning career including notes and memos. This certainly has historical interest as an "inside story," but it should not be transferred to OHS unless Lynn has looked it over to see how candid it might be and whether it was ever intended to be public. I did not think it appropriate that I look at it in any detail.

6/19 - I glanced at the folders. Much would be good to be passed along. Some would need to be reviewed by someone with sensitivity & savvy. Maybe Lori, or Carol Turner.

(Now that Neil is departed nobody would be much interested in his store of papers 😞)

July - The family kept most of this, discarded the rest