# Alberta Alive Affordable Housing: Sustainability for a Changing Neighborhood

### **Allies for Efficiency Webinar**

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### **Panelists**



Lucy Corbett Senior Development Manager CDP



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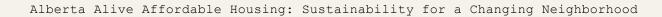
# **Community Development Partners (CDP)**

### **DEVELOPER & OWNER**

Office Locations: Portland, OR and Newport Beach, CA

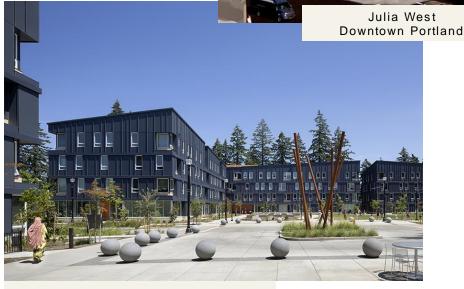
### FIRM HIGHLIGHTS

- Mission of building innovative and sustainable projects with a focus on long-term community engagement
- Proven track record working within complex public/private partnerships across 5 states (OR, CA, NV, AZ, CO)
- Portfolio: successfully built 2,000+ units/\$575M+ in affordable housing
- Certified B Corporation which reflects a dedication to impact over profit





Patton Home, Portland, OR



Rockwood Village, Gresham, OR

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# **Project Background**

# Mission

Alberta Alive celebrates and strengthens Portland's historically Black N/NE neighborhoods by providing affordable housing, supportive services, and a shared community for underserved individuals and families.

# Alberta Alive champions the revival of Black N-NE Portland where:

Vision

- Residents feel at home and connected with their neighbors.
- Local opportunities provide a framework for personal and community investment.
- Strong community retains, attracts, and grows generations of Black legacy.
- Neighborhoods far and wide emulate Alberta Alive's success.



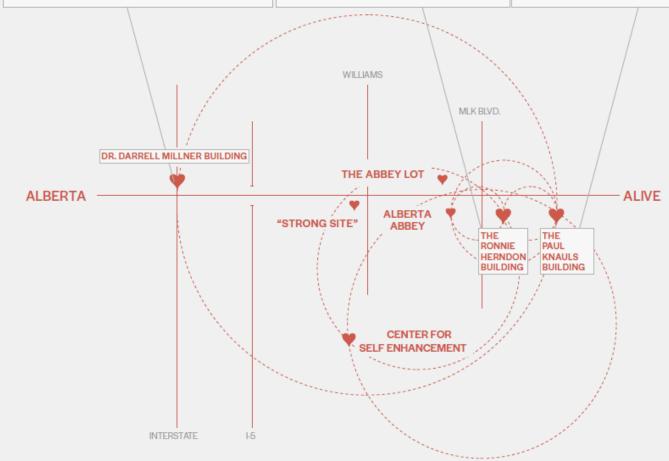
Now Professor Emeritus at Portland State University, DR. DARRELL MILLNER served as chair of the University's Black Studies Department for over ten years. He is an expert on the history of African-Americans in the western movement with a special focus on the Oregon and California trail experiences, early Oregon and California Black history, and the history of the Black Buffalo soldiers in the Indian wars. He is also an expert on Black clinema history.



Firebrand. Activist. A modest man. RONNIE HERNDON has been described as all three. A long-time activist for minority rights and educational opportunities, especially in Portland, he was a founder of the Portland chapter of the Black United Front, the director of Albina Head Start, and the president of the National Head Start Association.



For decades, PAUL KNAULS was a business owner in Albina-- he owned the legendary Portland jæz and Råß venue the Cotton Club. His presence there was so ubiquitous that he's still widely referred to as "The Mayor Of Northeast Portland."



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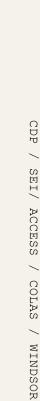
- Project Addresses: 510 NE Alberta (9,988 SF) and 780 NE Alberta (5,432 SF)
- Buildings are co-owned with Self Enhancement Inc. (SEI)
- Architect and contractor selection influenced by their organizational missions and commitment to increasing minority participation in design and construction

### 510 NE Alberta

- 21 units of Family Housing
  - 21-bedroom units (SF)
  - 11 2-bedroom units (SF)
  - 8 3-bedroom units (SF)

### 780 NE Alberta

- 31 units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for Veterans
  - 6 studios (SF)
  - 25 1-bedroom units (SF)



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- Buildings share:
  - $\circ~$  Same architect and contractor
  - o Building type (III-B, 5 stories wood-frame)
  - o Building systems
  - Many of the same subcontractors (e.g. earthwork, framing, concrete, HVAC, windows)
- Buildings differ in:
  - Some subcontractors due to Davis-Bacon prevailing wages on 780 Alberta (e.g. siding, masonry, plumbing, painting)
  - Utility structure (100% owner paid utilities at 780, tenant paid electricity at 510)
  - o Rent structure
  - Resident services program and providers

### **Project Challenges**

- $\circ$  Design
  - Community Design Standards
  - Very small site footprints
  - o Mechanical appeals
- $\circ$  Construction
  - o Framing cost escalation after bidding
  - Supply chain delays (electrical gear, windows, elevators)
  - Appeals to allow buildings to open without generators

# **ACCESS ARCHITECTURE**

### ARCHITECT

Location: Vancouver, WA

### FIRM HIGHLIGHTS

- Founded in 2018
- A 13-person mission-driven, minority-owned, full service architectural and planning firm.
- Completed nearly 500 affordable (including PSH), senior, and special needs housing units, both new construction and the renovation of existing buildings.
- Projects follow an Outcome-Based Design process, where community engagement is paired with academic research to create designs that are better informed and more effective.



TIMBERVIEW / PORTLAND, OREGON MASS TIMBER / 105 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING



THE GLORIA CENTER / THE DALLES, OR NAVIGATION CENTER + EMERGENCY SHELTER

# **Project Goals**

- Respond thoughtfully to the target population(s) through inclusive building and site design.
- Convey a sense of permanence so buildings feel rooted in the existing neighborhood fabric.
- Use site constraints as opportunities for innovation.
- Maximize buildable area through efficient design.
- Design buildings that are durable and sustainable.
- Work collaboratively with project team, including capacity building for SEI.



510 NE ALBERTA (GRAND) / PORTLAND, OREGON 31 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FAMILES



780 NE ALBERTA (8TH AVE) / PORTLAND, OREGON 21 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VETERANS

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# **Project Overview**

510 NE Alberta (Grand)





- 5-STORY WOOD-FRAMED BUILDING
- TYPE III-B CONSTRUCTION
- 24,500 GSF
- (21) TOTAL 2, 3 AND 4-BEDROOM UNITS
- 830 SF COMMUNITY ROOM
- GROUND FLOOR LAUNDRY ROOM

# **Project Overview**

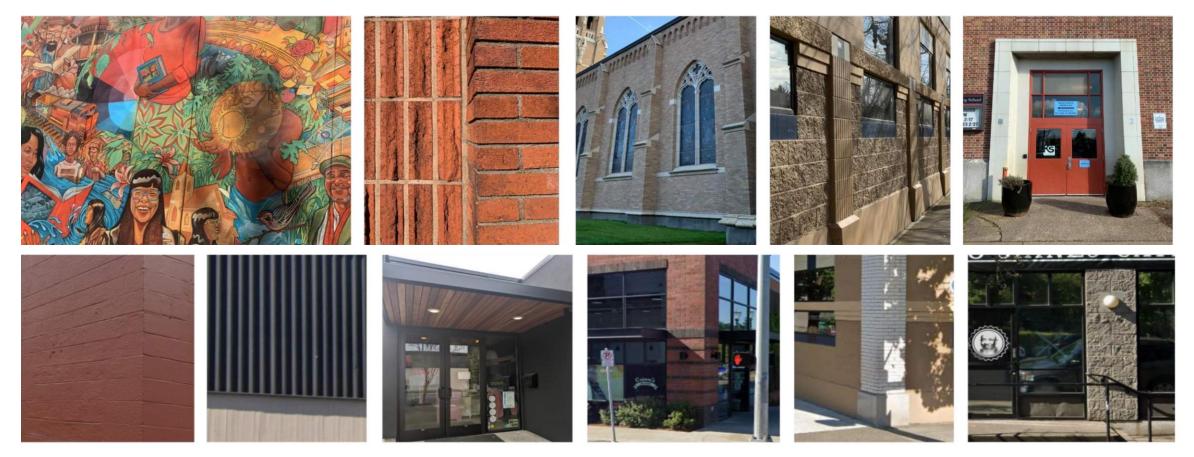
780 NE Alberta (8th Ave)





- 5-STORY WOOD-FRAMED BUILDING
- TYPE III-B CONSTRUCTION
- 19,300 GSF
- (31) TOTAL STUDIO AND 1-BEDROOM UNITS
- 480 SF COMMUNITY ROOM
- LAUNDRY ROOM ON (3) FLOORS

Neighborhood Context



Precedent Inspiration



Early Massing



Designing for a Target Population

### OUTREACH

- Neighborhood Meeting
- Surveys

### RESEARCH

- History of Neighborhood
- Trauma Informed Design

### PARTICIPATION

- SEI (Self Enhancement, Inc.)
- Do Good Multnomah





Designing for a Target Population

### **GRAND**:

- Trauma Informed Design
- Inclusive Playground Design
- Large Community Room with Play Area
- Vibrant Color Palette

### 8TH AVE:

- Trauma Informed Design
- Veteran Research
- Restorative Color Palette
- Telehealth Room
- Library/Small Meeting Room
- Laundry on Multiple Floors



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### Precedent Inspiration



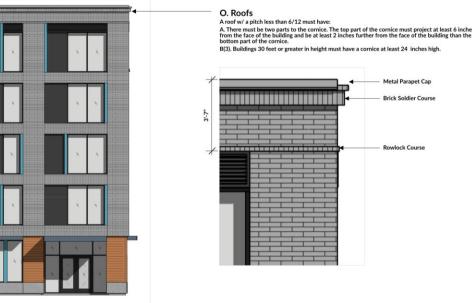
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Zoning + Building Code Community Design Standards

Metal Parapet Cap

Brick Soldier Course

Rowlock Course



NORTH ELEVATION

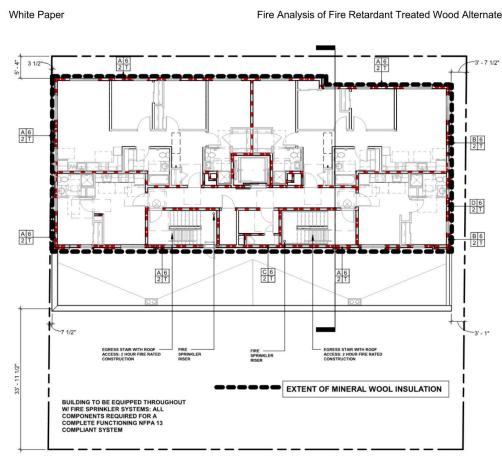
#### **TYPE II LAND USE REVIEW**

- PLANNING STAFF REVIEW AND APPROVE APPLICATION •
- NOT COMPLETELY PRESCRIPTIVE •
- **56 DAY PROCESS** •
- DONE PRIOR TO PERMITTING •

#### **COMMUNITY DESIGN STANDARDS**

- PART OF THE ZONING CODE •
- **WRITTENAS PRESCRIPTIVE** .
- **REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS PART OF THE** . **PERMITTING PROCESS**

### Zoning + Building Code Appeals



Appendix A; Figure 3: Fifth Floor Plan

Appeal to the City for **Type IIIB construction** using mineral wool in lieu of fire-treated wood (exterior walls) as an alternate for aerial access road width and the sacrificial stud. Other appeal items included were eliminating the drinking fountain and the use of a natural gas generator for standby power to the elevator.

Zoning + Building Code Adjustments

Land Use adjustments were requested to share required outdoor area between both sites and to reduce required bike parking at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave building.

NDOOR COMMON AREA - 8TH AVE	
COMMUNITY ROOM	482 SF
RESIDENT SERVICES	106 SF
COMPUTER ROOM	70 SF
MEETING ROOM	228 SF
SUB TOTAL:	886 SF
OUTDOOR COMMON AREA - GRAND AVE	SQUARE FEET
OUTDOOR COURTYARD	230 SF
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**REQUIRED OUTDOOR AREA - 8TH AVE** 

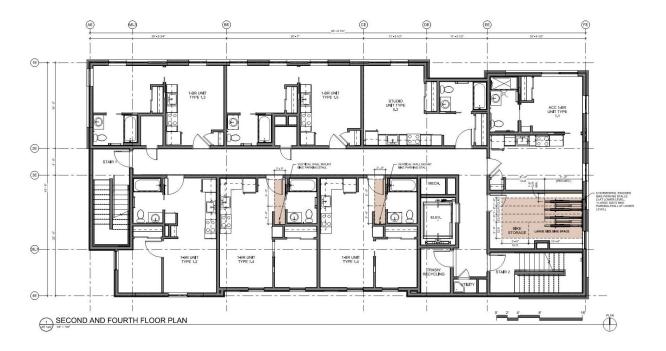
\*THIS COMMUNITY ROOM SATISFIES THE OUTDOOR AREA REQUIREMENT FOR THE GRAND AVE BUILDING (365F X 21 UNITS = 756SF OF REQUIRED OUTDOOR AREA).





**3TH AVE** 

Small Footprint



### CHALLENGES

- No economies of scale
- City Planning and Zoning Standards
- Tight tolerances for wood framed building

# **Durability**



### PERSPECTIVE **TYPICAL UNIT**

SOLID SURFACE DDN / TAPIOCA (KITCHEN & BATHROOM)

LVT

TARKETT / ALOFT /

COOPERS OAK BAY 82

RUBBER WALL BASE TARKETT / DURACOVE / ICICLE 08

(KITCHEN & BATHROOM)



SHEET VINYL TARKETT / IQ OPTIMA / HEAVY CREAM (BATHROOM FLOORING)





PAINT SHERWIN WILLIAMS / PURE WHITE 7005



SHERWIN WILLIAMS

# Collaboration





CDP /

# WINDSOR ENGINEERS

### **MEP & CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS**

Location: Ridgefield, WA

### FIRM HIGHLIGHTS

- Mission: Providing world-class client experiences through people, purpose, and performance.
- Markets served include Multifamily, Commercial, Industrial, Municipal, and Healthcare.
- Western regional markets: Portland Metro area, Puget Sound area.
- Offices also located in Minneapolis/St Paul and Duluth, Minnesota.



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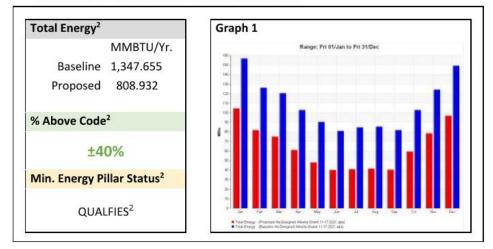


# Energy and Sustainability Goals

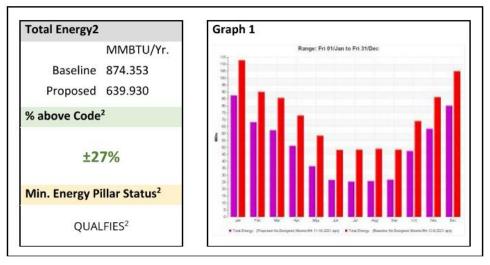
- Energy modeling was provided by Earth Advantage using IES-VE software.
- The primary energy goal was to meet EA's v1 certification: performance at least 10% better than code minimum.
- Proposed efficiency measures resulted in 27% (8<sup>th</sup> Ave) and 40% (Grand Ave) better than code.
- Code baseline: ASHRAE 90.1 (2016)

#### ENERGY MODELING RESULTS

PRELIMINARY AS-DESIGNED MODELING RESULTS<sup>2</sup>



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# Energy Use Intensity (EUI) Values

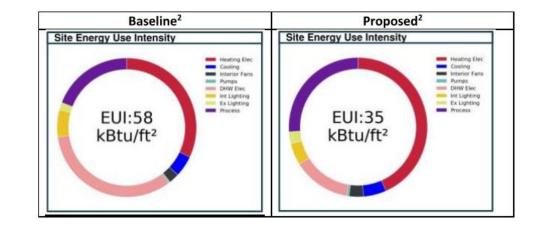
### **GRAND AVE**

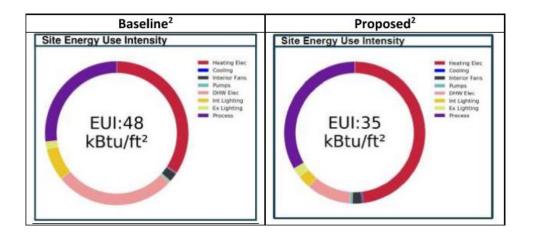
- EUI baseline: 58 kBTU/sf
- EUI designed: 35 kBTU/sf
- 40% better than baseline

### 8th AVE

- EUI baseline: 48 kBTU/sf
- EUI designed: 35 kBTU/sf
- 27% better than baseline

#### PRELIMINARY EUI VALUES





# Key Sustainability Features

### **MEP HIGHLIGHTS**

- Heat Pump Water Heating (3.0 COP min, 4.2 COP designed)
  - ~75% energy reduction from code minimum
- High-efficiency LED lighting, with occupant sensors in common areas
  - ~20% energy reduction from code minimum

#### MEP SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES





# Engineering in Small Urban Footprints

### **MEP CHALLENGES**

- MEP systems collocated within small mechanical rooms
- Code-required standby generator location, ventilation, and exhaust
- Maximum space utilization

### SOLUTIONS

- High level of 3D coordination required
- Wall-mounted booster pump (vs. skid)
- Heat pump system for mechanical room heat transfer

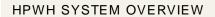
#### TYPICAL MECHANICAL ROOMS

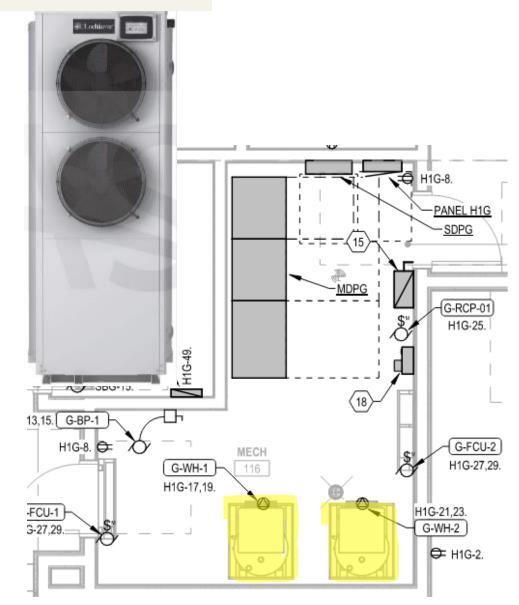


# Central Heat Pump Water Heating System

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Lochinvar CHPA series
- 119 gallon capacity (x2)
- 4.2 Coefficient of Performance (COP)
- Challenge: air volume for heat transfer within small mechanical room
- Solution: additional heat pump system for air-to-air heat transfer





# Standby Generator Challenges

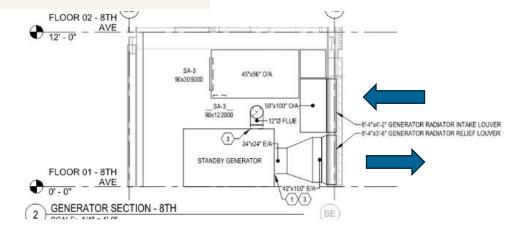
### CHALLENGES

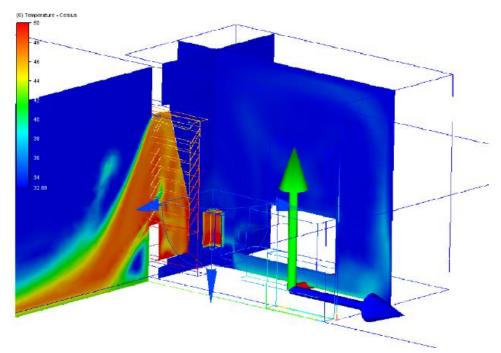
- Location on ground floor for fire/seismic concerns
- Ventilation clearances: code variance appeal
- Ventilation near public ROW
- Routing flue exhaust through congested areas
- Generator lead times

### SOLUTIONS

- Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) analysis of generator room
- Generator specification, maximum fan flow rate
- Louver design
- Flue routing coordination (through roof)

#### GENERATOR VENTILATION





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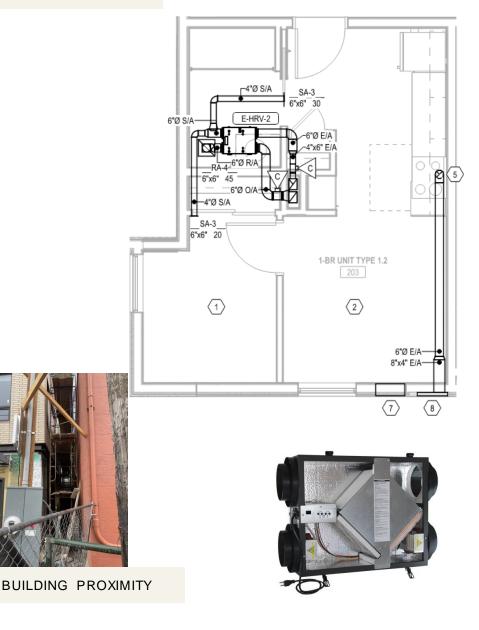
# **Environmental Air Ventilation Concerns**

### CHALLENGE

- Location of neighboring buildings make ventilation clearances difficult in some areas
- A different approach was required for OSA intake

### SOLUTION

- Use ducted energy recover ventilators (ERV)
- Route ducting to the roof
- Additional benefits:
  - Reduced energy use/increased efficiency
  - Improved indoor air quality (IAQ) for occupants



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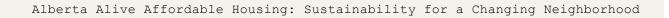
# COLAS CONSTRUCTION (COLAS)

### **GENERAL CONTRACTOR**

Location: Portland

### FIRM HIGHLIGHTS

- Mission: to build legacies and strengthen communities
- 26+ years of excellence, with over 90% of projects sustainably certified
- Industry leader in the built environment- exceeding expectations for racial and gender equity, workforce participation in construction, and construction safety
- Stewards of diverse representation from all aspects, with over 50% of management identifying as BIPOC and/ or women
- Focused on projects that uplift the community in the Pacific Northwest





OREGON CONVENTION CENTER, PORTLAND, OR VIEW OF EXHIBITION HALL CONCOURSE



THE HENRY BUILDING, PORTLAND, OR AERIAL VIEW OF THE EXTERIOR

# Construction

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Coordinating construction for a high-performance building on a small urban footprint
- How to make sure the buildings are solar-ready and what to consider early on
- How market challenges were overcome prevailing wage job considerations, labor shortage, cost escalations, and the general state of the market
- Colas Construction's story







ALBERTA ALIVE – GRAND AVE.

