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**MAYOR TOM POTTER TO EXPLORE
SAVING HISTORIC LADD'S CARRIAGE HOUSE**

Mayor Tom Potter met with officials of the First Christian Church and Opus Construction on Tuesday to explore how the historic Ladd's Carriage House could be preserved.

The wooden building at 1315 S.W. Broadway is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was owned by Portland's fifth Mayor, William S. Ladd, and shares the block with the Rosefriend Apartments. Church and Opus officials have proposed moving the carriage house and demolishing the apartments and developing the block into a mixed-use residential and commercial property, with expanded facilities for the congregation.

With the City facing a \$15 million shortfall, Mayor Potter made it clear that the City needed to find community partners to save the historic structures. He offered to help church officials engage the community in the process of finding the building a new home. Church officials and Opus said at least two parties have made tentative proposals to move the structure to a new location.

"We don't want to let another piece of Portland's history quietly disappear," said Mayor Potter. "But for historic treasures like Ladd's Carriage House to survive requires government working with the community to find solutions.

"Community leaders must step forward and be partners in finding a timely way to keep this building intact."

The Mayor said he was deeply troubled by the loss of Rosefriend Apartments, which are currently configured into 53 units of housing, the majority of which are affordable to individuals at 60% of median family income.

Church and Opus officials have said they will work with the City to help residents find new housing.

"The loss of affordable housing anywhere in our City is a serious concern that we will have to take a second look at," the Mayor said.

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