

Appendix

Interview Questions

Participant: Unreinforced masonry building owners/renters/other stakeholders

Unreinforced Masonry Policy Committee process semi-structured interview questions

1. Tell me about you and this place (associated URM building).
 - a. Why are you connected to this particular site?
 - b. Why here and nowhere else?
2. Do you think your story about your connection to this place was heard in the URM process?
 - a. Why or why not?
3. Do you recall other stories about places that may have been heard or overlooked?
 - a. Whose?
 - b. How so?
4. How can mitigation policy development processes better listen?
 - a. What would have to happen to make you feel heard?
5. Do you think there is a place in these processes to grapple with connection to place?
 - a. How so/why not?
 - b. How important do you think it is to consider place-based relationships in mitigation policy development?
6. To what extent should mitigation policy development processes be responsible for acknowledging and “saving” important places?
7. How do decision-makers know which places are important?
8. What are the connections between this place and race?
 - a. Are there racialized histories that make this place significant to your personal life or more broadly to Portland’s history?
 - b. Do you think that your relationship and experiences with this place are related to race? How so /Why not?
9. How do you think considerations of race-place relationships were made in the process?
 - a. How so/why not?
10. What would it have looked like to have done this process in a way that acknowledged and honored racial and place-based relationships?

Process-specific

11. What was your experience with the URM Policy Committee? What happened? [Look at the timeline and add details of what happened and when.]
 - a. How did you engage in the formal process or otherwise?
12. What would you have liked the policy committee to have done differently?
13. What do you think the policy committee got right?
14. What are your aspirations for the future of participatory processes?
15. What are your aspirations for the future of URM building in Portland?
 - a. What is your ideal future for your particular building?
 - b. How could future URM policy changes impact that future?

Participant: Committee members/Organization leaders/decision-makers

Unreinforced Masonry Policy Committee process semi-structured interview questions

1. Why are URM buildings significant to you?
 - a. Do you have a connection to a particular URM building? If so, which one and why?
2. Why do you think URM buildings are significant to Portlanders?
3. Do you think stories about connections to place were heard in the URM process?
 - a. Why or why not?
4. Do you recall whether some stories about places were heard while others may have been overlooked or less emphasized?
 - a. If yes, which ones?
 - i. Why do you think there were these differences?
5. How can mitigation policy development processes better listen to emotional claims to place?
 - a. What would have to happen to make URM stakeholders feel heard?
6. Do you think there is a place in these processes to grapple with connection to place?

How so/why not?

7. To what extent should mitigation policy development processes be responsible for acknowledging and “saving” important places?
8. How do decision-makers know which places are important?
9. What is the connection between this place and race?
 - a. Do you think that relationships and experiences with URM buildings are related to race?
 - i. How so/why not?
10. How do you think considerations of race-place relationships were made in the URM process?
 - a. How so/why not?
11. What would it have looked like to have done this process in a way that acknowledged and honored racial and place-based relationships?

Process-specific

16. What was your experience with the URM Policy Committee? What happened? [Look at the timeline and add details of what happened and when.]
 - a. How did you engage in the formal process or otherwise?
17. What would you have liked the policy committee to have done differently?
18. What do you think the policy committee got right?
19. What are your aspirations for the future of participatory processes?
20. What are your aspirations for the future of URM buildings in Portland?
 - a. [if applicable] What is your ideal future for your particular building?
 - b. How could future URM policy changes impact that future?