Alberta Street has turned into a creative artistic center which is seen through the buildings.

The store fronts are turning into a friendly, welcoming entrance inviting all in.

1950s to 1990s

A primarily African American community was formed after a large flood destroyed temporary housing in Vanport. Furthermore, in 1957 many areas previously dominated by African American communities, had to be moved for the building of freeways, the Convention Center, and other public buildings.

In the 1960s, there was a lot of racial conflict in the area. Rioting began and shopkeepers began installing iron bars over windows along the commercial street, Alberta Street. This tension in the area had devastating hurt effect on the commerce in the area. Continually, Alberta Street was greatly effected by the change in the transit foci in the city. The transportation into the heart of the city no longer ran through Alberta Street because of the various freeways being built. This caused even more destitution in the area.

Soon the residential area became as well off as the commercial district. In the 1970s, the entire district was in ruins. The people in the area were economically unstable and could not make house repairs. Many houses became dilapidated and were eventually vacated. On each block, there were at least two vacated homes and all the others were devastatingly in ruins.

Between the 70s until the late 80s, crime and drugs was an extreme problem and police tended to ignore the problem because it was consolidated to one area. Police would not enter the area because the problem was consolidated. At the end of the 80s, Portland saw the large problem they has in the Albina district and decided to take action.