1990s to Present

Portland began seeing a real problem in the area during the 80s at the height of its crime. Alberta Street started developing a bad name for being a rough part of town. So in 1989, Portland took action to help turn around the area. Portland Officials ended up creating the North/NorthEast development task force to help start up businesses in the district. By the early 90s, many new businesses began, including several coffee shops and a cycling center. A greater police presence was also seen in the area around this time. As well, the Sabin Community Development Corporation was formed to help build low income housing and help the residences in the community to revitalize their homes. There were also a variety of CDC (Community Development Corporations) started at this time to help the housing situation.

Realators also helped the rising boom in the area. The increased property value by 10 to 20 percent in an 8 year time by naming the area: “The Alberta Art District.” By creating a new image for the district, artisans began going to the area because of the cheaper prices in housing and the close proximity to downtown.

Residences and local owners are now working hard to keep the crime down and the area nice for new comers to help revitalize the commercial and residential areas of the community. There has been a great change in the past hundred plus years. Alberta is now a safe area for people to come shop and live.