

HAND Board Meeting 3/20/12

Introductions

Crime Prevention: Officer Yi reviews crime statistics

Announcements:

1. 23 new trees were planted this weekend in Ladd's Addition
2. City Budget Forum on 3/21
3. New Seasons will be doing a cleanup in April in ten blocks in all directions of the store, and are inviting other businesses to join
4. Wendy's street had their first Emergency Preparedness meeting

Requests for Events

1. Doggie Dash: Uses Esplanade, there has been an issue in past of droppings being left
2. Spring Car Classic: Uses Clay St
3. Filmed by Bike: Events for four nights at Clinton St Theater opening April 13. Representatives are here to describe the event
4. START Heart Walk (American Heart Association): Uses Esplanade
5. Portland Housing Bureau's program for tax exemptions for buildings that contain affordable housing and community amenities has identified Belmont, Hawthorne, Division, and Powell as possible new zones. Community responses may be given online.

Community Issues

1. Light Rail Update, Jennifer Koozer: Construction is starting above water and in SE Portland. Graphics of the planned station and other resources are available online. The quiet zone means trains will not be required to sound horns at crossings. There will be detours around Powell crossings.
2. Construction at Chavez and Harrison Sewer Project, Marie Wright: part of citywide sewer rehabilitation project. It will go on for 1 year starting this fall. There will be a road closure on Chavez. A survey has been mailed to 4,800 addresses for community feedback on construction plans.
3. Skate Park at Powell Park, Colin Sharp: The project will be underway in Brooklyn neighborhood in collaboration with Portland Parks and Rec and raising funds. Site is being selected. No trees or other structures in the park will be impacted.
4. Update on meetings with Safeway, Mike. Neighbors are continuing to negotiate a "Communication Plan" (in lieu of a "Good Neighbor Agreement" per Safeway's preference) and a security plan. Particular concerns are alcohol sale issues, the bottle return, and traffic patterns. They are meeting with Safeway again in April.
5. Update on Comp Plan, Linda N: April 13 City Council Hearing. Info is online.

6. Piccolo Park Fountain, Amy: Fiscal sponsorship through Portland Parks Foundation, \$4,150 in donations and match funds received. Sunshine Tavern will be hosting an evening for donating a proportion of food sales.
7. Pocket Park, possible new grant opportunity, Amy: There has been contact with a group with specializes in providing funds to create 'sanctuary' spaces, which might be interested in 19th St. The grant would be due in June.
8. Ladd Circle Safety, Linda: Group will meet to decide whether or how to communicate results or recommendations to PBOT.
9. Designation of Hawthorne, Division Belmont as eligible for Tax Credits:

Board Issues

1. HAND Website, Amy: Web and email service was successfully moved to a local company, Solid Technology. Contact Amy with questions or issues, or to contribute to the site.
2. Clean Up, Bill: Posters and yard signs have been designed. SEUL has not yet provided final decisions on the funds that will be available. Sign up to volunteer if available on 4/21. Shredding will not be offered. SEUL insurance will not cover volunteers; waiver will be prepared.
3. Cleveland Jazz Band, Marilee: They are interested in playing before the May meeting