

## HAND Board Meeting 5/15/12

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Board Members Present: Alex Bassos (AB), Carolyn Brock (CB), Linda Nettekoven (LN), Joanne Stainbrook (JS), Lindsey McBride (LM), Dave Kaplan (DK), Marilee Tillstrom (MT), Jonathan Warmflash (JW), Amy Lewin (AW), Sue Pearce (SP), Matthew Masini (MM)

### Elections

- A slate of board members was nominated for a 2 year term. The slate included MT, DK, SP, LN, Bill Crawford and Linda Schmoltd.
  - SP moved for approval, LN seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- The HAND liaison to SEUL position is vacant. The call for a volunteer was made for this important position. It will go unfilled for now.
- The HAND article in the SE Examiner will need a new author with Wendy Kunkel leaving the board. DK volunteered to write up the monthly blurb in the publication.

### Hawthorne Civic Ecology Project

- LN gave a briefing on this project. It is focused on sustainability in the 5 neighborhoods along Hawthorne. HBBA is involved with this project as well. The first event will be held 5/19 and the second event will be held on 6/7 at St. David.

### 17<sup>th</sup> & Powell Walkway Closure

- The walkway over the train tracks at 17<sup>th</sup> & Powell will be closed on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Some art will be going up in the area and MT had some pictures of the artwork as it is currently being developed.

### Pocket Park Update

- LN gave a brief update on the Pocket Park grant that will be focusing on making the area a respite space. The grant application needs SEUL sponsorship.
  - SP made a motion to ask HAND to support a SEUL sponsorship for the grant application. DK seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

### Piccolo Park Fountain Update

- Amy Lewin provided an update on the fundraising efforts. To date, over \$8,000 has been raised. The money has been turned over and the fountain is scheduled for installation in July.
- A plaque will be commissioned and installed to commemorate all donors who gave \$1,000 or more.
- The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on 7/28 @ 9AM.

## Introductions

- Board members and visitors introduced themselves and their respective HAND residence locations.

## Large Conversation on HAND in the Next 10 Years

- Matt Wickstrom from the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability lead a long conversation on the future of the HAND neighborhood and its nearby areas.
- Matt used the Portland Plan as a base for conversation noting the goals and features that the city had agreed to as part of the vision.
- There will be big changes between 30<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> on Division Street. Large apartment complexes will be going up. Inner PDX apartment vacancy rates are among the lowest in the nation. What will all that look like as far as parking, etc?
- MT wondered aloud about Fremont and their commercial districts. With gentrification, many small businesses will be forced out. Has the city put any thought into that?
- LN & AL commented on the seeming inequality with the System Development Charges. They currently don't seem to be re dedicated to the areas in which they were pulled out. Randy Rappaport had mentioned in the past the large amount of SDC he was forced to pay for his building at 26<sup>th</sup> and Division. And then Parks said they couldn't pay for a water fountain at Piccolo Park. It doesn't seem to make sense.
- The Clinton St Max Station was brought up as another area that people are curious to see develop. Wickstrom believed that with the zoning as it is currently set up, it will not be changing to much in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Notes taken and typed up by Matthew Masini.