

# Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood Development

Meeting minutes for: **September 18, 2012**

Paulist Center – St. Phillip Neri Parrish

Prepared by David Kaplan, Secretary

Sue Pearce [SP]	<b>X</b>	Bill Crawford [BC]	<b>X</b>
David Kaplan [DK]	<b>X</b>	Matthew Masini [MM]	<b>X</b>
Joanne Stainbrook [JS]	<b>X</b>	Marilee Tillstrom [MT]	<b>X</b>
Linda Nettekoven [LK]	<b>X</b>	Linda Schmoltdt [LS]	
Alex Bassos [AB]		Carolyn Brock [CB]	<b>X</b>
Justin Cloyd [JC]	<b>X</b>	Rusty Weise [RW]	<b>X</b>
Amy Lewen			

Board Members

Attending:

Meeting called to order by SP at 7:04pm

Scheduled regular briefing by Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) not provided. NRT officer was not available.

## Minutes

Minutes of the July 2012 meeting were proposed for approval. **Approval moved by RW and seconded by JC. Approval of minutes passed unanimously with abstentions by DK and CB who did not attend the July meeting.**

## Firehouse 21

Chief Glenn Eisner of the Portland Fire Bureau presented information about plans for construction of a new fire station to replace Fire House 21 on the east side of the Willamette River at the foot of the Hawthorne Bridge. The existing fire station will be demolished and replaced with a new expanded facility that will also include two boat houses for the Fireboat Campbell and a rapid water rescue boat. The current building is inadequate to house an expanded crew, and has been judged to be seismically unstable. The expansion will enhance response capability for the east side as well as the downtown core by street and by water.

Construction plans call for a new building on the same footprint as the current building. The Katz Esplanade will not be impacted, and will be kept open during construction with some detours and traffic control implemented. Models show two boat houses at the end of the existing pier. Public access to the pier will be maintained for much of the pier, and the design will allow the public to see the boats while moored in the boat houses.

Plans call for construction to begin in the summer of 2012. Pilings for the dock will be installed on 2Q13 with completion of the project scheduled for 4Q14. Funding will be provided by the Public Safety bond passed by voters. *(Secretary note: On September 19, City Council refused a request by the Fire Bureau to sell property on the west side which was to generate proceeds for partial funding of this project. We do not know if this will delay the proposed project scope or schedule. DK).* **No Board Action Required**

### **Communications Plans**

Rusty Weise (Communications Chair) is exploring options for email distribution for internal Board business as well as general community. Options include:

- Use existing Rise-Up mail services. This option is unable to process large file attachments, but requires the lowest level of conversion and maintenance work.
- Migrate to a Google-Base 3<sup>rd</sup> party mail application (gmailinglist.com). This is a free (for now) service that would require some set-up time. This would tie to Google's Calendar application, and consolidate all communications in one application/service.
- Subscribe to CONSTANT CONTACT to maintain email services. This would require less administration but would cost between \$150 to \$200 per year.

Rusty will continue to research options and will return with recommendation at October meeting. **No Board Vote Required. Schedule follow up in October.**

### **Priorities Conversation**

Dave Kaplan facilitated a conversation with all in attendance concerning HAND priorities for meeting agendas, volunteer commitments, advocacy and budget requests. The exercise asked each person attending to “multi-vote” for their priority issues. While conversation is not meant to exclude board action on other projects, we hope to focus on the five issues that will have the highest impact on the neighborhood.

Responses fell into xx categories. While many issues cross multiple categories, the first “high level” breakdown of comments were distributed as follows:

- Environment and Sustainability 12
- Traffic and Transportation (including transit) 11
- Planning and Development 11
- Affordable Housing / Homelessness 7
- Neighborhood Communications and Outreach 6
- Emergency Preparedness 4
- Parks 3
- Schools 3
- Arts 1
- Good Neighbor Agreements 1

**No Board vote required. Follow up scheduled for October**

### **Hawthorne Ecology Project**

Linda Nettekoven reported on several projects being addressed by the HEP. They are supporting the Garden of Wonders project at Abernethy school. The group is also developing a “Green Features Map” of the HAND neighborhood including food, tree canopy, gardens, and EV charging stations. The Mayor’s office contributed \$700 to match local contributions to produce the first draft. SP asked that the map be expanded to include all of HAND’s southern reach. **No Board Action Required**

### **Other Announcements**

Funding has been approved for the **Clinton to the River** trail segment which will parallel the Orange Line MAX project. Funding will come from System Development Charges as development occurs.(SP)

Tri-met is reviewing development proposals for a long narrow space at the Clinton St. MAX station (BC)

St. David’s will hold a work party to build a bio-swale and rain garden on 9/22 and 9/30 from 12-3. (LN)

The Central East Side Parking Management group is convening to review options for parking controls from 12<sup>th</sup> to the river. (SP)

Other items for future discussion: HAND gateway sign, LARDO GNA

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

