

Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood Development

Meeting minutes for: **October 16, 2012 - Approved November 20, 2012**

Prepared by David Kaplan, Secretary

Sue Pearce [SP]	X	Bill Crawford [BC]	X
David Kaplan [DK]	X	Matthew Masini [MM]	
Joanne Stainbrook [JS]	X	Marilee Tillstrom [MT]	X
Linda Nettekoven [LK]		Linda Schmoldt [LS]	X
Alex Bassos [AB]		Carolyn Brock [CB]	X
Justin Cloyd [JC]	X	Amy Lewin [AL]	X

Attending:

Meeting called to order by SP at 7:03.

NRT Presentation

Officer Leo Yee reported on crime activity in HAND neighborhood. Most activity involved car prowls occurring along commercial streets; Often involving visitors to local bars and restaurants on the way home from work. Officer Yee encouraged visitors to put computers and valuables in their trunk before arriving and parking. Thieves seem to be observing visitors while securing valuables, and breaking in to cars and trunks while the owner is visiting.

Officer Yee also reported that Piccolo Park is now attracting homeless campers. This is a trend that he hope will be discouraged. He urged neighbors to call the non-emergency police phone number (503.823,3333) if camping is observed. ***NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED***

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CB moved and AL seconded a motion to approve September minutes with amendments to address minor clerical errors. ***MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

Central City 2035 Plan

Troy Doss from the City's Planning Bureau presented a status report on the Central City 2035 Plan which will result in an update zoning and development plans framed by the 1988 Comprehensive Plan. This multi-year effort recognizes that the past 25 years have created a new economic environment, and new opportunities which can be addressed by zoning, economic development, transportation, and urban renewal policies. The core district roughly includes the downtown area, and east side neighborhoods bordered by the Lloyd District, Powell Blvd, and SE 12th Avenue. This core district has been divided into four quadrants. The HAND neighborhood will be addressed beginning in 3Q13 and continuing through 2014. Major opportunities in the HAND neighborhood include the "triangle" district north of Powell and anchored by MAX stations at Clinton and OMSI.

The Willamette River will be a major focus of planning with hopes of removing barriers, and encouraging more commercial, recreation, restaurant, and habitat development. The Central Eastside Industrial District will not see major changes other than development along the streetcar corridors. Amy Lewin is the board's representative to the process, and we expect to see further involvement as the SE quadrant is addressed by the plan. ***NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.***

Transit Corridor Development Projects

Jeff Deiss (resident from 2200 SE Clay St.) is concerned about the continuing development of apartment buildings along Hawthorne (and Division) that do not provide parking for residents. He is also very concerned about the loss of two historic buildings at 27th (on the North side in the Buckman Neighborhood). The concern is on the rapid development of multiple projects with the potential of adding hundreds of new units in ten block area. The city will hold a hearing on November 13 to address these projects in

various neighborhoods. The issue generated much discussion. A sample of the comments follow (paraphrased):

“Resisting the new developments and advocating for more amenities and parking for cars is in conflict with HAND’s adopted goal of carbon neutrality. If we go on record in opposition to these developments, we should re-visit that earlier commitment”

“If these projects are bringing more residents to the neighborhood, we need to advocate for more amenities like open spaces, schools, and libraries.”

“We should attend the hearing and advocate for more developer incentives to renters to encourage transit, biking, and car sharing”

Parking adds to the cost of these projects, and is in conflict with goals of affordable housing.

“We need more architectural variety”

“Affordable 3 and 4 bedroom units are needed for low income families”

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“We should be sensitive regarding neighborhood livability and the concerns of existing residents, who are the ones most adversely affected by the developments (renters/buyers of units should know what is provided by the development before they lease/buy). Experiences of people who live near newly completed developments, and anticipatory concerns reported during a recent City Council meeting include difficulty accessing transport/home by those with limited mobility, streets narrowed to a single lane by parking on both sides, difficulty of access by emergency vehicles, others”.

“Cars will not go away completely; there will always be a need by people who use them in their work, need them d/t limitations of mobility, others.”

“While the long-range goal is right-minded, for all the reasons above, and acknowledging that the ordinance that allows the current development has been on the was created in 1988, the recent spate of developments is creating an abrupt change for which many are unprepared.”

The chair entertained a motion to propose a moratorium on these development projects until their impacts can be better understood. No motion was offered. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED. INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND TESTIFY AT THE NOVEMBER 13 HEARING.**

Lardo Good Neighbor Agreement

The owners of Lardo Restaurant at 12th and Hawthorne approached HAND to ask for help in crafting a Good Neighbor Agreement. SP solicited input from immediate neighbors. An agreement was proposed that limits outside operations to daytime and evening (before 10:00pm) hours. Lardo will prevent late night use of their outside tables by customers of the food carts across Hawthorne. **BC MOVED ADOPTION OF GNA. CB SECONDED. RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Announcements

Rusty Weise has resigned from the Board. Position of Communications VP is now open. Rusty will complete research on email/outreach platform.

SP will remain as representative to Central Eastside Industrial District council.

Liz Potter (New Seasons) announced that New Seasons will sponsor a neighborhood cleanup on 10/23. Store will also donate \$1 per burrito sold to support Abernethy Garden of Wonders.

AL announced that the Garden of Wonders fund raising dinner will be held on 11/3.

BC announced that proposals have been received for the development opportunity at Clinton MAX Station.

JS announced that the results of the tree inventory will be released at the Tree Summit at St. John's Comm Ctr on 11/10.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00

Next Meeting will be on November 20 at 7:00 pm. Paulist Center at St, Phillip Neri at 16th and Division.

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