

# Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood Development

Meeting minutes for: **NOVEMBER 20, 2012** Approved January 15, 2013

Prepared by David Kaplan, Secretary

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Linda Nettekoven [LK]	<b>X</b>	Linda Schmoldt [LS]	
Alex Bassos [AB]		Carolyn Brock [CB]	
Justin Cloyd [JC]	<b>X</b>	Amy Lewin [AL]	

Attending:

At 7:00 pm, a quorum was not present. Informational discussions proceeded.

## **NRT Report**

Leo Yee from the Neighborhood Response Team (Portland Police Bureau) provided a short report about recent crime activity in HAND. A number of daylight home burglaries have been reported. He stressed that locking doors and securing windows can help prevent the easy break-ins.

Patrick Gracewood asked what can be done about night time noise from Lardo Restaurant. He complained that amplified music was played after 10:00. When he asked

Lardo to turn off the music he was ignored. Offfcer Yee suggested contacting the noise enforcement staff with the city. DK suggested that we contact Lardo in the context of the Good Neighbor Agreement signed in October.

## **Portland Milwaukie Light Rail**

Jennifer Koozer reported on up-coming disruptions to traffic on Powell Blvd. Six nights of barrier demolition will constrict traffic on Powell. Discussion turned to the sidewalk design, with concerns raised about safety. Jennifer reported that the design will include enhanced lighting. She also presented photographs of the bike/dinosaur art work that will be installed on the abutment wall.

## **HAND Priorities Discussion**

A summary of the priorities conversation was presented to the board (see appendix). DK led a discussion of what action steps would be needed to address the areas of density, development, traffic, and transit that were the clear priorities of the board. With the Portland Plan and the Comprehensive Plan in progress, we have a once in a generation opportunity to impact decisions. Currently, LN has been representing HAND in most of these conversations. Our challenge is to be proactive in getting the language we want in these documents so that policy decisions will support our goals of sustainability and quality of life issues. We also must advocate for amenities which can mitigate the impacts of density (e.g. open space, community center). LN was asked to identify projects and “touch points” with the planning process that could use additional attention and way to spread the workload among more HAND volunteers.

Quorum attained. Meeting called to order

## **Minutes for October 1012 Meeting**

*DK moved and BC seconded the approval of the October minutes as amended. Motion approved unanimously with LN abstaining.*

## **Thanksgiving Meal**

Meg Eberle from St. Phillip Neri presented the plans for the community Thanksgiving dinner at the parish. The focus is a community meal for the homeless as well as anyone else who would like to come. Meg reported that last year, a mix of people from various

backgrounds made this a successful event. New Seasons is providing most of the food, but donations are needed to help defray some of their costs. ***MT moved that HAND donate \$100 to the dinner project. The motion passed unanimously.***

## **HAND Tree inventory**

JS reported on the data compiled by the Parks Bureau Tree Inventory project. Several volunteers walked every street in HAND and documented each tree noting location, species, size, and general health. The data are available on-line in table form or as an interactive GIS map. The information will be used to identify locations for future plantings. SAVE OUR ELMS will also use the data to track tree loss, pruning, and inoculation activities in efforts to slow Dutch Elm Disease.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

## Notes on HAND Priorities Conversation held September 18, 2012

During the HAND monthly meeting, board members and attending neighbors held a brainstorming session to discuss the priority issues for the board to consider during the coming year. While these issues do not exclude other topics or emerging issues from efforts, the intent of the exercise is to understand where community interest lies, and focus our time and financial resources to those purposes.

Each person attending was asked to “multivote” for their five top issues. These issues were categorized into several broad topics, and each person explained their votes.

These are the raw results of that exercise. The topics are sorted in rank order by their combined interest. There are no “bright lines” between some of these topics, and certainly they are inter-related. Discussions of housing needs will also need to address density, traffic, transit, and parking.

### DEVELOPMENT (12)

- Historic Resources
- Compatible infill
- Compatible infill character.
- Design quality of commercial corridors using green space & common areas
- “Sharing neighborhood through development regulations
- Planning – Plan ahead for housing, traffic, mixed use
- DENSITY!
- Density, parking, buildings
- New project guidelines. What guidelines CAN we support?
- New MAX line
- Support for local business
- Ladd’s Addition Preservation

### TRANSIT – TRAFFIC (11)

- Create car free streets for bikes
- Promote cycling and transit
- Minimize car traffic (planning)
- Bicycle parking, corridors, accommodation in new development
- Traffic and parking issues
- What will we name the bridge? Will we have a say?
- Traffic – living with MAX line. New underpass
- Noise/Truck traffic in neighborhoods
- Traffic Management in Cleveland HS area, transit, alternate
- Transit incentives
- Incentivising non-auto modes, Fix Ladd Circle

### ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY (10)

- Coal trains – what can neighborhood do?
- Coal trains / barges
- Reduce carbon footprint – How does this guide us in issues like developments with no parking
- Home energy efficiency and upgrade seminars and workshops (build networks SEPTL – Hammer&Hand)
- HACE neighborhood oriented sustainability projects- driveway parking – neighborhood gardens
- Air quality, limiting diesel, stop coal, light aircraft (leaded fuel)
- HACC project, reduce carbon footprint, green spaces
- NESTLE water grab in Cascade Locks
- Tree team, neighborhood plan, stewards
- Urban Canopy

### OUTREACH (7)

- Hand/Richmond boundaries?
- Block party realization: Our neighborhood is without kids
- Continue efforts at Block Connector
- Greater outreach to community
- Solicit for board members
- What about invisible populations, minorities, seniors
- Ongoing connector, Strong ties with business, reaching out to invisible neighbors

### HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS (6)

- Affordable housing, mixed level housing

- Blend old and new housing, avoid tearing down large areas
- Affordability from homelessness to family size units – lots of options with lots of price points
- Transient population close to schools
- Affordable Housing
- Housing for mixed income

### **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE (5)**

- Parks, open space, community gardens
- 19<sup>th</sup> St (Avalon) pocket park – development, maintenance
- Community spaces, pocket park, meeting facilities
- Increase park space – Taylor Electric site?
- Amplify network for artists – First Friday
- Neighborhood Watch, Block Captains
- Emergency Prep x3

### **SCHOOLS (4)**

- Outreach – history programs for Abernethy
- Build stronger relationships to schools (volunteer / job shadow)
- Abernethy Garden of Wonders – maintain current program and expand to Hosford
- Support for Abernethy School

### **OTHER (2)**

- Push for library in neighborhood
- Standardized GNA – work w/ police and legislature

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## **SUMMARY**

Of the 63 “votes” cast, nearly half (29) were focused on the stresses created by development pressures in the HAND neighborhood. The nature of the comments (in general) were steered toward seeking strategies to direct the change in a way that preserves a diverse, family-oriented neighborhood with support systems in place to make the denser neighborhood attractive and efficient. This cluster of concerns clearly defines the on-going priorities of HAND. A strong role in defining public policy for development, transportation, and amenities (schools, parks, etc) is suggested.

Sustainability and environmental issues should be an important element of HAND advocacy. Our role could also expand beyond advocacy and education to facilitate “green” neighborhood initiatives where appropriate.