

HAND Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT Nov. 19

Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District Association (HAND)

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Coral Egnew [CE]		Leo Yi [Y]	
Cynthia Prevatte [CP]		John Spencer [JS]	

Attending:

Tuesday, November 19 7:00 PM

St. Philip Neri Church Paulist Center, St Paul Room
2408 SE 16th Avenue (and Division)

LANDUSE: 6:30 PM

BOARD MEETING: 7:02

PM Call to order and Introductions

[LY]: Thing are alright. Larcenies and theft are up, especially from vehicles. Car thefts are up. More burglaries than in the past. Vandalisms up as well. Are there any specific concerns about vandalism?

[BC]: What specific is being done to curb vandalism?

[LY]: Some things are being done – the police bureau understands that inner southeast is having trouble with vandalism. There are resources being put into solving the problem. But we cannot announce specific plans publically.

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- [PC]: The question that's come up has been how can we, as a community, help to solve the problem?
- [LK]: The letter that we wrote seemed to increase public understanding that the problem is being solved.
- [MS]: Is there a way to make the police more conspicuous?
- [LY]: There are strategies being implemented. I can't give specifics.
- [DK]: Likely, we will solve the problems by individuals being aware and catching the vandals by chance. We can increase our chances of doing this by keeping porch lights on, and being aware of what's happening outside at night.
- [LY]: Dogs especially are a good way to detect vandals outside.
- [MS]: Bicyclist seem hard to catch.
- [LY]: The more information we can get, the better chance we have of catching a bicyclist. The more information the better.
- [LN]: Given that we're all concerned with tire slashing and vandalism, usually when there is an increase in larceny, it's because there is a drug house. Do we have any idea about if there may be one?
- [LY]: I'm not a detective and I'm not privy to all of the information.
- [LN]: We suspect that it's at least two individuals in our neighborhood. Can we get any more people focused on the theft side of things?
- [LY]: That's probably a question to ask Sergeant Brian Hughs. He's got a full plate and limited resources to decide where to prioritize.
- [MS]: Is there a dollar amount to larceny?
- [LY]: Anything can be reported. A theft is a theft. You can report thefts online.
- [MS]: One of the issues we have is the development of Southeast 11th and 12th, which has been changed from a warehouse district to bars. We are getting more noise at night – so we call and there aren't the resources to get police support. Do these calls help solve the situation? Is it counted in any statistic?
- [LY]: This is a problem better solved by the neighborhood response team. The response team has the resources to put pressure on local establishments like bars. I'm not sure about whether it is included in any crime statistic.
- [BC]: This might go hand in hand with the pot smoking issue.
- [LY]: The bench seating is an open invitation to homeless people. Lodge your complaints to the High School administration.
- [CP]: We've posted rules at the site to try and establish authority to tell people to leave.
- [LY]: If there's somebody of authority at the site, with a trespass agreement, it's up to the person there to solve the problem.
- [MS]: There a car service based in Iowa that have people stowed in the hatch of vehicles. Is there any way we can solve the problem?
- [LY]: That problem is likely going to fall short of what we can solve. Have there been problems with homeless camping in the new Powell underpass?

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- [CE]: No, not underneath, but there have been problems up at the grassy knoll.
- [BC]: Coral, what's new?
- [CE]: The big overpass is new! The Gideon street crossing came down last week, the Brooklyn skate spot has been completely removed. That was a late addition to our scope of the demolition. The Clinton Street Station is starting to take shape. The signals at 11th, 12th and Gideon should be coming up early next year. December or January. The Powell undercrossing was opened because the Gideon street crossing was taken down. There's temporary lighting there now. The west segment of the new Willamette Bridge is further along than the east segment. Now is the last opportunity for naming the bridge. I have no clue what the name might be. In the HAND neighborhood, there isn't as much activity as I would like, but we're seeing a lot of progress in Miluakie and McLoughlin.
- [BC]: Is there a date for when they'll reveal the artwork in the underpasses?
- [CE]: We will reveal it as soon as we're sure we can protect it from vandalism.
- [MS]: Are the people on the other side of the Gideon crossing being updated?
- [CE]: We've been working to make sure people have clear crossings across the railroad.
- [BC]: Next item, what is happening with the Powell triangle?
- [JS]: Stacy and Witbeck currently owns the Powell triangle. We're going to be starting a process to start to look at what new building might look like on that sight. There is a brick sewer that moves under some of the buildings. We're looking at the possibility of looking at trying to get access into the sight from 17th. We're also looking at getting a full signaled crossing at 13th. We're thinking of trying to get a pedestrian crossing over the railroad at 13th. This intersection doesn't look like it's going to be great for bikers and pedestrians. Moving Gideon into the middle of the development site allows for building faces to go inward and have street access. It could be a cool place. We have to possible building schemes, one with the support of the Fire Department and other owned land, and the other just with our land.
- [MS]: This is just a proposal though, there are no current plans to replace the Gideon bridge?
- [CE]: It's on a list for a put back budget, but for now it doesn't look very promising.
- [JS]: If it gets put back, it will likely involve many sources. We think it's really important that that project be kept alive. It would be almost impossible to replace or move the giant pipe under the property. Stacy and Wootback (?) would like to buy the whole property from the city. We'll be working with an architect along with a fourth and fifth year studio from U of O's studio in Portland. They will be designing a building in this area.

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- [PC]: Is the shipping container building just a proposal at this point?
- [BC]: If they get there stuff together, it *will* happen.
- [JS]: Currently the structures are unreinforced and house the fire department's emergency earthquake equipment. The key is talking to the right people at the fire bureau. There could be up to a million square feet of development on the property, there is a big development opportunity.
- [BC]: Next on the agenda is the idea to put up some murals along the alignment of the light rail.
- [Spencer]: I noticed that there are many tagged and vandalized places in the area. In north Portland, we turned an old industrial building that was continually tagged into something beautiful. Building that get tagged will get tagged again even if you remove the vandalism, the buildings that we have painted murals on have not gotten tagged however. The Ford Building has been tagged pretty regularly. We're looking into painting a mural where the graffiti takes place. There are numerous buildings and walls that could be transformed in the neighborhood.
- [MS]: Mirador up the street, the city tried to have them paint over the mural.
- [Spencer]: If we did it we would get permits and go through the proper channels.
- [BC]: What sort of cooperation do you need with Michael Tevis?
- [Spencer]: He sees the value of it – the point is that any building that we put a mural on, we need to have the support of the wall's owner.
- [DK]: There may be a little trouble with the railroad. We ought to be prudent about going forward, we are not primarily a fundraising organization.
- [Spencer]: We are going to be relying on funding from many places.
- [BC]: How much does a project like this cost?
- [Spencer]: A wall like on the Ford building, because they are so big, might cost twenty or thirty thousand.
- [MS]: Does the Ford building have historical designation?
- [Spencer]: The part where the mural would go is an add on, and thus does not have historic designation.
- [LN]: Who has the say of what goes on the wall?
- [Spencer]: Three people: the owner of the building, RACC (Regional Arts and Cultural Center), and then the artist. The Mississippi mural had community input and input from the maintenance bureau. Anything that shows that a building is cared for reducing vandalism. I'd like to have HAND support and sponsorship.
- [BC]: What is your timeline?
- [Spencer]: First we'd need approval from the wall owner and then I'd ask for a letter for support from HAND and others in the area.

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September minutes passed by unanimous consent with Paul Colman abstention.

- [MS]: We need a mechanism for knowing what the current year's cash flow is.
[DK]: Our thinking is that if we're doing something that is a bigger priority or bigger expenditure, we will require board consent. If a project came along, we certainly could initiate fundraising in that year to do it. I'd like to protect the nest egg. Keep a general fund available for when we need it.
[DK]: I want to have a document and a policy for how money goes out. It should be understood that we're not a source of funding. That is not our primary mission.
[PC]: Can we have a list of things that we've given money to in the past two years?
[DK]: We can get that through the financial reports.
[BC]: What is next for the funding discussion?
[DK]: We need some clarification, I think. I'll try to put together some literature on our policy for funding.
- [DK]: I'd like to buy advertising in the Clarion.
[GG]: I'll put together a proposal for next month.

[LP]: This is the last week for the Children's Book Bank's Book Harvest at all New Seasons Markets. Donate any gently used books your kids are no longer using and they will go to deserving children in the Portland Public School District. 3rd Annual Dinner For SE Homeless, a partnership between St Philip Neri and New Seasons Market Seven Corners, will take place from 11AM – 1PM in Carvlin Hall on Thanksgiving Day. This year we are also inviting families in our area who may be down on their luck and not have the resources to provide a holiday dinner for their family. Please help us spread the word in the community. Hawthorne Holiday Stroll will be Saturday Dec 7th all along the boulevard. Join us in supporting small, local businesses!

- [LN]: The annual tree planting is coming up. Work between neighborhood associations. They can use help at 7. They can also use help with the breakfast and the lunch that they have for the people involved with planting. There is an opportunity emerging for an application for PSU environmental planning to get students to work on some sustainability projects for the Hawthorne area. They recommend that we pursue working with the central Eastside to increase number of trees, solar power use, etc.
[BC]: Where is the Holiday Party going to be at?

Holiday Party: Linda's House
Third Tuesday, at the regular time. December 17.

- [PC]: BIKE LANES three meetings so far, progress is being made.

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Meeting adjourned.