

HAND Board Meeting Minutes – Final & Approved - March 2014

Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District Association (HAND)

Sue Pearce (SP)	X	Bill Crawford [BC]	X
David Kaplan [DK]	X	Griffin Gonzales [GG]	X
Joanne Stainbrook (JS)	X	Marilee Tillstrom [MT]	X
Linda Nettekoven [LN]	X	Paul Coleman [PC]	X
Patrick Vinograd [PV]	X	Liz Potter [LP]	X
Leo Yee (Police Dept)	X	Coral Egnew (Trimet)	X
Amy Lewin (past Board member)	X	Suzanne Kahn (PBOT)	X
Michael Tevis (Ford Dist)	X	Michelle Sprague (neighbor)	X
Suzanne Gruner (neighbor)	X	Nathan Lamb (PSU student observer)	X
Greydon Miller (neighbor)	X	Maria & Steve Cahill (neighbors)	X
Craig Miller (neighbor)	X	Steve & _____ Fadel (neighbors)	X

Board Members

Attending:

Visitors

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LANDUSE: 6:30 PM

BOARD MEETING: 7:03 PM

(SP) Call to order and Introductions

(LN) Approval of Feb. Minutes - postponed, need to be sent out for input

(DK) Treasurer's Report - no \$ spent. JS moved to approve, LN seconded

Announcements:

(LN) Design Initiative - 1st Overall Meeting will be 3/27, will be attended by our reps, Linda and Amy. Also a meeting Friday 3/21 w/ Joe Zehnder, Head Planner w/City, and Anne Dufay, Executive Director of SE Uplift, to focus on infill, demolition, cross coalition.

Police Report - Officer Leo Yee:

[LY]: Car prowls still a problem - on Hawthorne Blvd. and around adjacent neighborhoods. Items left in cars need to be fully hidden. Bikes are targets. Record serial numbers for all items of value to increase possibility of identification and eventual recovery. Burglaries - Most reported are on Friday/Saturday evenings between 7-11PM; have had several in SE 20th/Harrison area with suspects spending time in resident's homes, packing items to take. Officer Yee suggests residents leave radio and some lights on when going out.

They are getting more of a handle on homeless camps, especially under ramps on lower Division, many of which are now cleaned up and gone. Springwater Corridor in our area has been swept and appears to be all clear now from Ivon to 39th. Under I-5, ODOT has placed large boulders to to prevent or at least discourage camps being built.

(AL) Amy asked about new policing policy she had heard about?

(LY) Yes, new model "NIOLOC" (Neighborhood Involvement Locations) will concentrate on officer to person contact in known hot spots w/ "15 minute visibility".

(MS) Michelle brought up her observation of immigrants lack of understanding of our systems, and also aggressive pet issues in her area of the neighborhood.

(LN) Linda added there is a street outreach beginning along Hawthorne Blvd.

(LP) Liz added she is on the Hawthorne Neighbors/Businesses Committee and has been told this sidewalk task force will begin April 1st, running through end of summer. Officers will be on foot and bike and will have high levels of people skills to deal with youth (who are most of the problem) and defining what is/is not acceptable behavior along Hawthorne sidewalks. This task force is called "SOLE" (Street Outreach Livability Enforcement).

(LY) Did not have any further information on that taskforce at this time but expressed interest in what we had to say, stating "you guys have been better informed than we have".

(MS) Michelle brought up once again a previous family disturbance around SE 13th area, asking Officer Yee if it would have been in the jurisdiction of the NIOLOC program - as in that area these are the most likely to occur?

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- (LY) Response was that it totally would depend on the specific circumstances. Each case is different. Some calls in some areas are considered “hot spots”, depending on what and where. He added that Officer Jovik can answer best if it would fall under NILOC.
- (MS) Michelle revisited the case last summer of a pit bull that was aggressive and asked how to best communicate with Animal Control?
- (LY) If occurrence is in daytime, call Animal Control. If in evening call police who will in turn notify Critter Gitter (?).

Trimet Report - Coral Egnew:

- (CE) New ped/transit bridge and SE Max project is now 70% complete and on target to open September 2015. Concentration now is on new Water Ave. to 11th transitway, basically this is where busses and Max exit the bridge and transition onto streets. Very large amount of concrete pouring will be necessary, to be finished at end of summer. Tracks will soon be turned over to Systems group for installation of poles and overhead wires.
- SE 17th/Powell south will be inaccessible for the next 1 ½ months, so recommended to use SE Milwaukie to Holgate to detour.
- Shelters are being installed in the station area which will add some light.
- Future bus service planning is happening now and comments from public are still being taken and compiled. The first draft of recommendations from this process should be out in approximately 1 month.
- April 16 is the date for the public announcement of new bridge name - will be unveiled in a gathering near OMSI, likely to be at 10 AM.
- There will be a safety outreach to educate drivers in immediate area how to deal with new vehicles they will encounter - details still to come.
- (?) Asked if the Division bus route will change.
- (CE) No, only routes south of Powell are subject to change.

PBOT - Street Maintenance - Suzanne Kahn:

- (LN & SP) Introduced her as Director of Maintenance Functions for City of Portland, including leaf removal and street sweeping
- (SK) Maintenance is 50% of total employees, 350 people in all. They clean up all city property, and when it comes to homeless camps, notices must be posted before police can move people out.
- She admits her department is not strong on communication but the intent is to improve and to engage in meaningful conversations.
- Copies of homepage of PBOT Webpage were handed out - from there can access schedules, district borders, comment links, surveys for how to fund and maintain transportation system.
- Leaf Removal:
- Established 30 years ago based on urban canopy then. Now is measured more by leaf drop and where there are collection issues. Good records of volume of removal have been kept for the last 4 years. Boundaries have changed some, based on increased or decreased number of trees.
- Dates are published - see link on website. Scheduling is done in prior March/April and staff are pulled from other assignments, like paving. There are 28 leaf districts and pickup is normally 11/1 through 12/15, although weather drives their timing, and this winter they just finished the Northwest district last week!
- All drivers also get snow/ice removal refresher course in October.

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- (AL) Amy observed that this year leaf removal started from the east but last year it was the opposite. She'd like to know what Plan B is if they don't finish on the scheduled day.
- (SP) Sue asked if an alternate side plan, like snow removal is in Govt. Camp, could be utilized?
- (SK) No, there is no notification of a makeup time in our area - only Sullivans Gulch and Goose Hollow have opted to set up a system for towing cars left parked on their streets during leaf pickup times, which was due to requests from their neighborhood associations. In those areas they did ticket and tow parked cars for the first time. This did incur an additional cost to them.
- (DK) Dave was told there is an "opt in" process but downside is there is only one pickup instead of two. He's also having trouble getting phone calls returned as we tried to do this also.
- (SK) To do this in the future we would need to decide in previous April (May at the latest) so could be incorporated in published schedule.
Discussion ensued about how these notices would go out. Problems due to not all resident's addresses on file, etc. No resolution to this.
- (JS) Joanne brought up water meters in Ladd's Addition alleyways that are sinking and creating potholes - who is responsible for these?
- (SK) Suggests calling Water Bureau to come out, inspect and hopefully fix, as alleys are Utilities' responsibility. However, other potholes there with no meters are homeowners responsibility. Transportation Hotline is 503-823-1700. She suggests to call them and they can transfer call to Water Bureau in necessary.
- (MT) Marilee asked who sweeps Powell Blvd?
- (SK) ODOT is responsible for Powell.
- (MT & SP) Further concern about flusher trucks spraying gunk to curbs but with too many cars parked and in the way it gets piled up and clogs drains and/or ends up in front of homes other than those with the trees which shed the leaves.
- (SK) She understands the concern but the idea is that once all the gunk is flushed to the curb, the sweeper will come along and sweep it all up - at least that is the plan!
- (SK) Explained that under their budget process, sweeping is the first to be cut. And debris pickup is 60% less than in the past. Permanent parking signage would cost \$1 million and would be spent
on what is considered to be a low-priority job. Possible alternative would be website posting of sweeper routes/days. She also mentioned all sweepers just got GPS installed.
- (?) _____ asked how trucks are de-watered? Had example of a truck dumping into a catch basin causing a big clog.
- (SK) She knows it is a big challenge with a big load, but she'll have to get back to us on how that is currently handled.
- (JS) Joanne asked about Adopt-a-Street Program?
- (SK) No, but there is Adopt-a-Landscape!
- (?) How about Adopt-an-Alley!
- (MS) In her neighborhood everyone uses yard debris barrels.
- (SP) Sue had her leaves raked up and put in green barrels, but if sweeper comes along and blows them onto her curb then creates a bigger problem. She asked for a leaf pickup route schedule.

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- (SK) Call 503-823-1700 to try to get leaf distribution inclusion - they track volume of leaves, # of calls they get, flooding issues due to blockages, etc, but leaf fee doesn't cover expenses and budget constraints make it difficult to do more.

Committee Reports

May General Meeting:

- (SP) This is when we hold Board Elections, and some current board members are up for re-election. We also need a compelling program to attract more residents to attend.
- (PC) Paul suggests a transportation-oriented program, including Powell high capacity transit corridor, Division corridor, 20's Bikeway (300 people gave feedback at these recent meetings, so once info is compiled it could be included here).
- (SP) Sue asked who would be willing to be on a committee to put this together? The participants will be: Sue Pearce and Marilee Tillstrom.

Community Engagement Grant:

19th Street Pocket Park - Amy, Joanne and Linda are on this committee

- (AL) Amy reported many conversations have been had already. The goats are a no. She has reconnected with Rich Eisenhower from PBOT and folks from New Day School. He feels we could apply for a Landscape Adoption Grant. Also, the mayor is starting a project for making "alternative use of right of way" that could be applicable this summer. There are several options for cleanup of the space.
- (LN) Per Linda city budget work sessions start 3/31 - defending this effort would be time well spent!
- (AL) Cleanup between end of May and early June....is this realistic?

Piccolo Park plaques:

- (DK) Regarding the Informational Kiosk project: a feeler has been sent to Richard Ross, keeper of the Mt Hood Freeway archives, and also to Blaine Merker, who did a graduate thesis containing ideas for public art to remember the freeway that wasn't built and related public involvement. Had ideas put to paper and this is looking to be a very large project. It would tell the story in 4 locations: (1) at the new bridge (2) at the Ford Building (3) at New Seasons Market Seven Corners (4) at Piccolo Park. Additionally, maybe at Ivon Park (in Richmond NA), which would have been the interchange of Mt Hood Fwy w/ previous idea of where I-205 would have been located. Folks are excited about this but it is a very large project - still in brainstorming stage, wanting to meet w/ Blaine in San Francisco next week.
- (MT) Daughter is involved with comics and with one possible subject being "dead freeways". Overall the books are successful but the freeway book is selling especially well.
- (AL) Possibly something for summer only?
- (DK) Could we use funds for this?
- (DK) Ivon Park is on SE Sunday Parkways route this year.
- (SP) Where does this go from here?
- (DK) Community Engagement Grant due April 1st.
- (LN) Tell this story, bigger than just HAND, support from SE Uplift, rose from ashes of Mt Hood Fwy.
- (DK) This blew up the PDX machine!

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- (AL) \$800 set aside and Piccolo Park funds from Parks Foundation on hold - could we spend for kiosk and other temporary installs and build from that a Grant application? This could be the starting point.
 - (DK) Agreed to work on this project
 - (LN & BC) Also agreed
- Vote: 7 in favor, 1 abstention (Patrick)

Cleanup:

- (BC) Will be held on May 10th - solid date, with Hyberg Garbage Hauler confirmed. BES will reimburse yard debris part. Far West will take everything including hard plastic and hard Styrofoam.
- Other items not completely nailed down include having about \$75 to work with. Spielmans? Hopworks? Insurance coverage? Car wash - no, won't work.
- Asking everyone to sign up for times and to take the signs and put "May 10" stickers on them. Patrick will also store signs on his porch.
- This annual fundraiser is held at Cleveland High School parking lot.

Next Executive Meeting:

Next Tuesday 3/25 - location TBD - SP to confirm

Movies in the Park:

- (PC)) This year will be held Saturday August 16th, again at Sewallcrest Park. The movie will be Raising Arizona. Move to contribute \$200 out of communications budget. Seconded by Bill. All in favor - passed unanimously.

Other subjects:

- (SP) CEIC Quarterly Meeting will be April 8th @ Noon @ Helium. HAND is considered to be a member. Linda, Sue, and possibly Amy will attend.
- (SP) Rock 'n Roll Half-Marathon will be May 18th and many streets will be closed in HAND area.
- (SP) Home hair salon business located on 28th Place wrote to request HAND permission to continue due to being located in a single family home. Approval was given.
- (MT) Asked if anyone was moved in/living in big new house on 20th? It is designated a "single family home".
- (PC) Observed there has been lots of vandalism there.
- (NL) PSU student observer commented that he liked our involvement and concern with issues.

Meeting adjourned.

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