

Hand minutes for April 15 2014

Call to order. Approval of minutes:

February: Dave motion to accept; Liz seconded. Passed.

March: Dave to accept as amended; Linda seconded, passed as amended.

Treasurer report: no activity. Dave move to accept. Linda seconded, passed.

REPORTS:

Coral Agnew, TRIMET. Progress on Clinton station area:

17th Ave platforms almost ready, overhead wires, light-post wires in. Work at Gideon st. toward a signalized intersection. Bus service route. Contact still as planning, Still on for the August 2015 opening. Invite all to bridge-naming; 10 am Wednesday April 16.

Better Block: presented concept of a pop-up plaza at SE 26th and Clinton. "Temporary, community-built Placemaking". Closing streets, adding moveable planters, umbrellas, chairs. Bus and bikes would be rerouted. Not permanent, project would be cleared by appropriate agencies. Date not yet set. Will contact affected neighbors before returning to HAND with further report and request for letter of support.

Bike by Film: Kelly Stangl- Event April 19 on SE Clinton, SE 20th to 26th., closing those streets. from 1pm to 11pm for films and food. Free with bike parking for 300. A yearly event. Have contacted neighbors. Have had no complaints X several years.

ISSUES;

Claud Gilbert offered a plan to slow traffic on SE 12th and SE 11th between Hawthorne and Division. "We are in need of traffic slowing; especially at SE Harrison. Would a shared road way on both north south streets help?" Suggestions include: they get support for any idea from the biz on the streets. Ask AZ SAFE for a traffic count. Paint corners to slow traffic at SE Clay. Contact CEIC T-PAC (Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee)

Linda Nettekoven reported on RICAP 6: Regulatory Implement update to zoning codes, especially "short term rentals Airbnb. Chair suggests this needs own time for discussion. Concern: Airbnb's would take housing out of the long term marketplace...houses would be purchased as short term rentals only, with no owner presence. Houses become hotels in a single-family home zone. Not a stable situation. Linda moves to send a letter that. Hand requests the Airbnb zoning issue be pulled out of the RICAP 6 package for more review. Griffin seconds, passes.

Letters of support:

John Bradshaw of Portland Transmission requests support for street closing for annual car show. Agreed.

Hood-to-Coast Race promoters request letter of support. Runners will be traveling through HAND including use of the Eastbank Esplanade. The guidelines for use of the EBE prohibit competitive races. The proposed route, which has been used for several years, is safer and less disruptive than a previous route, and there have been no complaints about the use of this route. Chairs suggests motion for support and further suggests that motion include annual letters of support without HAND action as long as the route stays the same and there are no complaints. The board agreed on a similar plan regarding the annual request for support from John Bradshaw of Portland Transmission for street closures for annual car show.

Clean-Up. Bill reminds us of May 10 event, needs 2 shifts: 9 to 11:30 and 11:30 to 1. We are again using the CHS parking lot. Coffee and Bagels, bring own gloves.

May Meeting Agenda: Besides elections, we will have a brief overview of the politics of the Mount Hood freeway...and the ability and good fortune of not having it divide our neighborhood. Dave presented the plan for text for the Piccolo Park site that tells the origin of the park and its relationship to the proposed freeway. Later plan to add signing and text at pertinent locations on Clinton and Division to include West Clinton Community Garden, and perhaps as far west as the Ford Building. Funding as available.

Division Design Initiative: DDI Committee continues to meet on 4th Thursdays at SE Uplift from 6:30 to 8:30. Team of Urban Design Students is working with the DDI to lay ground work for a "design tool kit" that can be used by other neighborhoods in addition to those in inner Southeast. The urban design team is being led by Don Statsny and Ed Starkie who have worked with HAND on three prior student projects involving the Clinton Station Area. Students have also put together an online survey regarding the Division Corridor and the group is working with Architects for Humanity to build a few "idea boxes" to be placed along Division to collect comments about the future of the street. HAND reps to the DDI are Linda, Amy and Paul.

SEUL Community Engagement Grant: Dave has prepared a grant proposal on our behalf seeking funds to develop signage/art to tell the story of the Mt Hood Freeway, its impact on HAND and the role the process played in engaging neighbors and reconnecting neighborhoods. Motion to dedicate Clean Up profits to help fund interpretive signage for Mt Hood Freeway history project. Motion passes.

SE Quadrant SAC Meeting: Continuing discussion of the future of the SE Quadrant including the two MAX station areas. Group is struggling to find a way

to balance the needs of the industrial sanctuary and the jobs it provides (as well as its future job generation potential) against benefits of adding housing to the district in addition to areas (e.g., along MLK/Grand/Sandy, etc.) and creating more of a 24/7 district around OMSI.

Google Fiber Initiative: Joanne alerts us to the Google Fiber Initiative, may result in utility boxes (2'x2'x4') in front of some residences. Linda will take the issue to the SE Uplift Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Meeting adjourned.