

Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood District Association General Meeting May 20, 2014

Meeting minutes prepared by David Kaplan, Secretary

Board Members Attending:

Sue Pearce, Linda Nettekoven, Marilee Tillstrom, Joanne Stainbrook, David Kaplan, Liz Potter, Patrick Vinograd, Griffin Gonzales

Other attendees (per sign-in log):

Val Ballestrom, Amy Lewin, Phillip Mascher, Quinn Gonzales, Michelle Sprague

Meeting called to order by Sue Pearce, Chair

Introductions made of board, members, guests.

April meeting minutes were not submitted for approval. Late amendments had not been reviewed by some board members.

OLD BUSINESS

Vinograd moved, Nettekoven seconded approval of Treasurer's Report for April. Approval of report was unanimous.

Leo Yee (Portland Police Bureau) reported on recent criminal activity in neighborhood. Bike thefts, car prowls, and noise complaints from new bars near 12th and Division were reported. Pedestrian and driver safety on Powell continue to be an issue.

Short presentations were made highlighting HAND activity in prior year:

- Kaplan reported on Sign Rehab project at foot of Hawthorne Bridge, and proposal for Mt. Hood Freeway Commemoration grant.
- Potter reported on HBBA and DCBA activities including *SUSTAINABLE SOUTHEAST* maps, Division street project, and Street Fairs.
- Tillstrom reported on history projects and traffic calming efforts on Powell.
- Nettekoven reported on tree team, land use, Division Vision, Google Fiber, and public involvement issues.
- Vinograd spoke about Neighborhood Preparedness project
- Gonzales reported on Cleveland HS liaison continuation, North/South bike lane (20s) and graphic design projects.
- Pearce reported on MAX and streetcar planning, Rail Heritage Museum, CEIC, 12th Avenue traffic.

MT. HOOD FREEWAY HISTORY PRESENTATION

Val Ballestrom (former HAND Board member) presented historical review of what was planned for HAND and other east Portland neighborhoods with the proposed Mt. Hood Freeway project. He described the proposed right of way issues, housing and neighborhood impacts, and the efforts to stop the project at the last minute. His presentation highlighted how changes in federal environmental law coupled with activist neighborhoods and shifts in political leadership at the county and city level ended right of way acquisition and construction plans for the project. The impact of the project's demise were far-reaching and long-lived. The network of Neighborhood Associations was spawned by the creation of the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI). Funds for the canceled project were diverted to build the first MAX line, re-build I-84, and re-build many arterials in Portland.

Dave Kaplan followed the Ballestrom presentation with a description of the interpretive sign project that was proposed (unsuccessfully) for a SEUL Community Involvement Grant. Kaplan showed mock-ups of a series of signs and graphics proposed for Piccolo Park and other locations along the freeway's route. While the grant was not won, investigation and development will continue over the coming months.

SEUL PARKS COMMITTEE

Amy Lewin has been representing HAND on the Southeast Uplift Parks Budget Committee. HAND priorities to improve park access and facilities were represented by her in a resource-restricted environment. City parks priorities do not favor inner southeast at this time, as the Parks Bureau tries to invest in under-served areas in annexed eastern neighborhoods.

Efforts to convert the street right of way on 19th Ave south of Division (Avalon Sanctuary) will be discussed with Commissioner Fritz. In the absence of formal support, Amy is organizing volunteers from the neighborhood and New Day School (an adjacent property) to clean up the debris and make the back half of the property more inviting to neighbors. As part of Division Street rehabilitation, improvements are in progress for the front half of the street including paving and bike racks.

The first phase of the clean-up was held on May 17. Amy explained that \$273.00 was spent on backhoe rentals, and \$59.87 was spent on supplies for the project. Lewin asked the HAND board to reimburse her and the volunteer from New Day for these expenses.

Kaplan moved approval of these expenses. Vinograd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

HAND BOARD ELECTIONS

Sue Pearce proposed the election of the following to two year terms on the HAND Board of Directors: Sue Pearce, Linda Nettekoven, Joanne Stainbrook, Marilee Tillstrom, William Crawford, Quinn Gonzales. Griffin Gonzales and David Kaplan did not stand for re-election.

Tillstrom moved the election of the above slate. Vinograd seconded the motion. The election of the slate was unanimous.

BYLAWS CHANGE

At the request of Southeast Uplift, a change to the HAND bylaws (articles IV, V, and VI) is required to be in compliance with our insurance carrier's requirements. To limit and control liability, the insurance company is demanding that the bylaws be changed to limit the ability of the general membership to directly decide policy decisions other than by-laws changes and board elections. All other policy decision will be decided by a vote of the elected board. Proposed amendments are as follows:

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP AND BOUNDARIES

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS *Membership shall be open and given to all qualifying residents, property owners, business owners (or their designees), governmental agencies and non-profit organizations located within the boundaries of HAND as defined in Article IV, Section 2 of these bylaws or to any person appointed as a member to HAND by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article VII of these bylaws. Each member ~~that is of legal voting age in the State of Oregon~~ shall be entitled to all **member** voting privileges.*

ARTICLE V: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & SPECIAL MEETINGS

SECTION 1. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS *There shall be at least one general membership meeting in a calendar year. A general membership meeting will be required for the month of May in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 of these by-laws. Additional general membership meetings will be held when deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. These meetings shall be open sessions. However, only those members as defined in Article IV, Section 1 of these bylaws shall be entitled to vote. ~~All those persons who qualify as members of HAND shall have full motion and voting rights. Only the chairperson of the association or his/her designee can call the general meeting to order and adjourn the meeting.~~*

SECTION 2. VOTING *Each member as defined in Article IV, Section 1 of these bylaws shall have one vote to be cast when approving/amending bylaws and electing board members. A quorum for any ~~general or special~~ general membership meetings shall be 50% **plus 1** of seated board members plus two general members. ~~Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, decisions of the neighborhood association shall be made by majority of the votes cast. Issues under consideration~~ **Elections of members and approval or amendment of bylaws** shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. When an action or motion to **elect members or approve or accept bylaws** is brought forward, the membership present may recommend by a majority vote: acceptance of the proposal, denial of the proposal, deferral of the proposal pending further study, acceptance of the proposal with conditions or referral of the proposal to a committee, **etc.** **All other decisions of the neighborhood association shall be made by the Board of Directors after considering input from the general membership. Only the chairperson of the association or his/her designee can call the general meeting to order and adjourn the meeting.***

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ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ELECTIONS & BOARD MEETINGS

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS The affairs of HAND shall be managed by the Board of Directors as elected by the general membership. The board shall be accountable to the membership of HAND and shall strictly comply with these bylaws. The duties shall include but are not limited to; election of the board officers, appointment of committees to perform necessary functions, presentation of recommendations documenting majority and minority votes; management the daily affairs of HAND; attendance at all board and general meetings. **The board shall consider the views of those affected by proposed policies or positions before adopting any recommendation on behalf of HAND.**

Kaplan moved the adoption of the bylaws changes. Stainbrook seconded

All present voted to adopt the amendments with the following exceptions:

Nettekoven abstained

Griffin Gonzales voted NO

BUCKMAN POOL

Phillip Mascher reported that an advisory committee is being formed to advocate for continuing operations at Buckman Pool. As a small facility, Buckman is often low on the funding priorities list from Parks and Recreation. Mascher hopes to build some community energy around the pool and have a conversation with Commissioner Fritz about how important the pool is to the neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY TEAMS

Patrick Vinograd made a short presentation about the Neighborhood Emergency Teams and their role in training for self-sufficiency in a major disaster.

Meeting Adjourned