

# HAND Meeting Minutes 6/16/2015

6/16/2015, 7:00 pm

Chair: Sue Pearce

Board Members present:

Joanne Stainbrook  
Claud Gilbert  
Jessica Engelman  
Bill Crawford  
Paul Coleman  
Quinn Gonzales  
Michelle Sprague  
Mike Wieteki  
Linda Nettekoven  
Chris Eykamp

**Call to order (7:06 pm)**

**Introductions**

**Neighborhood Response Officer - Leo Yee**

Typical issues - theft, car prowls, bike thefts  
Uptick in homeless issues (drinking, unwanted person) due to recent camp sweeps  
Question about resources for people needing help who don't speak English  
High speed chase through neighborhood on 6/15 - started with simple traffic stop

**Oil Train Risk and Preparedness - Chief Zavodsky, Lt. Profit, PF&R Hazmat**

Trains coming through neighborhood are not the extremely volatile Bakken crude  
UP cars are carrying bitumen or tar sands oil, heading to refineries in CA  
Non-pressurized rail cars; 30,000 gallons of liquid, some air space  
Metal fatigues at air space due to heating  
No blast effect, no fragmentation; large initial fireball, followed by burning of remaining fuel  
One rail car in Lynchburg VA burned for 4 hours  
Route: Come along I-84 to where I-5 hits, through Albina Yards, then through HAND over  
17th street overpass to Brooklyn  
PF&R gets very general info from railroads; no exact times or places  
Do get weekly information - right now 2/week, at peak oil prices, was 4-6 per week.  
Emergency Response Guides recommend 1/2 mile evacuation and isolation  
Hazmat placard 1267 = crude oil  
PF&R Hazmat is at Station 7, SE 122nd and Market  
Every PF&R firefighter is trained to Hazmat operator level, able to perform initial response  
Gresham and Tualatin Valley F&R have Hazmat teams with cooperative agreements  
Immediate response would be 5 engines, 2 or more trucks, Hazmat team, multiple chiefs,  
etc.

Recommend residents subscribe to alerts via Community Emergency Notification System

<https://alertregistration.com/portlandor/>

## **HAND Response to Relocation of Right 2 Dream Too**

[Background info provided by Linda Nettekoven, Sue Pearce]

City plans to relocate encampment to SE 3rd and Harrison

No recent updates from City Hall

City is currently looking at environmental issues with moving people to this location

May provide an opportunity for larger investigation into neighborhood air quality

Many feeling frustration about this issue in isolation without seeing where it fits in with larger initiatives from city/county/others

Focus on people seeking permanent housing, needing transitory shelter; strict drug and alcohol rules

Does mean some people are not interested in services offered by Right 2 Dream Too

Moving due to owner of current property wishing to sell

Provide shelter for couples, people with pets

Have helped at least 200 people find permanent housing, have helped many find jobs

Question about effectiveness of Right 2 Dream Too's security

Officer Yee says he's heard that their self-governance is effective

Police bureau was doing community policing (like on Hawthorne) last year in Central Eastside

Effort collapsed due to personnel changes in police bureau

Board comments/questions:

MW: Focus on three considerations:

Whether Right 2 Dream Too is acceptable precedent - tenet of allowing camping on public property

If so, do we support the location

If both of the above, what information do we need from city and R2DToo, what contingencies or limitations

JE: Letter describe ambivalence in community; would like to emphasize that HAND is open to helping the city with some aspect of this issue - whether Right 2 Dream Too or some alternative

JE: Wish this was an expansion rather than a move

CE: Answers: No idea about question 1; no problem with location, though think it is terrible for R2DToo. Very frustrated with city's behavior in this matter.

PV: Believe camping on public land is acceptable use until there are sweeping societal changes in how we treat homelessness; may be a band aid but sometimes a band aid is helpful. No objections to site. Would like proposed letter rephrased to give agency to R2DToo.

BC: Is R2DToo buying land? Answer: No, city is buying land from ODOT

Neighbor comments/questions:

Roz?: Went to prior discussion - appears to be a done deal; other initiatives have nothing to do with this.

6-8 homeless people sleeping in wall behind Safeway

How do we deal with people who don't get in; how do we deal with people who leave in the morning

[LN] Talk of some services being brought to site

Bob Prochner: Concern that accepting city's word that they are housing people in tent camps; breaking current laws and zoning ordinances, allowing payoffs from other

neighborhoods; will attract more homeless people to area; were already homeless people in that site, city swept them out and put “illegal campsite” signs up

[SP] CEIC is looking at alternate sites, zoning, city code issues

Neighbor: Would like perspective of people currently experiencing homelessness

Neighbor: No idea it was a brownfield; part of problem with access is some have been excluded from transit; what is timeline?

[SP] No answer re timeline

Neighbor: Biggest issue is that it's being shoved down throats of all SE neighborhoods

No action; will pause conversation, invite Jules Bailey, Amanda Fritz, CEIC representatives

Sue proposes meeting on Tuesday June 30, pending confirmation of attendees

### **Avalon Park - Linda Nettekoven**

Grant funds held in SEUL, reimbursement time is problematic for Sherri

Linda and Sherri met with Ash and Kelly from SEUL; SEUL is okay with HAND incurring expenses and Sherri submitting invoices to reimburse HAND

Avalon Park subcommittee

Motion to allow reimbursement system allowing project coordinator to incur expenses as specified in Budget up to total funds available \$600, get reimbursed by HAND treasurer, and submit invoices to SEUL, with monthly reporting by Dave; Bill seconds; amend motion to set up dedicated account if deemed feasible by Treasurer; Chris moves; Bill seconds; All but 1 in favor; Michelle Sprague opposed; motion passes

### **Proposed Neighborhood Notification Requirements for Proposed Development - Linda Nettekoven**

Proposed by Division Design Initiative

Intended to take effect in near term in order to bridge gap to notification requirements of Comp Plan

Motion to support resolution as presented as a valuable interim measure; Chris moves; Claud seconds; approved unanimously

### **Approval of minutes**

April and May meeting minutes accepted by consensus

Consensus board is okay with posting draft minutes immediately as recommended by Oregon open meeting laws, will be clearly marked as draft minutes

### **Letter supporting Mayor Hales recommendations for street safety improvements - Patrick Vinograd**

Letter circulated before meeting commends renewed attention to safety and Vision Zero; HAND in favor of experimental traffic diversion on Clinton

Recommended amendments:

Mention street classification review issue

Mention that goal should be to divert traffic back to Division, not to other neighborhood streets

State that car traffic is above greenway targets rather than that it is increasing, which is debatable.

Michelle asks about acknowledging industrial users below 21st; letter will not speak for or

against any particular location

Motion to accept letter with amendments; Bill moves: Chris seconds; approved unanimously

### **Summer Events**

Movies in the park - August 22 in Sewallcrest Park;

Richmond Neighborhood Association asking \$250 donation, same as last year

Motion to donate \$250 from communications budget; Bill moves; Linda seconds; all but 1 in favor, Claud abstains; motion passes

Division-Clinton Business Association Street Fair in July

Motion to give \$100; Bill moves; Chris seconds; all but 2 in favor; Claud, Jessica abstain; motion passes

Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association Street Fair in mid-August

Motion to give \$100; optimally from communications funds; Bill moves; Jessica seconds; all but 4 in favor; Claud, Mike, Chris, Jessica abstain; motion passes

National Night Out ice cream social - Tuesday, August 4

Motion to allocate \$50 for expenses; Bill moves; Chris seconds; approved unanimously

Paul volunteers to head up planning

### **Announcements**

Community town hall with Rep. Rob Nosse regarding traffic safety Saturday June 27, 11am-1pm at Community Music Center (3350 SE Francis)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/862905533746853/>

PBOT Parking Summit Monday June 29 in Portland Building Auditorium (2nd floor)

1-6 pm: Program - RSVP

6-8 pm: Reception/open house

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/67561>

### **Officer Elections**

Nominations:

Chair: Sue Pearce

Vice Chair: Chris Eykamp

Secretary: Patrick Vinograd

Treasurer: Dave Kaplan

Communications Chair: Paul Coleman

Motion to elect above slate of officers; Linda seconds; Bill moves; Linda seconds; all but 1 in favor; Chris opposed; slate elected

### **Appointments:**

Land Use Chair/Committee: Mike Wietecki as Chair, Claud Gilbert, Michelle Sprague on committee

SEUL Representative: Bill Crawford

SEUL Land Use/Transportation Committee Representative: Jessica Engelman

Motion to elect above Bill Crawford as SEUL Board member, Jessica Engelman as SEUL Land Use/Transportation Committee Representative; Chris moves; Linda seconds; approved unanimously

Motion to elect Claud as second delegate to Division Design Initiative, replacing Paul Coleman; Chris moves; Bill seconds; approved unanimously

Paul volunteers to write column for SE Examiner

**Meeting adjourned**

Executive committee: Tuesday, June 23, 7:30 pm at Palio

Possible additional meeting regarding Right 2 Dream Too: Tuesday, June 30, 7:00 pm