

# **HAND Meeting 7/21/2015**

7/21/2015, 7:00 pm

Chair: Sue Pearce

Board Members present:

Patrick Vinograd

Paul Coleman

Dave Kaplan

Marilee Tillstrom

Joanne Stainbrook

Jessica Engelman

Mike Wietrecki

Bill Crawford

Linda Nettekoven

Michelle Sprague

Claud Gilbert

**Call to Order (7:09 pm)**

**Introductions**

**Neighborhood Response Officer (Leo Yee)**

Car prowls; keep cars showroom clean; record serial numbers

**Diversion on Clinton (Rich Newlands, Scott Cohen, PBOT)**

Traffic calmin on SE Clinton between 12th and Cesar Chavez,

Reducing traffic volumes to guidelines for neighborhood greenways

Three things clear: need to reduce volumes; policy basis;

Current volume varies between 2000-3000 cars per day

Drive down to at least 1500 cars per day

If can push below 2000 cars per day, can lower speed limit to 20 mph

Acknowledge that there will be trade-offs; local access to streets; some impact to other local service streets

Unknowns/opportunities for input:

What sort of process for communicating with community

Details of how to implement

Current thoughts: traffic diverters - reduce use of street as cut-through route;

Want to have something in place before end of fall; will be phased approach

Scope of project reaches to 52nd, but volume issue is primarily west of Cesar Chavez; issue east of Cesar Chavez is speed

Any candidates in mind? 12th Avenue; area around 17th; eastbound east of 26th

Mentioned operational improvements on Division - any specifics? Revisit signal timing

What was volume before improvements on Division? Roughly the same

How many counts? 2 from 2015, 5 or 6 from 2014; collecting more data before any changes are made

### **Orange Line Crossing Safety (Jennifer Koozer, TriMet)**

Mix of factors - light rail; adjacent multi-use path; adjacent to heavy rail line; quiet zone

People disregarding flashing lights, not noticing second train;

People climbing through couplings of UP trains

No collisions; some apparent close calls

Two sets of improvements:

Signal adjustments - decouple light and heavy rail warning signals, adjust advance time

Physical improvements at SE 11th Avenue - swing gates on both sides, or possibly only on south side

Slows people down and orients them towards tracks

4 feet wide, pull to enter trackway, push to exit trackway

Physical improvements at SE 8th Avenue - swing gates or switchback

Slows people down, orients toward tracks; 7 foot minimum clearance

Looking to put improvements in place before opening

Nothing proposed on SE 12th - train speeds are lower approaching station

Why not switchback at SE 11th? Would need to be built out into pathway

Why not crossing arms? Those are an option? Recommended for situations with high speed, blind corners

Slowing people down even when there's no train

Question about bike/pedestrian bridge, how to get re-prioritized

Safety ambassadors are reporting feedback to TriMet project manager

Questions about signal linking at SE 8th - leaves people stuck on tracks

Eastbound left turn onto 11th puts cyclists onto sidewalk

PBOT representative - this is new to PBOT system as well

PBOT has cameras tracking

Motion to write a letter to TriMet, and PBOT, UP, and congressional delegation, city council, acknowledging safety concerns, supporting signaling changes; expressing reservations

about physical barriers unless those that are only active when a train is approaching, and reiterating desperate need for a grade-separated crossing

PV Moves, LN seconds; motion amended; approved unanimously; PV will write letter

### **Request for Zone Change at SE Clinton and 15th**

Land Use Committee received a letter requesting support for a zone change; considering

Public comment period opens August 15, closes not before November

### **Approval of June Minutes**

PC moves, MW seconds; approved

### **Approval of June 30 Special Meeting Minutes**

LN moves; MW seconds; approved

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

PV moves; PC seconds; approved

### **Ratification of Rapid Response Committee Action**

Met 7/15/2015 to discuss demolition delay for property at 2834 SE 20th

Quorum of officers: Sue, Dave, Patrick

Sue and Erin presented paperwork for permit appeal to delay demolition of property at 2834 SE 20th Ave

Erin indicates that the property sold for \$400k to a developer last week  
Have identified two possible buyers with financial means to purchase property and rehabilitate it  
House is a significant contribution to the neighborhood, and there is significant interest in preserving it among neighbors

Motion for HAND to submit demolition delay appeal and fee waiver to allow time for one of these possible buyers to attempt to purchase the property; PV moves; DK seconds; motion passes unanimously

Motion to ratify; MW moves; JS seconds; approved unanimously

[Appeal was denied due to hearing officer's doubt about ability to find a buyer]

### **Approval of letter to ODOT**

Proposed content: thank for signal changes at SE 26th; ask for expedite signal at SE 28th; improved crossing at SE 24th; dedicated left turn phase at SE 21st

Thursday, July 30, 5:00-7:00 pm, Catholic Charities at 2740 SE Powell Blvd

Motion to direct letter with above content; adjust letter after consulting with Rich Newlands and adjust content based on July 30 open house; LN moves; JE seconds; approved unanimously

### **Letter regarding Right 2 Dream Too**

Sue presented draft of letter incorporating extended discussion over last several months

Motion to appoint a rapid response committee for the purposes of finalizing the proposed letter, committee encompassing all board members present at the Executive Committee next Tuesday; comprising a minimum of 4 board members, 2 members of the executive committee; PC moves; MW seconds; approved unanimously

### **DCBA Street Fair**

Will do meet and greet and hand out fliers, no tabling

Patrick/Paul to send out updated fliers

### **HBBA Street Fair**

Not attending

### **National Night Out Ice Cream Social - August 4**

Reserved from 5-8

Paul, Patrick, Linda will check in on existing supplies

### **Orange Line Opening - Sept 12**

Booth will be set up for us; compiling information to hand out

### **August Retreat - August 18**

Potluck at ORHC, 6:00 pm

### **Tree Committee - FoT Planting in December**

Request funds up to \$200 to help with planting - mulch, space rental if needed, tree scholarships

Motion for above; PC moves; LN seconds; approved unanimously

**Meeting Adjourned**