



## **Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District Association General Meeting May 15, 2018**

**In Attendance:** Board members Daniel Amoni, Jon Adams, Jessica Engelman, Chris Eykamp, Claud Gilbert, Paul Jaeger, Mark Linehan, Linda Nettekoven, Sue Pearce, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague. Others: Muz Afzal from SE Uplift, Zachary Byram, Phil Cox, Sallie Edmunds, Jen Eykamp, Jim Kogler, Karen LaBonte, Willie Levenson, Carolyn MacMurray, Jim MacMurray, Katie Mogensen, Carl Nurmi, Kim Nurmi, David O'Bryant, Michael Prager, Patrick Rafferty, Juanita Remien, Michael Wade, Patrick Vinograd, Sam Wake, Michael Wilson, Dan Yates, Police Officer Leo Yee

Chair Sue Pearce called the meeting to order and invited those in attendance to introduce themselves. Yee gave a rundown in crime statistics recorded between early April to May 10. The most frequent crimes reported were stolen vehicles, 11, and car prowls, 20. The meeting continued with presentations from three folks who are focused on the Willamette River, which is the western boundary of HAND.

**Guest Speakers:** Willie Levenson of the Human Access Project entertained with tales of the group's push for Portlanders to be able to enjoy the river by creating beaches for swimming, floating and wading. Some activities include the River Huggers swim team with its routine cross-river swims; the community effort that created Poets Beach on the west side of the river; and the multi-agency effort that has gone into what's at present called Audrey McCall Beach on the east side. In the works also are plans to create a first-class swimming hole at Kevin Duckworth Dock off the Eastbank Esplanade. Levenson mentioned the upcoming annual Mayoral Swim, and the July 14 summer gala fundraiser, Big Float, which invites people to enjoy the river in all manner of ways: rafters, floaters, kayakers, swimmers.

Sallie Edmunds of the city's Bureau of Planning and Development described ongoing the planning for the river, dividing it into the north, central (or urban) and south reaches. The Superfund is stalling work on the industrial north reach. For the central reach, plans are for heavy people use coordinated with better riparian habitat. A swim study report is available online. Part of the plan would establish a 50-foot setback from the river and there would be temporary swim platforms. A final vote on the east bank plan is expected July 6.

Dan Yates of the Portland Spirit, which docks near OMSI, said his dream is to convert the river into a water transportation highway, bringing back ferries that could more quickly connect people to spots along the river than freeways and surface roads can. He said an 87 foot ferry could carry 150 people between Lake Oswego and Vancouver. At one time, hundreds of boats used the river. He called the river the last great unused right of way through the central city and told about now seeing otters, turtles, sea lions, bald eagles as habitat has improved.

**Board elections:** Sue described how the board is organized and cited some of what it has been involved over the years: opposing a proposed Mt. Hood freeway and Fred Meyer's store in Powell Park, as well as silencing Union Pacific train horns along portions of the MAX orange line. Sue described the various plans afoot HAND puts its two cents in on, among them: the Division Street transit corridor, residential infill projects, Central City 2035. She mentioned that the board will hearing Portland Bureau of Transportation on the 5-year plan to use use for bicyclists, transit and pedestrians, called Central City in Motion. She outlined requirements for board participation and described some of the neighborhood activities HAND sponsors. She then asked board members and anyone interested in joining the board to describe their goals and interests.

Mark moved, Michael Prager seconded to use the slate form to elect all those who are interested in being on the board. They are Phil Cox, Katie Mogensen, Kim Nurmi, David O'Bryant, Michael Wade and Sam Wake. The motion passed. Karen LaBonte moved, and Michael Wilson seconded to vote in on a slate those on the board who are not up for renewal. They are Daniel Amoni, Jessica Engelman, Chris Eykamp, Claud Gilbert, Mark Linehan, Michelle Sprague and Charlene Zaharakis. Returning incumbent board members Jon Adams, Claud Gilbert, Paul Jaeger, Sue Pearce and Jill Riebesehl will make up the full slate, along with the new members. The motion passed.

**Consent Agenda:** Chris moved, Linda seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed. Kim moved, and David seconded to change the misspelling of an attendee's name in the April 17 minutes. It should be Carl Nurmi. The motion passed.

Paul reiterated the language of his motion regarding the community garden in the April 17 minutes to read: the Board should "be neutral on the policy regarding turnover" of garden users. The board decided to delay dealing with other corrections to the notes until the next meeting.

A neighbor, Emily Platt, volunteering for the Portland Clean Energy Fund initiative, brought in sign-up sheets seeking signatures for issue to be on the fall ballot.

Sue gaveled the meeting at St. Philip Neri's Carvlin Hall closed at 9:45.

-- Submitted by Jill Riebesehl



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District Association  
Executive Committee Meeting  
May 22, 2018

Attendees: Board members: Jon Adams, Phil Cox, Jessica Engelman, Chris Eykamp, Mark Linehan, Kim Nurmi, Sue Pearce, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Sam Wake. Others: Jason Duerr, Linda Nettekoven

Sue called the meeting to order at 7:03 in Rapid Response status. She described the organizational structure between the neighbor associations (NA), Southeast Uplift and the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. She said that NA meetings must follow state open meeting laws and she emphasized the need to be familiar with HAND's bylaws.

She went through the mail, which included a notice of demolition at 2407 SE Brooklyn. And we hashed over what would be on the June 19 board agenda. Linda asked for time to introduce the Division Design Guidelines. We discussed organizing for HAND's ice cream social, always held on National Night Out. It will be August 7. Sam Wake volunteered helpers. Michelle will take the lead.

We learned about and discussed blue notices from the city regarding proposed zoning changes that could affect several neighborhoods. The notices were sent to residents in Ladd's Addition and other local areas. Michelle planned to meet with her neighbors who received the notices to make plans about how/whether to respond. It was understood comments were due June 12 and suggestions included a HAND subcommittee meeting May 29.

Talk moved into possible funds available for green space in the neighborhood west of SE 12th Ave. Sue gave the history on what might be available at HAND's disposal. Discussion involved a possible carousel, help with the

talked-about Audrey McCall beach, other possibilities. These monies are referred to as the Crescent Park funds, and are available for use for public space, open space in the HAND segment of the Central Eastside Urban Renewal Area that extends to Southeast 12th Ave. In order to access the funds, we should have a solid plan for their use and advocate en masse and loudly.

The Gideon Street Bridge replacement will cross from SE 13th PL on the south to SE 14th on the north. Sue, Chris, Brenda Martin (Tri-Met) and two others -- from Tri-Met and PBOT-- met to discuss the bridge. There will probably be no ramp due to space requirements; yes to elevators. Sue and Chris will be contact persons on the bridge. There will be a walkabout for any and all interested. Michelle will be involved with others in the neighborhood on the proposed bridge.

Plans for a HAND sponsored meeting on PBOT's Central City in Motion project were laid. Jessica is hoping to get most of a letter ready from HAND in the face of an understood June 17 deadline. The CCIM involves making Portland, with streets inundated by increasing demands, more usable for freight, transit, bikes and pedestrians.

Sue suggested recognizing the contributions of three outgoing longtime board members. Chris moved and Phil seconded that the board spend \$100. The vote was unanimous. Chris suggested we up the amount to \$150. Jill and Sue moved. The vote was unanimous.

Chris suggested moving the HAND website domain from GoDaddy to Namecheap as a money-saving measure. He said it can also handle emails. Jon moved, Mark seconded making the change. The vote was unanimous.

The board discussed items for the June HAND agenda. Chris said he will have people enter their contact information into his computer. There will be officer elections. Jill nominated Chris for chair.

Chris wants to revisit SE 26th Ave. bike lanes in a letter he will submit for HAND consideration. The Division Clinton Business Association street fair is July 21. Sunday Parkways focusing on the Green Loop is July 22, 11-4. Movies in the Park in our neighborhood is Aug.10 in Sewallcrest Park. The movie will be Kubo and the Two Strings.

Sue adjourned the meeting at 9:15ish.

Meeting notes by Jill Riebesehl

