



Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood District Association
Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chris Eykamp, chairman, at 7 p.m.
In attendance; Board members Daniel Amoni, Elijah Cetas, Chris Eykamp, Paul Jaeger, Mark Linehan, Katie Mogensen, Kim Nurmi, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague; neighbors and presenters Gretchen Baller, Greg Bourget, Anne Draper, Gail Gerz, Mark McLeod, Linda Nettekoven, Emily Platt, Kirk Rea

Announcements: Website – Chris asked anyone and everyone who had possible content photos for the website to them to the website team. Michelle offered that our Facebook site has a very large collection of images that could be used. Jill mentioned the Division Clinton Business Association **Street Fair** July 27th. We discussed tabling and will look into the fee. Jill and Sue volunteered to table, as did others. Subject deferred to executive committee meeting. Chris read a report on progress being made on the **Gideon Street Overpass**. Chris would like to change the date of the executive committee meeting so anyone interested could attend a Creston-Kenilworth NA meeting where Home Forward can present on the planned affordable housing development at 30th and Powell.

Consent Agenda The Consent Agenda included April and May board meeting notes, May executive committee meeting notes, treasurer's report. They were approved on a 7-0 vote, with one abstention.

Portland Clean Air Presentation: Greg Bourget, executive director of Portland Clean Air made a presentation on the subject of diesel pollution in the Portland Area.

Highlights:

- a. Started working with East Portland Air Coalition, also worked with Bullseye Glass to resolve issues of air quality.
- b. Portland had been rated among the worst cities in the country for air quality, some progress has been made. It is still worst for diesel particulates.

- c. California banned diesel trucks without the latest filter technology – 25,000 of their trucks ended up in the Portland Area. Some of those trucks have no filters at all.
- d. Some leading point sources for other heavy metal pollution – Precision Castparts, Eastside Plating.
- e. Greg provided a set of statistics about the levels of air pollution in the Portland area and how it is concentrated in particular areas.
- f. Action Items – Portland Clean Air is meeting with NAs throughout the city asking them to send letters to polluters identifying problems and potential solutions. If no response, then other actions are possible – mainly publicity campaigns bringing the problem to the attention of the greater public. Finally, he asked for a liaison from the board so they could keep us apprised of air quality issues and actions in our area. Katie volunteered.

Discussion:

Kim asked if mom and pop operators could be supported. Greg said his group is after the big fleet operators. He said we have been successful with most industries they have targeted. Bullseye alone fought back. He named the big trucking operations that have been most uncooperative. When asked about trains, he said the big issue is short haul industrial trucks. Talking about lead, there was a discussion of the medical effects of diesel particulate cancers and non-cancer health links. Expanded with a discussion of the use of lead in airplane fuels. Hillsboro Airport permits the use of leaded fuel, emits 1200 pounds of lead annually. Portland International emits 100 pounds per year. There was some discussion of wood smoke pollution from stoves.

Oil Trains Presentation

- a. Emily Platt of 350 PDX (and others) made a presentation about the Zenith Oil Terminal
- b. The oil from tar sands originates in Canada and is four times more carbon intensive than crude from conventional drill and pump operations. It is a very thick substance that needs to be combined with chemicals to permit it to flow.
- c. Zenith has recently expanded its capacity using a permit it acquired from a previous company. That permit was issued in 2014 to permit the expansion of an asphalt plant.
- d. The Pacific Northwest has become a target for the export of tar sands oil to non-US markets. Oregon doesn't have a law requiring tracking and reporting of oil shipments. Washington now does.
- e. There are 12 oil terminals in NW, but only the Zenith terminal has rail access. The expanded facility will permit them to process 44 cars at once rather than the 12 they are limited to now. From 1-2 per week to 100 car trains per week.
- f. Discussion - What about the Pembina Propane limitations the city of Portland passed – no new fossil fuel. Zenith used a permit from before the regulation was passed. City

is still trying to fight back. Facility has been there since 1947, is a ghost town site with permits.

g. Discussion – Where is the power to regulate – city, state, or fed? Permits are city, the state Department of Environmental Quality did the airshed and water. Mark – City needs to remand the passed laws after winning the court case against PBA (Pembina?) and the oil companies.

h. The site is in a liquefaction zone – highly vulnerable during to and earthquakes, especially the big one.

i. Impacts on the HAND area – length of trains – people have seen trains going both directions full and empty on the one set of tracks. There is explosion risk and air pollution risk, referencing the Mosier derailment.

j. Actions – Call the City Council and the Multnomah County commissioners. The Board voted to sign the petition 9-0.

k. Other suggestions – 1) Cully sent a letter – we will use the Cully letter and modify it to our area. Action for exec committee. 2) try to show support so the city will do the right thing. 3) Mark – raising fees and taxes on the site to make it uneconomic. County Level I Risk Assessment and Risk Assessment Bonds.

l. Motion to write the letter – Mark moved, Daniel seconded; vote was 8 yes, 0 no.

m. Liaison requested – Elijah Cetas volunteered.

Election of board officers -- Chris opened up the nomination process for board officers for the next year. After a brief discussion, the current slate of officers was approved. Daniel moved and Paul seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Communication Code Committee – Linda provided an update on the Office of Community and Civic Life's communication code process. A final meeting for the code committee was scheduled for June 26. Currently NAs are included as among the interest groups to be included, but in the formal language in the code process that appears to be being minimized. Suk Rhee is the city lead on this process. There will be no further meetings after the zoning code comes out at the end of August. The outstanding question is what does this mean about the role NAs have, and what place do NAs and business associations have.

St. Philip Neri Update – Linda reported that Catholic Charities is meeting with HAND in an ad hoc group to address neighbor concerns heard at the HAND annual meeting. Also ongoing is a site analysis. And next on the list of concerns is seismic situation for the old structures.

Avalon Park Update – Kirk from City Repair attended and answered some questions. Linda gave an update – Over the winter things were pretty stable with one person living there. A few more people have recently arrived. Expectations are there may soon be more people as the weather improves. Mark reminded everyone that we would be reevaluating the site at the end of the summer with the input from the immediate neighbors (the school and Catholic Charities) being central to our support of the open garden concept.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Notes provided by Michael Wade, formatted by Jill Riebesehl