



**Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting  
April 21, 2020**

On April 21, the Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association held a ZOOM meeting hosted by Southeast Uplift's Muz Afzal, Community Resource Manager.

**In attendance:** were Jon Adams, Chris Eykamp, Ian Eykamp, Mark Linehan, Linda Nettekoven, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Joanne Stainbrook (via telephone), Michael Wade, Charlene Zaharakis.

Chris, HAND Chair, opened the meeting shortly after 7 p.m. by asking how everybody is doing. Each of us briefly described how we're living in this new coronavirus era.

It was decided to postpone board elections until July, at the earliest. All who are up for re-election will, if they choose, remain on the board. HAND's by-laws allow for as many as 20 members. It was decided not to take up a pending request by a group wanting our OK on an Esplanade run that falls within our boundary.

**Avalon Park:** Mark and Michael reported on a meeting that included Linda, City Repair, PBOT, Civic Life, a member of the mayor's management group, and others. The general feeling is it is time to convert the space off Division St. on SE 19th Ave. into a community garden. Linda wondered if there could be some space for folks with disabilities and for garden therapy, and referred to neighboring Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare. Discussion followed. Michael, who participates with the city Parks' Community Garden Program, said the program has rules all the gardens follow, but it is likely something could be arranged. We learned that twice a year, the Water Bureau opens up water access for (new?) gardens. Needed still is a letter from PBOT turning over the property to Parks. Discussion followed. Michelle suggested HAND use some money in its bank account to build a fence, with a gate. Michael said he'd price out the cost.

Chris pointed out that, once again, there will be no Movies in the Park, which had been set by the Richmond Neighborhood. HAND will need its contribution for the event reimbursed.

**Helping HAND:** Ian joined us to talk about the survey forms being designed to solicit names of neighbors needing help and names of volunteers available to help. Chris shared links to application forms, and asked for feedback on them. Michelle requested a small write-up she can use to describe the effort for when she posts the surveys on the HAND website and Facebook page. Ian will provide one for her. Discussion followed about how to get the word out, where to post flyers, who best to contact for ideas. It was suggested board member Phil Cox might be a good contact. Also maybe use Next Door and local churches. Ian then reminded us the next day is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day and provided information on various ways to participate. He also is involved with Extinction Rebellion and described its latest effort: [bit.ly/chasetakeover](http://bit.ly/chasetakeover).

Michael said the city's tree code will likely be officially updated at year's end. Amendments include (1) reducing the size of trees to be removed -- that need permits and \$450 fees -- to 20 inches from 36 and (2) removing industrial-site exemptions. Linda said she often hears advocates for density dismissing the need for tree canopy, which provides overarching protection against heat. Many trees being planted now are too small. A list of street trees is available through the city's Forestry Division.

Michelle said she has put in a request for our National Night Out ice cream social in October. She also mentioned that CEIC's Transportation Parking and Advisory Committee (TPAC) is changing its rules for community participation.

Linda said there will be a decision April 22 by the new owner of the Oregon Theater as to what he intends for that property, which fronts on Division at 35th Place and is in the Richmond NA district. She also said she would try to find out where the situation of an improper window renovation on a Ladd Circle house stands. And in regards to the St. Philip Neri low-income project on Division, in talking with Julia Metz of SERA architects there was mention of some PSU architecture urban design students creating a guide for project planners on how best to communicate with affected neighborhoods.

A plea was made to support small businesses, particularly restaurants, during these trying times. Several were mentioned.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

-- Notes taken by Jill Riebesehl