



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District Association
November 17, 2020
Minutes

Attendees: Board members; Bruce Bikle, Phil Cox, Chris Eykamp, Karen Girard, Mark Linehan, Kim Nurmi, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, Charlene Zaharakis. Other neighbors: Linda Nettekoven, Rick Nunno, Gerson Robboy; Presenters: April Hasson, JLA Public Involvement; Michael Hall from Quiet Clean PDX and Judy Walton; Heather Flint Chatto, PDX Mainstreet Guidelines Group

Chris, board chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Pipeline crossing: April Hasson introduced the Willamette River Crossing Project, which will be installing a seismically resilient water pipe from Portland's eastside under the Willamette River to the westside. The project is in the design phase, and will be moving into construction phase 2021 to 2022. The work will mostly be done in parking lots, the HAND location being between SE Stephens and SE Harrison Streets near SE 7th Ave.

Questions: Noise impact? They measured 90 decibels during the soil sample phase; sound walls could mitigate noise traveling into the neighborhood. Is there a way to cut off water to pipes in case of emergency? Yes. Are the westside reservoirs going to be seismically resilient? Yes. The eastside reservoirs at Kelly Butte and Powell Butte are seismically resilient. April said they have a two weeks' ready campaign in case of emergencies: one gallon of water per person per day or 14 gallons of water per person for two weeks.

Gasoline-powered leaf blowers: Michael Hall and Judy Walton from Quiet Clean PDX asked HAND to support the group's goal to eliminate gas powered leaf blowers and support their work with the incoming City Council. The group has been working for three years; former City Councilor Nick Fish sponsored a resolution to eliminate gas powered leaf blowers used by city of Portland employees. The website www.quiecleanpdx.org has information on ways to reduce the cost of converting to electric powered leaf blowers, through rebates and buy back programs.

Questions: What would the source of electricity be? New technology lithium-Ion batteries can now be recharged using solar power. How would the regulation be enforced and how would small businesses be impacted? The goal is citizen-activated enforcement. The website has a list of businesses that use electric leaf blowers and an example of a city that is converting leaf blowers. Washington D.C.'s program is on a three-year timeline. There would be subsidies and rebate programs to help small businesses. How many cities have banned leaf blowers versus restricting them? At present there are more cities restricting when gas leaf blowers can be used than banning use. How do cities provide street maintenance/leaf pick up for the public right of way? Some cities have seasonal bans on gas leaf blowers.

Motion: We support the QuietCleanPDX effort to eliminate leaf blowers in the city of Portland. Jill moved, Bruce seconded. Discussion: Is there alternative wording, such as look at alternatives to gas leaf blowers? HAND's endorsement would go on QuietCleanPDX's website where the language states eliminating gas leaf blowers. Jill moved, Bruce seconded a reworded motion: We are endorsing QuietCleanPDX's effort to eliminate gas leaf blowers in Portland. The vote passed: 6 in favor; 3 opposed.

Hawthorne Special Buildings List: Heather and Linda lead the discussion; Judy Walton has been an advisor for their group. The goal is to fill in a gap on the List of Special Buildings on the city's Historic Resources Inventory, which serves to keep track of pieces of our history and gives context to our neighborhoods. It is not intended to restrict density goals. This is a chance to be proactive. The list would be added to the Hawthorne PDX Main Streets Guideline. Those present went over the list, examples: Grand Central Bakery and Holman's Funeral Service site. The group is looking for input on the list, such as have any buildings been missed? The list could be developed further by adding the reason a building is special. The Key Sites list will be a later discussion with HAND. Kim has her father's 1936 and 1937 Yearbooks that mention some of Hawthorne businesses. Kim will share these business' names with Linda and Heather.

Motion: Move HAND adopts the draft list of Hawthorne Special Buildings List. Phil moved, Kim seconded. Vote unanimous. Heather asked Chris to also add this to the letter.

In other business: Chris mentioned a possible joint meeting with Buckman Neighborhood Association, with the guest being incoming City Councilor Mingus Mapps. Chris proposed changing our December Executive Committee meeting to December 15th.

Phil moved, Michael seconded to ratify a vote taken by the Rapid Response Committee at the November Executive Committee meeting to donate \$300 to St. Philip Neri's Thanksgiving Meal. Vote was unanimous.

Via Consent Agenda, the board approved the October HAND and November 2 Executive Committee Meeting minutes. Vote: unanimous.

Announcements: Gideon Overcrossing opened November 10. Michael is working on the Ladd's Window Replacement Land Use Issue.

Chris adjourned the Zoom meeting at 8:58 pm.

Notes taken by Michelle Sprague, forwarded by Jill Riebesehl