



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

October 19, 2021

Attendees: Board Members: Bruce Bikle, Phil Cox, Chris Eykamp, Karen Girard, Mark Linehan, Rick Nunno, Kim Nurmi, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, Charlene Zaharakis. Guests: Nanci Champlin (SEUL), Anne Draper, Allen Field (Richmond), Leah Fisher (SEUL), Heather Flint Chatto (PDX Main Streets; Richmond), Gail Getz, Linda Nettekoven, Susan Pearce, Barbara Stross

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

5-Story apartment project @ 2624-2636 SE Division (Mike Perso):

This agenda item was moved to the November HAND Board meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

SE Uplift (SEUL)

Update from SEUL (Nanci Champlin):

- Nanci Champlin is the new Executive Director of SEUL. Nanci introduced herself to the HAND Board and shared information about her 30 years' of experience working with non-profit organizations. She also previously served on the Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League (SMILE) neighborhood association.
- Nanci shared her thoughts about the untapped power of democracy at the local level and her hopes to contribute to reinvigorating the system. Nanci is concerned that neighborhood associations are viewed as a threat to the system. She wants to support neighborhood associations as conduits to participation, rather than barriers.
- A robust discussion ensued among meeting attendees and Nanci about how to ensure neighborhood associations are conduits to participation and what SEUL can/should do to provide support for that.
- Examples of suggestions from meeting attendees for future direction/efforts include:
 - SEUL to advocate to bring back the Citywide Neighborhood Summit that the Office of Neighborhood Involvement used to host.

- Host a SE strategic engagement session for SEUL future direction.

SEUL possible bylaws change (Nanci Champlin, Leah Fisher):

- Nanci shared information about proposed changes to the SEUL Bylaws. These changes will be voted on by the SEUL Board on November 1st.
- The proposal would make two changes.
 - (1) The current requirement that proposed bylaws changes be mailed by postal mail will be changed to allow sending notice by email or other electronic means.
 - (2) The second change would allow the SEUL board to remove directors appointed by NAs by a 2/3 vote, for any reason, without any showing of cause. Under the current bylaws, a NA representative can only be removed by their NA. This is the specific language:

“Any Director may be removed with or without cause by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors then in office. A Director may also be removed by their nominating neighborhood association, business association, or other community group acting in accordance with its bylaws. All Directors must be given ten (10) days written notice of a meeting which includes removal of Director(s) on the agenda.”

- Another vigorous discussion followed the proposal of the change to the bylaws that would allow the SEUL Board to remove a neighborhood director appointed by a neighborhood association without cause. Members of the HAND Board raised concerns and questions about process, transparency, and the ability of the SEUL Board to dispatch with directors specifically chosen to represent a neighborhood association.
- Mark Linehan made a motion to direct Bruce Bikle (HAND’s delegate to SEUL) to vote to oppose the change to the bylaws regarding the removal of neighborhood association directors. Michelle Sprague seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. As the HAND delegate to SEUL, Bruce Bikle abstained.

Votes:

- To affirm sending a letter of support for the Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation’s grant application to ODOT. Phil made the motion to support, Jill seconded. Agreed – unanimous.
- Letter to Mayor Wheeler and City Council members regarding the [Historic Resources Code Project](#) revisions. Michelle made the motion to accept and support the letter, Jill seconded. Agreed - unanimous; Abstain - Kim.

Historic Resources Code Project:

- PDX Main Streets is holding a lunch and learn about the HRCP on 10/28 at 12:00-1:00.

- Linda encourages board members to weigh in on the HRCP revision individually.
- The HRCP hearing is scheduled at the City Council on November 3. Public testimony can be submitted via the Map App.

Avalon Sanctuary:

Mark reported back on the October 18th meeting with the New Day School, PBOT, Portland Parks, Friends of Community Gardens, and HAND. The meeting was productive and the group agreed to meet again in early December.

HAND Land Use Committee:

Chris reminded the board that the HAND Land Use Committee used to meet at 6:30 before the HAND Board meetings. The board agreed that if the regular HAND agenda is too full for a robust discussion about land use issues, it would be useful to hold the Land Use Committee meeting before the Board meeting.

November HAND Board meeting:

- The HAND Executive Committee will meet on November 2nd to plan the November Board meeting. Agenda items to include:
 - Development on Division Street: Apartment project on the two lots at the SW corner of 27th & Division, current address is 2624-2636 SE Division
 - Board planning

Notes taken by Karen Girard