



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

April 19, 2022

Attendees:

Board Members: Bruce Bikle, Phil Cox, Chris Eykamp, Karen Girard, Mark Linehan, Rick Nunno, Kim Nurmi, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Charlene Zaharakis

Guests: David A., Anne Draper, Rene Gonzalez, Kevin & Sharon, Peggy McDaniel, Linda Nettekoven, Shah Smith

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

Rene Gonzalez - candidate for City Council Position 3

- Rene Gonzalez, the third candidate for Portland City Council Position 3 to participate in a HAND Board meeting, joined us to provide information about his background, experience and reasons for running for City Council. Rene said his priorities are addressing addiction, mental health services, sheltering the houseless and ending unsanctioned camping.
- Meeting participants asked questions about Rene's positions on police accountability, crime, houselessness, livability, Portland Street Response, and neighborhood associations.

Avalon Park update - Mark Linehan

- Mark Linehan provided an extensive update about the history of the Avalon Park property and ongoing meetings to discuss possible future uses of the property.
- The property is currently owned by PBOT. It was originally converted into a community park, but is now used as an unsanctioned campsite.
- Interested parties, including all adjacent neighbors, have held several workgroup meetings to consider options for converting the property into a space that serves the community and eliminates unsanctioned camping.
- REACH (one of the adjacent neighbors) indicated they would be interested in exploring the possibility of having a tiny house village (10-12 houses) on the property.

- The workgroup met with a representative of Beacon Village, a tiny house village in Montavilla, to learn more about what is needed to create and maintain a tiny house village.
- REACH is exploring options; this must be sustainable.
- If a tiny house village is created on the property, HAND wants a good neighbor agreement.
- REACH and Beacon Village have been invited to the May HAND meeting to share information and answer questions.
- HAND has not taken a position on the prospect of a tiny house village at the site yet; HAND is committed to getting feedback from residents nearby before taking a position.

Sam Adams's meeting with neighborhood association chairs - Chris Eykamp

- Chris reported that as the HAND Board chair, he attended a meeting earlier in the day hosted by Sam Adams from the Mayor's Office. All neighborhood association chairs were invited to the meeting to discuss trash and a proposal for neighborhood feedback.
- The proposal shared by Sam Adams is to divide the city into six zones. The city would have regular meetings with each zone to talk about immediate problems that have an immediate solution. Theoretically, this would lead to a rapid response to immediate needs.
- Each neighborhood would identify a representative who receives a stipend from the city to gather, report, and track issues of immediate need for the neighborhood.
- Willamette Week article: [Mayor's Office May Launch Program to Pay Neighborhood Liaisons to Report Trash, Graffiti and Camping Hot Spots](#)

Bullseye Glass Public Health Assessment report - public meeting with Oregon Health Authority - Chris Eykamp

- The Oregon Health Authority held a community meeting on April 5th to discuss the draft [Bullseye Glass Public Health Assessment report](#).
- The public comment period is open for another couple of weeks.
- The report contains several conclusions, but the health impact of the Bullseye Glass emissions are largely unknown.

SEUL - Bruce Bikle

- The SEUL board approved the bylaws that included the provision that SEUL can eject a board member without cause.
- As the HAND representative to SEUL, Bruce received a notice of a draft disciplinary procedure and code of conduct to be voted on at the next board meeting. Had these drafts been ready in time for the board meeting, board members would have had to vote on important procedures without an opportunity to gather input from board members' organizations. To avoid these situations in the future, Bruce will propose a procedure that would require at least 30 days' notice before a substantive vote.

HAND May General Meeting

- The HAND Board meeting on May 17th at 7:00 p.m. is the General Meeting. The board agreed that the main focus of the meeting would be about Avalon Park and the possible tiny house project. Representatives from REACH and Beacon Village will be invited to present. Chris will personally conduct outreach about the meeting to all neighbors of Avalon.
- The HAND Executive Committee will develop a plan for facilitating the May General Meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Notes taken by Karen Girard