



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

HAND General Meeting

May 17, 2022

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, Elliott, Didi Jayagita (New Day School), Karen La Bonté, Jim Lodwick, Mary Lucero (REACH), Peggy McDaniel, Laurie Meyer, Naomi, Linda Nettekoven, Mary Priester, Whit Spencer, Joanne Stainbrook, Becca Thomsen, Daniel Valliere (REACH)

Chris, board chair, opened the meeting at 7:00. Meeting attendees introduced themselves and Chris shared meeting ground rules.

HAND General Meeting Ground Rules

We're all neighbors, and we all want what's best for the neighborhood.

- We are having a public discussion, not a debate. The purpose is not to win an argument, but to hear many points of view and explore many options and solutions.
- Everyone is encouraged to participate. You may be asked to share what you think, or we may ask for comments from those who haven't spoken. It is always OK to "pass" when you are asked to share a comment.
- No one or two individuals should dominate a discussion. If you have already voiced your ideas, let others have an opportunity. When you speak, be brief and to the point.
- When you speak, state your name and, if you feel comfortable, where you live. In a public meeting, it is helpful to know who is speaking as well as where they live in the community.
- One person speaks at a time. Refrain from side conversations. Pay attention to the person speaking. If you think you will forget an idea that comes to mind, write it down.
- Listen to and respect other points of view.

- Do your best to understand the pros and cons of every option, not just those you prefer. Be as objective and fair-minded as you can be.
- Seek first to understand, not to be understood. Ask questions to seek clarification when you don't understand the meaning of someone's comments.
- Please hold questions to the end.

Adapted from

<https://extension.umn.edu/public-engagement-strategies/setting-ground-rules-productive-discussions>

Avalon update - Mark Linehan (HAND), Daniel Valliere (REACH)

- Mark Linehan and Daniel Valliere provided a thorough overview and history of the Avalon Sanctuary area (SE 19th & Division) and ongoing discussions about future uses of the property.
- Based on ongoing discussions with adjacent property owners/users, HAND, and the City, the stakeholders are interested in discussing the possibility of REACH (one of the adjacent neighbors) having a tiny house village (10-12 houses) at the site.
- The presentation includes information about the characteristics of tiny house villages and existing examples of these communities. Key features of tiny house villages include:
 - Non-congregate, safe and private quarters off the street that provides for the use of shared common facilities.
 - Sense of community that includes shared agreements on communal behavior and commitments to the whole.
 - The ability for the villagers to have agency over their social and physical environment.
- A link to the presentation can be found [here](#):
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UhBluclLMVFRIM5lyibTbLs-idXMrCtN9YZuXJb1Lc/edit?usp=sharing>
- Following the presentation, meeting attendees asked questions and shared concerns and issues to note. Questions, issues and concerns included:
 - Definitions of terms
 - Accountability
 - Long-term funding
 - Governance
 - Logistics
 - Infrastructure/utilities
 - Pest control
 - Food storage and preparation
 - Hygiene
 - Partnerships
 - History of discussions about the property

- Crime
- Proximity to schools
- Requirements for residents including background checks/screenings, restrictions on drug and alcohol use, etc.
- Presenters and HAND stressed that this proposal is in its earliest formation and that there will be many more opportunities for community engagement as the potential for this project develops.
- If a tiny house village is created on the property, HAND wants a good neighbor agreement.
- 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.

Board elections

- Current HAND board members who are up for reelection include: Phil Cox, Jill Riebesehl, Kim Nurmi, and Karen Girard.
- Peggy McDaniel is a new candidate running for the HAND board.
- Michelle Sprague made a motion to vote on the candidates as a slate. Bruce Bikle seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Bruce Bikle made a motion to accept the slate of candidates. Mark Linehan seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

SEUL - Bruce Bikle

- Bruce Bikle, the HAND representative to SEUL, provided an update on the process for neighborhood nominees to SEUL. The change requires the SEUL board to accept the nominee from the neighborhood association.
- Nanci Champlin, the executive director of SEUL, was in attendance and responded to questions and concerns about this process change.
- Nanci Champlin is on the HAND agenda for the June meeting to provide information about the services that SEUL offers neighborhood associations and to answer questions about SEUL.
- The next HAND Executive Committee meeting scheduled for May 31st will be rescheduled or canceled. Chris will send an email with options.

Notes taken by Karen Girard