



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

HAND Board Meeting

March 21, 2023

Attendees:

Board Members: Bruce Bikle, Phil Cox, Chris Eykamp, Karen Girard, Mark Linehan, Peggy McDaniel, Kim Nurmi, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, Charlene Zaharakis.

Guests: Carol, John C., Anne Draper, Elise, Jamie Gilmore, Paul Hogan, Josie Kressner, Kristen Kulongoski, Medina Kurney (CCC), Rob Markle, Wendell Mueller, Leah Nanpei, Linda Nettekoven, Barry NewDelman, Harriet NewDelman, Rex, SE Hosford Abernethy Resident (Alex), Tori Smith (CCC), Julie Zwack

Chris, board chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of February HAND Board minutes and February treasury report

- Bruce moved that the HAND Board approve the [February Board minutes](#), February treasury report, and to have Mark Linehan move \$10,000 to a CD at Advantis Credit Union. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Karibu Program - Central City Concern

- Tori Smith and Medina Kurney from Central City Concern (CCC) joined the meeting to share updates on the [Karibu Program](#) at 20th and Powell.
- From the website: Karibu provides individualized, culturally specific stabilization and treatment preparation (STP) services for Black/African American men (18+) who are involved or at-risk of involvement with the criminal justice system and have behavioral health needs.
- As of today, the program is up and running. Residents moved into the building today.
- Currently there are seven residents; they will have up to 14 residents in 2023 and up to 20 in 2024.
- HAND is in the process of developing a Good Neighbor Agreement with CCC.

- Peggy asked about the graffiti on the building. Tori and Medina reported that this is an ongoing issue. CCC is hoping to have a mural painted on the side of the building. That will cost about \$10,000. Mark said the mural project might qualify for a SE Uplift community grant.
- Action: HAND to send Tori and Medina information about the SEUL grants program.

Sustainable SE Community Coalition (S2C2) - Linda Nettekoven

- Linda Nettekoven asked if HAND wants to engage with the [Sustainable SE Community Coalition \(S2C2\)](#) either by having a seat on the board, or just by participating with the collaborative effort.
- S2C2 is an organization formed by a partnership of business and neighborhood associations in the Buckman, HAND, Richmond, and Mt. Tabor areas.
- The goal of S2C2 is to be a collaborative organization able to serve as a fiscal sponsor for community-based projects in Buckman, Richmond, Mt. Tabor and HAND neighborhoods.
- This is similar to a role that SE Uplift can play, but focused in a smaller, localized geography and more accessible to smaller organizations.
- If you're interested in participating in S2C2, let Linda Nettekoven and Chris Eykamp know.
- HAND will revisit this in the next few months.

Good Neighbor Agreement Committee

- A Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) Committee is working to coordinate the development of GNAs for several projects in and nearby HAND (county shelter in CEID, Central City Concern's Karibu program, Mayor Wheeler's proposed sanctioned camp at 13th and Gideon, and the proposed tiny home village at the Avalon site).
- The GNA Committee has been working with WeShine (organization that would administer the tiny home village). They have invited neighbors from Tamarack which is across Division from the site. HAND will only participate in this GNA if the property's surrounding neighbors are included: New Day School, REACH, and the convent.
- Karibu is in the Brooklyn neighborhood. Originally, Brooklyn was not interested in participating in a GNA, but that may have changed.

Neighborhood Associations Summit

- Peggy, Linda, and Charlene attended the Neighborhood Associations Summit pulled together by Vadim Mozyrsky on March 9th.
- The summit was well-run and was attended by 63 of the 94 neighborhood associations.
- City Commissioner Dan Ryan and T.J. McHugh (OCCL acting director) attended the meeting.
- Attendees broke out into subject areas such as safety, livability, relationship with the City, and healthy environments and brainstormed lists of concerns, ranked them, then voted on top priorities.

- The plan is for the group to come back together and share information with bureau directors and other decision makers.

May HAND General Meeting

- The HAND Board discussed agenda topic ideas for the May General Meeting. Some of the subjects mentioned included WeShine, Karibu Program, Clinton Triangle sanctioned camp, and inviting Commissioner Dan Ryan and T.J. McHugh to talk about neighborhood associations and the Office of Civic and Community Life.
- Board members agreed that an in-person meeting is preferred. Chris will check with St. Philip Neri about the availability of a room.
- We will discuss this more at the April HAND Board meeting.

Lamp Post Removals

- The City of Portland is planning on removing [light posts from 12 city parks](#), including eight located in SE Portland.
- SEUL held a community roundtable meeting about this subject and drafted a [coalition sign-on letter](#) to Commissioner Dan Ryan and Parks Director Long opposing the light post removal and objecting to the process the City used.
- Phil moved that HAND sign-on to the letter. Jill seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Proposed sanctioned camp site in HAND

- Chris provided a summary of various community meetings the Mayor's Office held throughout the city about [sanctioned camp sites](#) (i.e. meeting with the HAND Board, Brooklyn neighborhood meeting, two community engagement meetings).
- The proposed sanctioned camp in HAND is located at 1490 SE Gideon Street, a.k.a. the Clinton Triangle. The camp is in the early planning stages. The City agreed to work with HAND and other stakeholders on a good neighbor agreement.
- Chris opened up the meeting for people to share what they are concerned about, and how could those concerns possibly be addressed. How can we make this the most positive situation for the neighborhood?
- Alex: Appreciates HAND. Concerned about the process. The postcard notification; no real information was included; community outreach is lacking; metrics - what is the oversight to ensure something is done if the metrics go sideways? How do we build trust?
- Charlene Zaharakis: Concerned about Urban Alchemy, safety; environmental concerns; amount of people to be housed at the site.
- Peggy McDaniel: Attended the Montavilla meeting; concerned about metrics, accountability, outcomes measures; concerned about the perimeter - what happens outside the perimeter?

- Mark Linehan: Security perimeter - how do we ensure the safety and security of the people and businesses around the perimeter? Should we include schools in the perimeter? Suggests that the perimeter includes all schools and Brooklyn Park.
- Phil Cox: Security officers v. police; concerned about Urban Alchemy responding to situations instead of the police.
- Kim Nurmi: We need to repeal Measure 110; the only affordable alcohol and drug treatment systems available are in the criminal justice system; people in recovery cannot be around drugs; can't go forward unless rehab is available; concerned about vulnerable residents being exploited.
- Jill Riebesehl: Concerned about the cost.
- Linda Nettekoven: Urban Alchemy made a point of saying the boundary is unclear and is open to the community identifying important areas; if something goes wrong are we supposed to rely on the police who already aren't coming?
- Michelle Sprague: Need to involve Central Eastside Industrial District; Central Eastside Together will be handling the perimeter; need to know what CET's role will be; what is the exact site?
- Rob Markle: Conflicted. Concerns about what this means for his family and the neighborhood; also recognizes that we can't keep going this way; would like to see the process delineated; concerned about the perimeter; law enforcement; this is an opportunity - we're going first so we should ask for as much as we can.
- Chris Eykamp: We have leverage; perimeter - should have some compensation for having the camp in our neighborhood; services will not be available to non-residents
- Mark Linehan: City will provide \$250k to each neighborhood association to contract with private security.
- Alex: it is his understanding that services will only be available to residents; dangerous behavior that is not allowed in the camp may well show up just outside the perimeter.
- Chris Eykamp: What should HAND be doing on next steps? What should we do moving forward?
 - Michelle Sprague: talk with CEID about enhanced service district
 - Jill Riebesehl and Chris Eykamp: joint group with Brooklyn; formed a mailing list
 - Karen Girard: City says they want to collaborate on metrics. Need to be part of that conversation.
 - Mark Linehan: CEID has a role to play, they should be added to the Brooklyn/HAND group.
 - Bruce Bikle: What does the contract say about operations, staffing, metrics, what are the deliverables?
 - Phil Cox: should use PSU for evaluation
- Jill Riebesehl: concerned that journalists would not be allowed in the camp

- Wendell Mueller: has big concerns. Haven't heard a good reason why that is a good location; size - it allows up to 250 people; why can't we start smaller; concerned about Urban Alchemy

The next HAND Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for April 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Girard