



## **Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board**

### **HAND Board Meeting**

**July 18, 2023**

#### **Attendees:**

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

Guests: James Adair, Murielle Adair, James Barrett, Patricia Dresler, Alejandra Favela, Valerie Ilsley, Karen LaBonte, Jan McManus, Linda Nettekoven, Dave Weaver

Chris, board chair, opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

#### **Approval of June HAND Board minutes and treasury report**

- Jill moved to approve the June HAND Board minutes and treasury report. Phil Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Announcements**

- Urban Alchemy public meeting to discuss the Clinton Triangle Shelter Site on Thursday, July 20th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Multnomah County Building, 501 SE Hawthorne in the main meeting room. This will be an opportunity to hear directly from UA leadership about how they intend to manage the shelter site, and they will answer your questions.
- Fire Station 23 is reopening as a full-service fire station. There will be an opportunity to tour the station on Sept. 2nd. Chris will send a message to the HAND list.

#### **Linnton Neighborhood Association**

- The Linnton Neighborhood Association requested HAND's support of a [letter](#) to the Oregon DEQ asking the DEQ to 1) measure emissions from heated asphalt and heated residual oil tanks with EPA Method 204; and 2) conduct fenceline monitoring of IFRT tanks emissions of benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, and xylene with EPA Method 325.

- Mark moved to support the Linnton Neighborhood Association's letter, Bruce seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Mural under Powell/17th Street underpass**

- HAND neighbor Murielle Adair brought forward an idea to have a mural painted on the Powell/17th Street underpass. This would beautify the area and discourage graffiti and other damage. Murielle has worked on two other mural projects at Hosford and Abernethy.
- Portland Street Art Alliance told Murielle to bring this to HAND to start. This is too big of a project for them.
- Linda Nettekoven reported that the Public Environment Management Office (amalgam of City bureaus trying to address livability issues) has been thinking about doing something at the Powell overpass. Linda N. will connect Muriel to PEMO.
- Urban Alchemy is supposed to be patrolling this area on a regular basis. Perhaps some of the money the City has said will be available to neighborhood associations for livability issues could be used to support this project.
- Mark made a motion to support the concept of a mural at the Powell/17th Street Underpass, Peggy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Cut-through traffic on 24th - Phil Cox**

- 24th is one of the very few streets that goes all the way through from Hawthorne to Division. It is a very narrow street.
- Since the narrowing on Hawthorne, backed up traffic cuts through on 24th; Google Maps routes people down 24th.
- Many neighbors on 24th are concerned about the safety of 24th. Phil received an email from a neighbor about a car that was hit. He told the neighbors he would bring this to the HAND Board.
- Mark suggested asking for traffic counts from PBOT.
- Phil moved to ask PBOT for traffic counts on 23rd, 24th and 25th between Hawthorne & Division; Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 yes votes, 1 no vote, and no abstentions.

### **City of Portland Redistricting**

- The Independent District Commission is accepting written testimony on the redistricting proposals until July 22nd.
- Chris Eykamp testified on his own behalf, not as a representative of HAND. He suggested splitting the west side into multiple districts, rather than keeping the west side all together.

### **Avalon Good Neighbor Agreement**

- Chris provided an overview of the plans for a tiny home village at the Avalon property at 19th and Division.
- Mark provided a history of the process for determining solutions for the property and the subsequent development of a [Good Neighbor Agreement](#).
- Jill made the point that HAND, and Mark in particular, has been working on this issue for many years and has kept the board apprised of conversations all along the way. She thanked him for his transparency.
- Phil noted that “adjacent neighbors” includes the properties that are abutting the site. Mark clarified that other concerned parties can raise issues with the City. Phil raised a concern that the neighborhood doesn’t have enough representation on the neighborhood council.
- Mark suggested amending the GNA to say that HAND may appoint three representatives. All agreed that would be acceptable.
- Chris noted that Avalon is different from the Clinton TASS in that Avalon will have daytime staff only plus after-hours crisis coverage.
- Jan McManus of WeShine shared that the village will serve women and people who identify as female, with a focus on people who are black, indigenous, or have a disability.
- Following discussion, all agreed on the following changes to the GNA:
  - Neighborhood council participation - HAND will appoint 3
  - Parties to this agreement agree to revisit the GNA (changed from “discussion”)
- Mark moved that HAND sign on to the Avalon GNA as amended, Jill seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 votes in favor, 1 vote opposed, and no abstentions.

### **Clinton Temporary Alternative Shelter Site (TASS)**

- Thursday, July 20th - there is a meeting from 5:00-6:00 to finish up the GNA.
- At the August 15th HAND meeting, the only topic will be discussion of the Clinton TASS GNA.

### **HAND Board retreat**

- August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Lucky Lab at 915 SE Hawthorne.
- Proposed 2 topics:
  - How charter reform will affect HAND
  - Do we want to transition to be a 501(c)(3)

### **Events to consider**

- Ice cream social - historically held at Piccolo Park on National Night Out (Tuesday, August 1st); all agreed it will be difficult to get this scheduled for this year.
- Neighborhood clean-up - used to be a fundraiser for HAND; if someone is motivated to take this on, let Chris know. The City has offered to hold a clean-up event in our neighborhood.

### **HAND representatives at summer events**

- Let Chris know if you are interested in volunteering at either of the following events:
  - Hawthorne Street Fair - August 27th - let Chris know if you're interested
  - Movies in the Park - August 19th - Jill, Mark, Chris volunteered to table

The next HAND Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for August 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Karen Girard*