



MEETING NOTES: LAND-USE 4/17/2018

Attending: HAND Board members: Susan Pearce, chair; Linda Nettekoven, Michelle Sprague Joanne Stainbrook,

Guests: Simon Criswell, Benson HS student; Luke Hotchkiss, BHS teacher; Curtis Wilson, BHS Principal; another BHS student, name illegible; Kristen Cowden, Portland Public Schools

Meeting was called to order shortly after 6:30 PM.

The representatives from Benson High School and Portland Public Schools presented plans for a 40'X50' lot on SE Ivon Street between SE 13th and 14th Avenues, owned by PPS, now surplus property. The lot will be turned over to the BHS building program; the students will build homes on the property and sell them. The proceeds from the sale are used to fund the BHS building program.

The site has recently been used as a garden for the Abernethy Environmental School before the Environmental School was moved elsewhere. There was inconclusive discussion about whether the plot has been used as a garden since the Environmental School moved.

Successive classes build a home over 3-4 years, working for about 3 hours, 3-4 days a week during the school year. There is hope that the project will begin in the fall of 2018 after permits are obtained over the summer.

The students brought three sets of plans developed by the BHS architectural students. They want to build a small home and an ADU, noting there is not much new development that is small and relatively affordable. The main home would be 900 SF on two floors; the ADU 400SF (??), a first floor ADA accessible unit.

BHS students will meet with Michelle Sprague, whose home is next door to the site to provide further information for Michelle and her neighbors as plans develop.

Land Use Meeting adjourned at 6:50PM

Regular HAND Board Meeting:

Board attendees: Jon Adams, treasurer; Daniel Amoni; Chris Eykamp, Vice chair; Thomas Eykamp student representative; Jessica Engelman; Claud Gilbert; Paul Jaeger; Mark Linehan; Linda Nettekoven; Sue Pearce, chair; Jill Riebesehl, secretary; Michelle Sprague, communications chair; Joanne Stainbrook; Charlene Zaharakis. Guests: Quentin Bemis, Patricia Dresler, Jason Duerr, Allen Field, Jim Kogler, Hanna Newell, Kim Nurmi, Rose *, Michael Wade, Sam Wake, Leo Yee

Sue Pearce, chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Crime Report: Portland Police Office Leo Yee gave a rundown on crime statistics from March 6 to April 14. Most incidents involved stolen cars, at 14, and larceny in cars, at 19.

Public Comments: Kim Nurmi expressed her dismay after learning about the Portland Department of Transportation's Ladd-Lincoln-Harrison Greenway Project.

Regarding off leash dogs at Abernethy school grounds, Hanna Newell explained that after a parent scolded a dog owner, several people -- parents, dog owners, school -- worked to devise a compromise. The upshot: dog walkers should be responsible for policing themselves. The challenge is getting the word out to all users: no dogs on the playground area, under the covered area or during school hours. Also, how to post signs indicating the restrictions. Sue mentioned that Hosford neighbors have set up reminders, dispensers and cans.

Community Gardens: Allen Field, of Friends of Portland Community Gardens, presented a letter objecting to the city's proposed fee increase of 40% a year on plots in certain more prosperous neighborhoods with larger gardens. This would bring a large plot to \$110. The increase last year was 10%. Allen was seeking input and support from the HAND board. Richmond and Sunnyside neighborhoods have signed on to the letter. Board discussion delved into the reason for the steep increase and generally wished more garden plots were available. Allen indicated all signs are that the community garden project is a success and is very popular.

Linda moved, Joanne seconded, that HAND support the letter submitted by Allen Field. Chris proposed an amendment to a HAND letter that there needs to be more space for community gardens in our neighborhoods and better use of the West Clinton garden. Paul proposed an amendment to the effect that the board be neutral on policy regarding plot turnover. Jessica seconded it. The vote on that amendment was tied, with Sue breaking the tie vote against. The motion went down. The final vote on the original motion passed, with 11 in favor; 2 against. Chris will make changes in the submitted letter to reflect the board's sentiment.

Community Clean Up: Allen Field introduced a first-ever community-wide cleanup of graffiti, litter and sharps on Hawthorne Blvd. and Division and Clinton streets. Involved will be neighborhood associations, businesses and business employees, churches, residents. Richmond and Sunnyside have signed on. It will be June 16, from 9 to 1. The goal is to spread involvement wide. HAND is being asked to focus on the Clinton and 26th intersection. Allen is working with Metro to help out and said SOLV will provide refuse bags. Chris moved to sign on to supporting the project, Paul seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Neighborhood Code Contact: Linda proposed some of the rules for letting neighbors know of land use change and developer plans: 1. No need to notify neighborhoods if project is smaller than 10,000 square feet; 2. If greater than 10,000 and smaller than 40,000, no required meeting; 3. Question up in the air about when the developers should be required to present their plans to the neighborhoods. Linda will ask Sara Wright for a "courtesy sheet" with best practices for how meetings should run. Presenters must provide materials ahead of time. Chris moved to accept the letter; Joanne seconded. Concerning point 3, every neighborhood is different so there should be flexibility regarding the when, but scheduling is necessary. Also, how to notify neighbors: email? mail? sign on the property? The motion passed to accept the proposal, with one abstention.

Avalon Park Update: Linda is trying to set up the next steps.

HAND Website page: Jason Duerr, web page designer who lives in the neighborhood, critiqued our page, said it was seriously out of date technologically, and he could upgrade it to make a useable and good looking page that would rival others. Chris moved to write up a proposal. Chris moves to accept the offer, Paul seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Notes submitted by Jill Riebesehl.

*I could not decipher Rose's last name from the signup sheet. I apologize.

In attendance: Jon Adams, Jessica Engelman, Chris Eykamp, Mark Linehan, Linda Nettekoven, Sue Pearce, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague; also Phil Cox, Kim and Mark Nurmi and Robert Pile

Chairperson Sue Pearce called the meeting to order at 7:08 and converted it to a Rapid Response Committee.

Robert Pile, of TMT, which is putting in an apartment building at 23rd and Hawthorne, brought us up to date on efforts to get a crosswalk on Hawthorne at SE 24th Ave. He said it's on the Portland Bureau of Transportation's radar. The company plans to address the issue in writing to PBOT's commission and director and is working with nearby businesses to secure their support. The configuration of streets involved would probably change. Possible suggestions include converting SE 23rd Avenue to one-way, putting in a "hawk" light at SE 29th Ave., the problem of curb bumps and more. Mark moved, Linda seconded that HAND support the general idea of a letter that would, in addition, urge better communication with neighbors. The motion passed, with one abstention.

Plans for HAND's general meeting -- this year on May 15 -- were hashed out. They included contacting speakers working on various Willamette River issues, which will be the central subject of the annual meeting, as the river is the western boundary of HAND. Board members volunteered to cover various tasks needed to carry out the general meeting.

Discussion turned to who is up for re-election on the board: They include Sue, Jon, Paul, Joanne, Jill, Linda, a student rep. Sue, who had earlier announced she would leave the board, said she would like to remain, but not as chair. Linda said she will bow out due to myriad other commitments. We learned that the Eykamp dynasty might continue, with Chris's son Thomas leaving as student rep, but his brother, Ian, wishing to fill that spot. Kim Nurmi indicated her interest in being on the board. The board has room for 20.

Jessica said she is preparing another email covering the city's Central City in Motion project that she would send to the city if board members give their OK.

In response to the board's welcoming public comments: Kim and Mark Nurmi expressed their distress with the proposed Lincoln/Harrison greenway plan. They cited lack of notification to residents about the street changes, which include planned traffic diversions, and access problems that would result in

the adjacent neighborhoods for motorists and emergency vehicles. In response, discussion included the generally recognized lack of east-west thoroughfares and disturbing increase in traffic through the neighborhoods.

Mark encouraged a holistic effort to confront this widespread problem in Portland. Efforts are afoot for parties to discuss a transportation network, which would include a subcommittee with the Central Eastside Industrial Council, Southeast Uplift, and neighborhood boards with the goal of getting the Portland Bureau of Transportation's attention.

It was decided to call another meeting of the board April 30 to hear from Peter Fry about a problem with the city's design and approval process for developments; a three-step notification format for neighborhoods to be notified and to learn about proposed developments; and from a resident who wants an adjustment to the city's ordinance on setbacks for driveways and garages.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37. Meeting notes submitted by Jill Riebesehl.

April 9, 2018
New Seasons Market cafe

Attendees: Board members Chris Eykamp, Linda Nettekoven, Sue Pearce, Jill Riebesehl; also neighbor Erin Flasher

Re: Effort to help resident Patricia Dresler stall renovation of a house thought to be owned by Stephen Tallman of Manhattan Beach, Ca. The address: 2905 SE 19th Ave.

After discussing steps necessary to make an official request with the city's Bureau of Development and Sustainability, Sue, at 1:30, called the Rapid Response Committee to order.

Chris moved, and Linda seconded, that the HAND board support efforts of Patricia Dressler to request a demolition delay for the house at 2905 SE 19th Ave. The motion passed unanimously.

Plans were made to gather the necessary documents to be presented asap to BDS.

Erin said she would make further efforts to ascertain the current owner.

The meeting ended at 2:00.

-- Jill Riebesehl

Monday April 30, 2018

Attendees: Board members, Jon Adams, Chris Eykamp, Claud Gilbert, Linda Nettekoven, Sue Pearce, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague. Others: **Slavik Dezhnyuk**, Peter Fry, Lou Hodes, Chris Watson

Sue called Rapid Response Committee meeting to order at 7:05.

The meeting was called to take up four agenda items: to hear a concern of the Central Eastside Industrial Council (CEIC), and perhaps take action on it; to hear a request for adjustment to city ordinances on desired changes to a property on Clinton Street; to hear suggestions on a property on SE 12th Avenue for a 6-unit apartment building; and to review and weigh in on a proposed notification and community engagement process on building projects for neighborhoods.

Peter Fry, representing the Central Eastside Industrial District, has a proposal for improving the way the city approves developers' land use requests. Fry, head of the CEIC's land use committee, is making the rounds of neighborhoods that overlap with the CEID (HAND, Kerns and Buckman). Due to the expensive design process and the time limitations, development proposals have been expedited in a way that doesn't allow enough community input, creating what Fry calls "slippage" in decision-making. He is seeking suggestions from neighbors for improving as well as expediting the process before he brings a proposal to the city's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. Fry also mentioned improving Grand and MLK. After further discussion within the HAND board, Chris will draft a letter that could accompany that of CEIC. (There was mention of a Central City in Motion meeting June 5 to which all four neighborhoods are invited.)

Architect Chris Watson represented the owner of a property at 2633 SE 23rd, which faces onto SE Clinton St, who wants to cut in a driveway with a five-foot setback rather than the 18-foot setback that is legally required. The owner then would place an ADU on the garage. The deadline for responding to the request for adjustment was the day after this Rapid Response meeting. There was a long discussion about the advisability of the proposed adjustment. The committee took no action.

Slavik Dezhnyuk described his plans to demolish a house that had been renovated into apartments at 2215 SE 12th Ave. and build in its place an

apartment building with six units, about 1,000 sq. ft. each that would include 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. The building would not provide parking, but have bike accessibility. Dexhnyuk's design aims are to be compatible with other structures along SE 12th Ave.

Linda Nettekoven passed around a one-pager that neighborhoods could use furthermore meaningful and timely input as they face requests for new projects. The three-step process includes notifications of projects and who all should receive them; visit suggestions for when and what kind of visits are expected and what sort of materials should be included in the visits; and an applicant comment and response form.

Chris moved, Jon seconded, that the committee adopt the 3-step proposal, eliminating the sample responses, with the option to do some tweaking on the document. Further, that it should be included on our HAND website. The motion received unanimous approval.

"Claud remarked on the way Richmond NA divides itself up, apportioning board slots to each of the districts. He suggested that it might be a good idea for HAND to do same, as it might draw wider participation."

Members of the committee also discussed details for the May 15 Annual Meeting.

Adjourned 9:30. Notes submitted by Jill Riebesehl