



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District Association
Board Meeting
Sept. 18, 2018

Attending board members: Daniel Amoni, Jon Adams, Jessica Engelman, Chris Eykamp, Claud Gilbert, Paul Jaeger, Mark Linehan, Katie Mogensen, Kim Nurmi, Sue Pearce, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, Charlene Zaharakis. Also in attendance: Greg Dermer, Don Dominguez, Wendy Dominguez, Linda Ernst, Jessie Fan, Nathan Jesudason, Michael Koerner, Eric Scheel, Kate Merrill and Rina Jimmerson.

Chris Eykamp, HAND board chair, opened the meeting at 7 p.m. and asked for general neighbor concerns. We heard the suggestion that freight traffic would increase on SE 11th and 12th Avenues if bike lanes were built on SE Seventh Ave.

Enhanced Services District: Kate Merrill, CEIC's executive director, described the Central Eastside Industrial District's proposed ESD to deal with the issues of safety, trash, vandalism and graffiti. The CEIC is gathering signatures from property owners and requesting letters of support from neighborhood associations, which are needed by early October to prepare for a Nov. 7 City Council meeting. If 67% of property owners sign, the district will automatically pass. Otherwise City Council approval is needed. To run the ESD, which would go into effect in March or April of next year, there would be an assessment to raise \$1.4 million. CEID would also use \$1.4 million from parking revenue. The fund would provide for cleanup, security and workforce development. Rina Jimmerson, program manager for the CEID's Transportation, Parking Advisory Committee, described a current pilot program and presented statistics and anecdotes to support its efficacy. She and Katie took board questions. Meeting attendees raised a number of concerns, including having a private police force doing work the city should

be doing; what security officers can do that is useful, and what about negative impacts on homeless people; the relationship of the project to transportation and parking policy on which the HAND board may not agree with the CEIC; and the financial impact of assessment rates on residents. Sue moved, Kim seconded to sign and send the CEIC draft letter as written. Jill moved, Jon seconded to defer this to the October board meeting. The vote to defer passed unanimously. This will allow time to get more information on the ESD at a Sept. 26 social and information event, and to get specific information on assessment rates for residential property owners.

Cell tower on Division: Regarding the tower recently built at Southeast Division and 25th, Verizon said it held a public meeting. No one seems to have been notified -- about the tower or the meeting, a requirement by city law. Jon has drafted a letter in response. The HAND board discussed ways to strengthen the letter. A redraft would express more outrage and request the city to pursue legal recourse. It should be sent to the city's Office for Community Technology, Portland Bureau of Transportation, the Office of Community and Civic Life, Southeast Uplift, the city attorney and members of the City Council. Mark moved, Katie seconded, to send the letter. The vote passed unanimously.

Gideon Street Bridge: A pedestrian, bicycle bridge across the railroad and MAX tracks has long been advocated after one was removed to build the Orange Line. Businesses on SE 14th Ave. have major concerns about the design, location and safety. Owners of three businesses attending the meeting were united in opposition to the current plan. They say the site would be unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists due to frequent freight truck traffic at SE 14th, and the bridge would make it difficult for trucks to access their businesses. The owners suggested the bridge be put at SE 16th Ave. and indicated frustration over the planning process of Tri-Met and the city. The board expressed concern for the issues raised but also support for the bridge. Chris proposed inviting TriMet and PBOT to the next board meeting to discuss the issue further.

Avalon Sanctuary: In response to safety concerns raised by adjacent businesses, converting the sanctuary off SE 19th Ave. and Division into an official city community garden has been proposed to replace the

sanctuary. Members are examining what steps must be taken to accomplish the change. The board decided to discuss this next meeting.

Board business: Mark move, Sue seconded to approve the June executive meeting minutes, July executive committee minutes and July treasurer's report. The vote passed unanimously. Mark moved, Michael seconded to approve the July board meeting minutes, striking the word "friendly" from the description of Jessica's amendment. The vote passed unanimously. Mark moved, Jon seconded to accept the August executive minutes as amended by Sue. Passed unanimously.

Other Notes : State Rep. Rob Nosse attended the first hour of the meeting and was open to taking questions. There was not enough time; he will return in the future. Chris introduced Cleveland High student Nathan Jesudason, who is exploring becoming a student representative on HAND board.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 9:40.

Paul Jaeger took the meeting notes; Jill Riebesehl formatted them.

The HAND Board meets every third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Carvlin Hall on the St. Philip Neri campus in Portland, Oregon. All are welcome.



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District Association
Executive Committee meeting, Sept. 24, 2018

Present: Jon Adams, Daniel Amoni, Chris Eykamp, Claud Gilbert, Emily Gilbert, Mark Linehan, Jill Riebesehl, Michael Wade and Michelle Sprague

We met at Palio's at 7 p.m., Chris presiding.

Claud's long list of neighbors he had canvassed to inform them about CEID's proposed fees and boundary change prompted further discussion about the situation. Claud talk directly with Rina Jimmerson and Kate Merrill of CEID about the 12th Avenue boundary change.

Regarding Avalon Park, Michael, Leslie and Mark talked about what they learned it would take to turn the sanctuary into a community garden. Steps included getting PBOT and Parks to let us use the space and access water; notify neighbors; contact Kirk Rea of City Repair; raise money for irrigation and fence; talk with New Day School about using their property to truck in chips. Linda Nettekoven will talk with an adjacent neighbor about adding another yard. Jon said we should apply for "fiscal sponsorship" which would make the sponsorship more official.

Regarding Gideon Street Bridge, Chris said he had a long talk with Brenda Martin of Tri-Met about the 14th Avenue site. Tri-Met's position is that the businesses on SE 14th Ave. need to adjust. Michelle said there are plans for an Oct. 12 meeting between the business owners and Tri-Met and PBOT.

There was also discussion on having Officer Leo Yee come quarterly to give neighborhood updates.

Cell tower: Jon mentioned his conversation with Jennifer Li, Office for Community Technology. Some saw the cell tower doubling as a telephone tower.

Daniel opened conversation about HAND itself, to solicit a possible overhaul of the board's by-laws to reflect changes since they were last written. Daniel would like to see an effort to agree on overall neighborhood goals for HAND. Those present had a long discussion about the suggestion.

The main goal of the executive committee meeting was to draw up an agenda for the October 16th board meeting. The possibilities fluctuated as we talked but we tentatively came up with Avalon Sanctuary, Gideon Bridge (requesting update from officials involved), Municipal Broadband with Michael Hanna, state Rep. Rob Nosse, the Division St. cell tower and the CEIC and Claud's petition.

HAND's executive committee meets irregularly; upcoming meetings are posted on our Facebook page and website. The public is welcome.

Notes submitted by Jill Riebesehl