



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District Association
September 15, 2020

Attendees: Board members Chris Eykamp, Bruce Bikle, Karen Girard, Mark Linehan, Kim Nurmi, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, Charlene Zaharakis. Other neighbors: Ari Harnelis, Paul Lutey, Linda Nettekoven, Rick Nunno, Joanne Stainbrook.

Presenters: Maggie Derk and Mauricio Leclerc from PBOT; Heather Flint Chatto from the PDX Mainstreet Guidelines group

Chris opened the Zoom meeting at 7:05 and, as HAND's air quality tester, announced that the air is the cleanest it's been since Thursday.

Hawthorne Boulevard: Representatives of the Portland Bureau of Transportation's Hawthorne Paint and Repaving project visited HAND again, recapping the goals of the project as well as the size, and added another option. The boulevard is, on the one hand a major commercial and tourist draw, on the other one of the 30 most dangerous arterials in the city. The lowdown overview and details can be accessed at <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/planning/se-hawthorne-pave-and-paint>.

Briefly, the project is needed to protect the integrity of the roadway. The first option would make few changes and the second would include middle turn lanes. The project involves striping, paving and adding pedestrian crossings and adding the ability for more curbside services. It includes equity and climate goals and considerations.

The new option, No. 3, has two parts A and B, and planners are asking the public for input. The new option would add designated bike paths on the boulevard in two configurations: buffered bike lanes and parking-protected bike lanes. Pros and cons: the pros include making cycling more accessible as well as safer; the cons slow vehicular traffic, reduce parking spaces and possibly divert car traffic onto existing greenways. Summed up for travel time: Option 1, travel time; Option 2, add about 2 minutes; Option 3, increase travel times from 8 to 16 minutes. Planners compared climate and equity impacts for each option as well.

Neighbor concerns: the project would funnel four lanes to two at the west end, which proved dangerous on Division; would not help one of HAND's main safety concerns being the hill between 27th and 20th where vehicles going west pick up speed; the street needs better enforcement of speed limits and better signage; looks as if the project is essentially merely a paving plan.

Main Street Guidelines Heather Flint Chatto, a main force along with Linda Nettekoven, is behind a plan to recognize and encourage -- and establish design standards -- for Portlanders and developers to increase awareness of the building patterns the city used as it grew so as to integrate new buildings. The vision, which started small many years ago, has grown after wide and deep public outreach to scores of entities, has gathered several neighborhood endorsements, enlarged the scope and has a new name: PDX Main Street Design Guidelines. For more information: <https://www.pdxmainstreets.org/division-design-guidelines> and [Division-Hawthorne/PDX Main Street Design Guidelines \(2020 Update\)](#)

One goal of Heather's presentation was to spread awareness of the guidelines. She is asking the HAND board to support, which we gave earlier for Division St., guideline adoption for Powell Blvd., Hawthorne Blvd, MLK and 11th/12th Avenues.

City planners aren't sharing this essentially grassroots effort with developers, but are mainly focused on much taller buildings. The guidelines are not intended to affect density and, with greater acceptance, could actually increase density. The guidelines have equity in mind as they do not make recommendations on building materials, etc. They are non-binding. The hope is that this work will pay off as the St. Philip Neri project proceeds. Catholic Charities does have a copy of the guidelines. Comments: How will the guidelines pertain to the Central Eastside Industrial District, which is within HAND's boundaries. In answer to one question, the guidelines don't change zoning. Heather said the project is in the early stages for influencing changes.

Regarding Powell, Hawthorne, MLK and 11th/12th -- Jill moved to ask developers to consider the standards when building on these streets. Michael seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor. Bruce moved, and Michael seconded to compose a letter in support and send it to the Central Eastside Industrial District, to city commissioners and others in the city government and Metro, and to neighborhood associations. The motion passed.

Linda suggested the HAND working group on Design Overlay Zoning Amendments (DOZA) -- which will get to the City Council next year -- might go hand-in-hand with those working on the Historic Resources Inventory.

Brooklyn and Albina railroad yards: Chris proposed that the board sign on to an effort spearheaded by Mo Badreddine and others to relocate the huge and long-established yards. He introduced a letter for the board to consider and recommended our letter be sent all and sundry: His letter: "Dear Oregon Leaders, Please support the further research of relocating the Albina and Brooklyn yards, as railroad relocations have yielded enormous benefits including: decreased air pollution, alleviating traffic congestion, improvement in railroad's operational efficiency, increase for new economic development, safer routes for hazardous materials movement, and elimination of obstruction to emergency vehicles, just to name a few."

Mark moved, Bruce seconded to approve. Seven in favor, one abstention. Michelle suggested that the letter be sent to the land use committee of the Central Eastside Industrial Council.

Communications budget discussions: Michelle said we have \$800 that needs to be spent by the end of September. Two possibilities were discussed: a HAND ad in the Southeast Examiner to run for three months; and printing up a few copies of the PDX Main Street Guidelines for use by us and to share for developments in our neighborhood.

Bruce moved that we create an advertising placing committee to authorize spending up to \$550 on the ads. Michael seconded the motion. The motion passed. Michael moved; Kim seconded that the committee research the legitimacy and then authorize spending \$250 on printing some PDX Main Street Guidelines. Motion passed. Michael proposed, Mark seconded that the board adopt the communications budget items amounting to \$800. Motion passed.

Running out of time, the board agreed to vote on the minutes from the last two meetings at the next board meeting. Regarding the Southeast Uplift vote on retaining Allen Field on its board, Charlene said the board took the issue off the table. Michael announced a 5:30 Sept. 21 meeting of various interests to discuss the future of the Avalon property on SE 19th Ave. And Chris said he would immediately send out the list of various commitments made at this meeting.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 9:15.

Notes taken by Jill Riebesehl