



Minutes

Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

October 20, 2020

Attendees: Board Members: Bruce Bikle, Phil Cox, Chris Eykamp, Mark Linehan, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, Neighbors: Rex Fisher, Paul Lutey, Linda Nettekoven

Chris, board chair, opened the meeting at 7:00. Karen volunteered to be the notetaker.

Leaf Blowers: Judy Walton at Quiet Clean PDX requested that HAND support a statement banning gasoline powered leaf blowers. The board discussed the matter briefly. Michelle moved that the discussion be tabled until a time when Judy Walton is available to attend a meeting and provide more information. Michael seconded. Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Historical Resources Code Project: The Historic Resources Code Project is an update to the HRC intended to improve the processes, regulations and incentives to help preserve the city's most significant historic places. The project is currently in draft form and open for public comment.

On October 27, 2020 the Planning and Sustainability Commission will be holding a hearing to review the project and the public comments. Register by 4pm on the 26th to testify virtually *or* have your comments submitted by then to be included in the testimony.

HISTORIC RESOURCES CODE PROJECT DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<https://www.portland.gov/bps/hrcp>

GUIDE TO PROJECTS CURRENTLY REQUIRING HISTORIC RESOURCE REVIEW:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/421247>

Linda Nettekoven provided an update to the board about the Historic Resources Code Project and asked if the board would be interested in submitting a letter to the Planning and Sustainability Commission with the following talking points:

1. The process for review and comment for the HRC Project is much too fast for such a complex issue.
2. Supports looking at preservation as a way to celebrate the diverse history of those who came before, not as a means to shut others out. We acknowledge and are grateful for the supporting work to recognize African American and indigenous peoples as a crucial component of Portland's history and geography through focusing on equity and storytelling.
3. Need to delineate a clear process for creating conservation districts.
4. Recommend a joint review of historic districts by the Planning Commission and the Landmarks Commission for reporting to City Council.
5. Support adaptive reuses of buildings.
6. Currently, the Transfer of Development rights process is unfair to communities and needs further review.

Michael moved that the board send a letter to the Planning and Sustainability Commission as detailed above. Jill seconded. Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Avalon Sanctuary update: Mark reported that PBOT is looking to transfer the Avalon property to the Parks Department, but no progress has been made at this time. Will report back with more information.

Financial accounts: It's time to update the financial accounts management due to changes in the board. Mark moved that Sue Pearce and Jon Adams be removed from the HAND account and that he be added to the account. This will leave Mark Linehan, Chris Eykamp and Michelle Sprague as signatories to the account. Phil seconded. Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Gideon Crossing: Jill talked to Tri-Met about the status of the Gideon bridge. The bridge, built by Tri-Met, will open to the public in mid-November. PBOT, as the bureau that will manage it, will issue a press release.

Portland Marathon request: The board discussed the request from the Portland Marathon to hold a “Limited Edition” of the Portland Marathon, using the Esplanade, in Spring 2021. Michael moved that the board support the request as described in the email from Jared Rohatinsky to Chris on October 19th. Phil seconded. Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Tree Code update: Linda Nettekoven shared information about the Tree Code update. The proposed tree code amendments include:

- Removal of exemptions to tree preservation and tree planting requirements when development occurs in certain commercial and industrial zones;
- Strengthening tree preservation requirements when development occurs on private property, citywide.

The City Council is considering the Tree Code updates on October 29th. Sign up to testify by Tuesday, October 27th at 4:00 p.m. or submit written comments by Thursday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m.

Consent agenda: The consent agenda includes the following:

Approval of July, August and September board meeting minutes. Approval of the August, September and October treasurer’s report. Phil moved to approve the consent agenda. Michelle seconded. Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.

Meeting adjourned 8:51 p.m.

The executive committee will meet via Zoom on Nov. 2. All are welcome.

Notes taken by Karen Girard

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