



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

May 18, 2021

Attendees: Board Members: Bruce Bikle, Phil Cox, Chris Eykamp, Karen Girard, Mark Linehan, Kim Nurmi, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, Charlene Zaharakis; Neighbors/guests: Leah Fisher (SEUL), Katy McKinney-Bock, Kate Merrill (Central Eastside Industrial Council), Linda Nettekoven, Christa Nichols, Rick Nunno, Alicia Reese, Matchu Williams (SEUL)

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

Central Eastside Industrial Council: Kate Merrill, the Executive Director of the [Central Eastside Industrial Council](#) (CEIC), joined the meeting to share information about CEIC and some of their important initiatives, including the Enhanced Services District: [Central Eastside Together](#).

The CEIC is a non-profit, volunteer organization representing businesses and property owners in the Central Eastside Industrial District (CEID) in Portland, Oregon. Comprised of district property owners, businesses and makers, the CEIC strives to preserve and honor the district's industrial roots while maintaining a vibrant and thriving community of diverse businesses. Some of the issues the CEIC and its Committees are working on include:

- Parking solutions
- Multi-modal transport incentives
- Graffiti abatement and mural projects
- District clean-up
- Work force training
- Land use issues
- District freight & manufacturing studies

Central Eastside Together aims to foster a safer district, enhance the pedestrian experience, reinforce economic viability and promote Central Eastside's unique identity through innovative and highly responsive programs.

Kate provided valuable information on some of the programs of Central Eastside Together such as the Care Team, cleaning and graffiti services, and community grants program. In addition, Kate shared information about upcoming events sponsored by CEIC such as their open house on June 2nd and a SOLV clean-up on June 25th.

Most of the discussion centered around partnerships, care and services for neighbors experiencing houselessness, trash clean-up and stewardship of the area, and disruptions caused by the railroad traffic. All agreed that continued coordination and partnerships between HAND and CEIC are constructive and worthwhile.

HAND Board Elections: Chris acknowledged and thanked two HAND Board members, Daniel Amoni and Claud Gilbert, whose terms are complete.

Current HAND Board members whose terms end this spring and agreed to run for reelection include: Chris Eykamp, Mark Linehan, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, and Charlene Zaharakis.

One new HAND member, Rick Nunno, agreed to run for election to join the HAND Board.

All candidates in this election shared a bit about themselves and why they are interested in serving on the HAND Board. A theme for all was the importance of civic engagement and wanting to contribute positively to their neighborhood.

Because the HAND Board has more seats available than candidates, the option to elect the slate of candidates together is an option. Bruce made a motion to have the election be for the slate of candidates, rather than voting for individuals. Michelle seconded the motion. There were no objections. The Board then voted unanimously to elect the entire slate of candidates.

Signs for the Bob Stacey Crossing (formerly known as the Gideon Overcrossing): The Board discussed the urgent need for signs at the gates on SE 8th, SE 11th, and SE 12th to notify pedestrians and cyclists that there is a crossing, with an elevator, over the train tracks at SE 14th. Currently, there are not any signs pointing the way for pedestrians and cyclists to the overcrossing, leaving them in the dark about options for continued travel while a train is stopped on the tracks.

Jill made a motion for HAND to send a letter to the Portland Bureau of Transportation urging the addition of signs at these gates. Mark seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to send the letter. Mark volunteered to write the letter from HAND. It was noted that the CEIC wants to co-sign the letter.

Discussion about in-person/virtual meetings: As more people are vaccinated against Covid, and the risk for transmission goes down, the Board discussed what would need to be in place for resuming in-person meetings. It was acknowledged that this is all dependent on state and local laws on in-person gatherings, as well as the policies at St. Philip Neri. It was agreed that having a hybrid model of meetings with both in-person and virtual components is preferable. Leah said that this is something SE Uplift is looking into and can provide technical assistance for best practices of a hybrid meeting model. In the meantime, the Board agreed to hold its June and July meetings virtually. We will determine whether to hold the August Board retreat in-person or virtually later. Leah offered the SE Uplift garden space as an option for the Board retreat in August.

SE Uplift announcements: [Leah Fisher](#) from SE Uplift provided the following announcements:

1. On May 26th from 6:30-8:30, SEUL will be running an orientation for those interested in representing HAND at SEUL. If you are interested, please contact Leah.
2. SEUL is running its new Board Member Orientation for new and returning board members on June 29th from 6:30-8:30. New board members or those needing an update are encouraged to attend.

National Night Out – Ice Cream Social: Usually, HAND holds an ice cream social in Piccolo Park on National Night Out in August. This was canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic. The Board agreed that it is important to bring this tradition back this year and can be done safely with some precautions. Michelle, Charlene, Kim and

Chris volunteered to plan the Ice Cream Social. Mark said he has a bunch of materials (posters, etc.) that he will get to the committee.

Committee updates: Michelle provided an update on the Rail Subcommittee's presentation to CEIC.

Meeting adjourned 8:59 p.m.

Notes taken by Karen Girard