



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

November 16, 2021

Attendees: Board Members: Bruce Bikle, Chris Eykamp, Karen Girard, Mark Linehan, Rick Nunno, Kim Nurmi, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, Charlene Zaharakis

Guests: Jon Adams, Brent, Susan Fierberg, Caroline Hanson, Nic Jonsson, Pat Kessi (WK Architecture), Jimin Kim, Doug Klotz (Inner SE Action), Trevor Lewis (WK Architecture), Beth Nasser (Inner SE Action), Linda Nettekoven, Mike Perso (WK Architecture), Susan, Greg Potter, Taralynn, Catie Thiesen, Brian Waite (WK Architecture)

Chris, board chair, opened the meeting at 7:00.

5-Story apartment project @ 2624-2636 SE Division (Mike Perso):

Mike Perso and other representatives from William Kaven Architecture presented information about the proposed 5-story apartment project at 2624-2636 SE Division.

Link to William Kaven Architecture presentation:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KGIXXyzm4RXH5T-i9gJUxFnIsg762BSH/view?usp=sharing>

Attendees at the meeting engaged in a discussion, asked questions and shared concerns about topics that included:

- Building will be set back 25'
- Energy efficiency, opening windows, mini-split cooling systems
- Concerns about lack of parking, commercial inclusion in the development
- Size of sidewalk (12', including planters)
- Windows on Clinton Condominium side - doing their best to offset windows; windows cannot exceed 25% of wall area for openings on a property line
- Timeline - hoping to submit for permit by end of the year with construction starting next summer. Expect construction to take about 15 months. City of Portland construction hours are 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
- Do not anticipate blocking Division or 27th.

- Not proposing to alter parking on Division. Concerns about loading zone for building.
- Transit-friendly building with bike parking, on bus line.
- Trees - not proposing to save any trees on the property, but are saving the street trees
- Affordable housing - depends on the unit size and income threshold
- Concerns about additional dogs at Piccolo Park
- People with questions or concerns about the development can send them to Chris Eykamp, chair of HAND. He will collect information and forward it on to Mike Perso at William Kaven Architecture.

Fire Station 23 - proposed letter

Chris Eykamp shared a draft letter to be sent to Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty regarding concern about the staffing levels at Fire Station 23 (@ SE 13th place & Gideon). Currently, the fire station is staffed with two people full-time, which is not enough people to staff the use of a fire engine.

Michelle moved that the HAND Board send the letter to Commissioner Hardesty. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Stacey Crossing - proposed letter

The elevators at the Bob Stacey Crossing, a pedestrian bridge crossing the railroad and MAX tracks at SE 13th place and Gideon, are frequently out of service. This makes the bridge unusable for people needing to use an elevator for mobility purposes. The HAND Board discussed the need to send a letter to Commissioner Hardesty, with copies to Central Eastside Industrial District, Brooklyn Neighborhood Association, and the Portland Bureau of Transportation, expressing our concern about the elevators being out of service so often.

Jill moved that the HAND Board send the letter discussed to Commissioner Hardesty. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Board planning

- **Continue conversation about the HAND Board Strategic Plan from September**

At the September HAND Board meeting, the Board decided to focus on the goal of “engaging the HAND community” as the goal area of the strategic plan to discuss at the next meeting. Board members shared and discussed ideas for activities and objectives relating to the goal of engaging the HAND community. Ideas suggested include:

- Use communications funds from SEUL to engage HAND community.
- Evaluate the cost of mailing to all of HAND.
- Provide people a reason to get involved.
- Provide a forum for candidates to share platforms.
- Share information about the Bullseye Glass health impact assessment.

- Provide a forum for discussing various topics including: houselessness, safety, parks
- Need to make sure we've done work ahead of events to provide statistics, policy suggestions, framing of issues.
- Ice cream social.
- Joint meetings with other neighborhood associations are constructive.
- Break down Census data for HAND to inform decisions
- Active outreach to schools, businesses, churches, community groups to conduct a needs survey
- Street fairs
- **Approach to land use notices**
 - As the HAND Land Use representative, Michael will forward land use notices for large projects to the HAND Board.
 - HAND delegates historic review of land use notices to the HAND/Ladd's Addition Historic Committee. The committee can respond to notices from the HAND Historic Committee, or can ask HAND to respond.

SEUL

Chris invited all the chairs of the SE neighborhood associations to a meeting next week to see if there is a common vision for what SEUL can do to facilitate productive neighborhood engagement. Some ideas for the conversation include:

- Facilitate interactions among neighborhood associations (e.g. neighborhood summits, cross-neighborhood committees)
- Board oversight of SEUL
- Provide information and data about the demographics of the neighborhoods

Bruce reported that at the last SEUL meeting, the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association proposed mediation before a vote to remove a board member.

December HAND Board meeting:

- The HAND Executive Committee will meet on November 30th to plan the December 21st Board meeting. Again this year, due to Covid, there will not be a winter social event for HAND this year. We hope that next year we'll be able to gather and celebrate our community together.
- *Notes taken by Karen Girard*