



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

HAND Board Meeting

September 20, 2022

Attendees:

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

Guests: Hieu, Jamie Gilmore, Kaspar Murer, Linda Nettekoven, Raahi Reddy, Mark Stephan, Billy Wood Jr.

Chris, board chair, opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Rapid Response - retroactive HAND approval of Hood to Coast race use of Esplanade

- Michelle moved that the Board retroactively approve the Rapid Response HAND letter of support for the Hood to Coast race to use the Esplanade. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Portland Marathon October 2nd - HAND approval of use of the Esplanade

- Mark moved that the Board support the Portland Marathon's use of the Esplanade for the event on October 2nd. Jill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of July HAND board minutes and treasury report

- Mark moved that the HAND Board approve the July minutes and treasury reports. Phil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Portland Charter Reform Package (proponents) - Raahi Reddy, Mark Stephan

Raahi Reddy and Mark Stephan joined the meeting to share their perspectives on the Portland Charter Commission and proposed changes to the Portland Charter. Raahi Reddy is a member of the [Portland Charter Commission](#). Mark Stephan is active in the [City Club of Portland](#) and is working with

[Portland United for Change](#), an organization advocating for the passage of the proposed charter reform measure.

Raahi shared that from the start of the Portland Charter Commission, it was clear that the Portland Charter needed to change. The Charter Commission spent over a year studying alternatives to Portland's current form of government and leading a community engagement process with people across the city. The Charter Commission held 26 listening sessions throughout the community to gather input from people in Portland.

Mark Stephan is advocating for the passage of Measure 26-228 and provided his perspective on the benefits of ranked choice voting and separating the legislative and executive sides of the government.

The proposed ballot measure (Measure 26-228) includes three interconnected changes to Portland's city government. If passed, the proposed measure would:

1. Allow voters to rank candidates in order of their preference, using ranked choice voting
2. Create four new geographic districts with three members elected to represent each district, expanding the city council to a total of 12 members
3. Replace the commission form of government and create a system where the City Council focuses on setting policy and a city administrator is hired to run the city's day -to-day operations with the mayor

Questions and discussion about the measure focused on ranked choice voting, the city manager role, diversity in participation, and concerns about so much change all at once.

Holman Dock update - Kaspar Murer

Kaspar Murer joined the meeting to provide an update on the status of the Holman Dock. Three years ago, the dock was damaged and 120 feet had to be removed for repair. Repair and replacement has taken a long time due to the many jurisdictions and bureaucratic processes involved. Prosper Portland is committed to replacing the dock and progress is slowly being made. Support from HAND would be helpful in assuring that progress continues and the dock will be replaced in summer 2023 (or thereabouts).

- Mark moved that HAND provide a letter of support for replacing the dock. Phil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed OMSI District Master Plan

OMSI released the OMSI District Master Plan for a 24 acre neighborhood development. This master plan was on the agenda for the Portland Design Commission on August 18th. A follow-up hearing is scheduled for October 20th.

The board agreed that it is important for HAND to weigh in on a plan of this magnitude and would like to hear from OMSI directly about its plans. Chris will invite a representative from OMSI to attend the October HAND meeting. In addition, the board agreed to send a letter outlining some initial areas of concern or attention.

Karen moved that HAND send a letter outlining the following concerns: 1) impact on transportation in the area, especially during train blockages; 2) confusing process for community input; 3) improved bicycle infrastructure in the area to include one-way cycle track, rather than two-way. Michelle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

World Peace Day - Billy Wood Jr. (Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association)

Billy Wood Jr., HBBA secretary, joined the meeting to share information about the Sustainable SE Community Coalition (S2C2), a 501c3 organization formed under the HBBA. The Sustainable SE Community Coalition will be able to raise funds for SE district projects.

Billy also shared information about the International Day of Peace celebration being held on September 21st from 4:00-7:00 at SE 50th and Hawthorne. He asked HAND to consider making a donation to support this event.

- Michael moved that HAND donate \$100 to S2C2 for World Peace Day. Phil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Avalon update - Mark Linehan

Mark reported that [REACH](#) is exploring a partnership with [WeShine PDX](#) for operating a tiny house village at the [Avalon site](#). REACH would apply for the permits and WeShine PDX would be the operator of the tiny house village.

WeShine PDX recently opened a tiny house village called [Parkrose Community Village](#) at 125th and Halsey in the parking lot of a church. REACH and WeShine are both interested in a partnership for the Avalon property and are moving forward. All immediate neighbors of the property are in support of this endeavor. REACH will not proceed if any neighbors have significant opposition. REACH and WeShine would enter into Good Neighbor Agreements with neighbors and HAND. The Parkrose Community Village has a Village Council and requires residents (guests) to sign a Good Guest Agreement. REACH and WeShine are interested in a similar structure for the Avalon property.

HAND Board members discussed the update and reiterated the importance of proceeding carefully and with deliberation in order to minimize conflict and ensure safety. Kim asked that the minutes reflect that she strongly opposes a low-barrier tiny house village at Avalon. She is very concerned about the safety of all local school children. Chris noted that HAND has not taken a position on the tiny house village proposal at this time and will continue to provide a forum for constructive community discussions about the proposal.

The next HAND Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Girard