



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

HAND Board Meeting

November 15, 2022

Attendees:

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

Guests: Anne Draper, Lily Knutson, Paul Leistner, Linda Nettekoven

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

Approval of October HAND board minutes and treasury report

- Phil moved that the HAND Board approve the [October minutes](#) and treasury reports. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Good Neighbor Agreement committee

- Chris proposed the creation of a HAND subcommittee to develop Good Neighbor Agreements for the following initiatives:
 - Central City Concern development at 20th and Powell
 - Shelter in the SE Industrial Area
 - Proposed tiny house village at Avalon
- The board agreed this subcommittee is a worthwhile endeavor. Several attendees said they are interested in participating including Michelle, Phil, Michael, Mark, Chris, Peggy, and Linda.
- Michelle volunteered to organize the subcommittee.
- Linda noted HAND has several examples and notes about GNAs. Mark has an example GNA that WeShine has for the tiny home village in Parkrose.
- **Action item**: send examples of GNAs to Chris to upload to the HAND website.
- **Action item**: Michelle will pull the subcommittee together. Let Michelle know if you are interested in participating.

December gathering

- In lieu of a December Board meeting, the HAND Board agreed to hold a holiday get-together on Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Action item:** Linda will check with Palio to see about holding the get-together there. Charlene volunteered to host at her house as well. If you have other ideas for places to gather, please let Chris know.

Portland Engagement Project

- Chris shared a draft [letter](#) to the director of the Office of Community and Civic Life about the Portland Engagement Project and the lack of clarity around the community engagement process and asked the director to provide more information.
- Jill moved that the HAND Board send the letter to the Office of Community and Civic Life with copies to the Mayor, City Council, SEUL, and other neighborhood associations. Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

In-person meeting

- The HAND Board discussed whether it's time to move our HAND meetings back to being in-person. The Board expressed a desire to meet in person, as long as it is relatively safe regarding COVID. Board members expressed support for anyone who wants to wear a mask at any time.
- **Action item:** Contact Chris directly if you have any views on this subject you want to share privately.

Board goal-setting

- Paul Leistner with the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association was invited to join the meeting to assist the HAND Board in goal-setting.
- The Board reaffirmed its mission and purpose.
 - **Mission:** The mission of HAND is to provide a better place for its citizens to live, work, play and prosper.
 - **Purpose:**
 - To enhance neighborhood livability.
 - To provide an open process by which all members of the neighborhood may involve themselves in the affairs of the neighborhood.
 - To establish and maintain an open line of communication and liaison between HAND other neighborhoods and governmental agencies.
 - To work in cooperation with other entities (schools, churches, social services, businesses, etc.) to further the goals of the neighborhood.
 - To make recommendations on policies to governmental bodies on matters affecting the livability, growth and development of the neighborhood, including but not limited to, land use and zoning, housing, community facilities, human

resources, traffic and transportation, environmental quality, parks and recreation and community safety.

- Board members shared ideas about goals and priorities. Board members were very supportive of focusing on improving community engagement. To engage the community effectively, we need to understand who the community is. Paul shared information about [Asset-Based Community Development](#) as a means for gathering information about strengths within our community. Neighborhood associations have a powerful tool: the ability to convene.
- **Next steps/issues to consider:**
 - Inventory community assets
 - Inventory of organizations and/or places outside of HAND that we may share a strategic interest with (e.g. other neighborhoods with trains, neighborhoods affected by proximity to state highways like Powell, Lombard, 82nd).
 - How do we learn about what other neighborhood associations are doing?
 - Revisit what was happening before COVID hit - e.g. there was a Powell workgroup.

The next HAND Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for November 29th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Girard