



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

HAND Board Meeting

February 21, 2023

Attendees:

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

Guests: Robert Boyle, Anne Draper, Jamie Gilmore, Debby Hochhalter, Linda Nettekoven, Pauline, Mary Peveto

Chris, board chair, opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of January HAND Board minutes and January treasury report

- Jill moved that the HAND Board approve the [January Board minutes](#) and January treasury report. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Neighbors for Clean Air (Mary Peveto)

- Mary Peveto, executive director of [Neighbors for Clean Air](#), joined the meeting to share information about the organization's 2023 legislative policy agenda.
- Neighbors for Clean Air is focusing on advocating for two bills in particular in the 2023 legislative session that address diesel particulates.
 - Federal law preempts states from setting standards for engines. States do have the ability to implement regulations for indirect sources at any site.
 - [HB 2396](#): Directs the Environmental Quality Commission to establish and implement indirect source review program. Directs commission to require that the owner or operator of an indirect source that creates or is likely to create significant air quality concern notify affected residents and businesses.

- [HB 3158](#): Imposes excise tax on retail sale of tires, privilege tax for engaging in business of providing nonroad diesel equipment, tax on use in Oregon of nonroad diesel equipment purchased out of state at retail, heavy equipment rental tax on rentals of nonroad diesel equipment, privilege tax on heavy-duty vehicles and license tax on dyed diesel for transfer to Clean Diesel Engine Fund. Increases cap on grants or loans awarded from Clean Diesel Engine Fund for repower of nonroad diesel engine to 50 percent of certified costs. Directs Environmental Quality Commission to establish preference for grants and loans from fund for replacements, repowers or retrofits necessary to satisfy certain title and registration requirements for heavy- or medium-duty trucks powered by diesel engines.
- Mary encouraged meeting attendees to contact our elected officials [Rep. Nosse](#), [Sen. Taylor](#), and Multnomah County [Commissioner Sharon Meieran](#) to let them know that addressing diesel particulates in the HAND neighborhood is an important priority.
- Mary encouraged meeting attendees to contact [Rep. Marsh](#), the chair of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment, to advocate for getting work sessions scheduled for both bills before the March 20th deadline.
- Mark made a motion for HAND to send a letter to Rep. Nosse, Sen. Taylor and Commissioner Meieran in support of taking action to address diesel particulate pollution. Jill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chris agreed to write the letter to be sent by March 7th.

Portland Engagement Project update & Neighborhood Associations Summit

- The City of Portland Office of Community and Civic Life attended the SEUL meeting last month to present on the Portland Engagement Project. Chris happened to be in attendance and reported that it's clear the PEP is at the very beginning stages of figuring out how to engage with Portlanders.
- Last month, HAND voted to send a letter to the Office of Community and Civic Life about HAND's interest in facilitating community conversations in partnership with OCCL for the Portland Engagement Project. The letter is available on the HAND website: <http://handpdx.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/HAND-PEP-letter.pdf>
- Vadim Mozyrsky is hosting a Neighborhood Associations Summit on March 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Laurelhurst Club. Neighborhood associations were invited to send two people to this event. Peggy, Bruce and Charlene volunteered to represent HAND at this meeting.

Communications budget and WebComet web hosting renewal

- Michelle made a motion to approve the renewal of the WebComet web hosting service at \$119.40/year and the HAND 2023 communications budget as follows:
 - Zoom \$150.00
 - Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association \$50.00

- General meeting \$100.00
- Street fairs \$150.00
- Flyers \$50.00
- Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HAND finances

- Mark proposed moving some of HAND's money out of the checking account into a money market account, CD or I Bonds. The HAND board agreed to revisit the I Bond issue next month.
- Mark made a motion to move most of HAND's money into an interest-bearing money market account (keeping ~\$1,000 in the checking account for expenses). Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Holman Dock update

- Chris provided an update on the replacement of the Holman Dock.
- Prosper Portland was going to pay for the new Holman Dock. However, there is a new regulation requiring all docks to withstand a 100 year flood greatly increasing the costs involved, prompting Prosper Portland to hand this over to the Parks Department.
- Currently, options for paying for the study and the dock are being considered.
- Chris recommends we continue to monitor this situation and see what happens. It is unlikely the dock will be replaced in time for summer 2023.

Proposed sanctioned camp site in HAND

- As reported in the [media](#), the City signed a letter of intent with Stacy & Witbeck to construct a sanctioned camp site at the Clinton Triangle (bordered by SE Powell, Milwaukie and 16th).
- Peggy set up a meeting with the Mayor's Office to discuss this, but the meeting was canceled. The Mayor's Office said there will be at least two community meetings about this proposed sanctioned camp.
- HAND Board members and meeting attendees shared their concerns that the city is not engaging with the neighborhood and that we learned about this proposal through the news media. Linda noted that the process the Mayor's Office laid out earlier did say they would need to nail down sites first, then engage with neighborhoods.
- Other issues brought up in the meeting included the air quality near the railroad tracks, whether this is a good choice for a site, engagement with the Brooklyn Neighborhood Association, the condition of the 17th Street underpass, and the effects on apartments and townhomes near the proposed site.
- This will be an issue of great interest and importance to the neighborhood and the HAND Board will continue to monitor and seek opportunities for input and engagement for the community.

- Charlene made a motion for HAND to send a letter to the City Council about the need to engage with the community. Peggy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chris and Bruce will write the letter. Copies of the letter will be sent to the Brooklyn Neighborhood Association and the Central Eastside Industrial District.

ODOT Powell crosswalk closures in HAND

- ODOT issued a list of crosswalks that will be closed with no explanation given. There are several crosswalks on Powell that are on this list.
- Chris said that most of the crosswalk closures are the removal of unmarked crosswalks that are dangerous. Chris proposed that we not do anything at this time and continue to monitor the situation as more information becomes available.

Proposed reroute of #70 bus

- To address changes in service, and to better serve people riding the #70 bus, TriMet is proposing rerouting the #70 to use Milwaukie Avenue, Powell Boulevard, SE 21st, and Ladd Avenue for the travel between Powell Blvd. and Hawthorne Blvd. ([Map of proposed route](#))
- The HAND Board discussed the drawbacks to having the bus use SE 21st Avenue and whether SE 26th Avenue made more sense. The majority of the Board felt that 26th is a better option.
- Jill made a motion that HAND send a letter to TriMet indicating the HAND Board's preference for the route change to use SE 26th. Peggy seconded the motion. The motion passed with six yes votes, one no vote, and one abstention.

SEUL update

- Chris provided a brief update on SEUL.
- As reported in the January HAND Board meeting, the director of the Office of Community and Civic Life (OCCL) ruled in Allen Field's favor in three of the four grievances he filed. Most notably, the ruling found that SEUL was in error when it blocked the Richmond Neighborhood Association from seating Allen as its chosen representative to the SEUL Board.
- Allen was reinstated to the SEUL Board where he was promptly kicked off the Board again. SEUL refuses to acknowledge that Allen is on the SEUL Board.
- It is likely that Allen will file another grievance with OCCL.

The next HAND Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for March 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Girard