



HAND Meeting Notes 4/18/23

Attendance:

Chris, Peggy M., Michelle, Linda, Phil, Janet McManus (We Shine), Brian Hochhalter, Jill, Mark, Jamie, Peggy and Allen Baldwin, Rick, Nanci Champlin (SEUL), Teala Smith (City Repair), Josie Kressner, Kim, Carol, Charlene, Wendell Mueller, Charles, Alan Watson

1. **Minutes from March and Treasurers Report-** Jill made motion and Phil seconded. Unanimously approved.

2. **Rapid Response Vote-** CD in HAND's name. Chris and Mark and signers. Phil moved, Mark seconded the motion Unanimously approved.

3. **Nancy Champlin from SEUL-**

Informed HAND that our Fiscal Sponsorship renewal is expired. Lindsey sent an application. We need to fill it out to gain back our sponsorship. There is a \$50 annual flat fee or if raising more than \$25K it is a 10% fee.

The Board will discuss what to do about this at a later date.

Nancy also presented a fundraising option called Give Lively. It is a secure donation request application with zero fees. It can also do event ticketing. Nancy discussed Metro Refresh funds, and gathering donations from neighbors to support any HAND initiative or event.

Michelle asked what funds would be used for and a short history of events and fundraising was provided by Linda. Josie asked if having a fiscal sponsor would help us get the funds from the Clinton Triangle camp neighborhood funds. Links were provided to Give Lively and Metro funds. (Not copied).

4. **Chris discussed sending a letter he had crafted to the Boundary Commission.** Board agreed to send. Jill made motion to approve and Phil seconded motion. There was some further discussion around amending letter based on Rick's comments but the final decision was to let letter stand as is. Vote to approve was unanimous with one abstention.

5. **May Meeting-** discussion about agenda, in person location, etc. Yearly elections happen at May meeting. Michelle sent Chris a list of who is up for election. This will be provided before the meeting. Chris had reached out to Fr. Andrew about using Carvlin Hall at St. Philp Neri but has had no response as of the meeting.

Some topics raised for discussion:

- Kim stated that neighbors want an in-person meeting to talk about camps
- Developers within the neighborhood, have them discuss plans and current construction - Josie

- Report Out for the year which other associations have done - Nanci
- Mayor Meeting - Peggy
- Mark stated he didn't think PBOT would do much this year and asked for outreach from Mayor
- Have Dan Ryan speak/Civic Life - Jill and Linda
- Kevin Dahlgren (homeless advocate and outreach) - Kim
- PBOTs Street Plazas, and Housing Security – Teala
- Central City in Motion project review-Michelle

The final decision was to try to get in person meeting with Mayor/team and invite BAC/CEID

6. **GNA, WeShine Discussion-** Chris introduced Janet from We Shine and briefly discussed project. Chris also stated HAND would not sign on tonight, just wanted a review of current draft and allow for input. Chris also mentioned that HAND has not yet committed support.

Mark presented slide show which provided an overview of the We Shine Village and the GNA. The overview included the site plans, layout, proposed population (women identified, BIPOC, Living with Disability).

Janet McManus provided a brief history of Parkrose Village and their successes. She also addressed how villagers are referred and vetted. Pets are also interviewed.

Charlene asked about Case Management and Janet stated their team links Villagers with services. A Villager may enter with CM in place or some services in place. The Villagers must have goals and work on them, providing updates weekly.

Phil asked about Villagers and their history. Janet stated that most come from the streets, a couple had been in a shelter for 7 years and moved into Parkrose.

Kim asked if drugs were allowed and Janet clarified that they can only do drugs in their pods. Kim stated she won't sign onto GNA if drugs are allowed as she is concerned about the kids nearby. Kim also asked about the money/funding for the project.

Charlene asked if non-drug users could be prioritized but Janet informed us that funding is for low-barrier/housing first agenda.

Wendell asked what "temporary" means and what happens when the Village leaves. Mark and Janet discussed the bonds and money available to clean up the site. It is to be left as it is found.

Mark reviewed actual GNA document. Discussion veered off and into the topics related to enforcement.

The Letters of Non-Objection were reviewed as all 4 neighbors have provided such letters. These are letters that signed by the neighbors that state they have no objection to the planned program (We Shine) being placed at the site.

The site is set to move forward and potentially be ready by summer depending on permitting and neighbors attending voiced concern and frustration. Many of the attendees didn't realize the project was actually moving forward without more input from the Board and the neighborhood. The Letters of Non-Objection had trickled in and final letter came just days before. Minimal

outreach has been done to Abernethy. The GNA Committee had plans to attend a meeting at the school before school was out. Unsure if New Seasons is aware or how much info they may have.

More discussion was had regarding profile of Villagers, Smoking, Loitering outside the site, etc. Quite a few strong feelings were expressed and frustration shared on this process and feelings of surprise over the village getting approval and moving forward.

Follow Up Suggested/Planned:

- Contact Abernethy PTA- make plans to do so ASAP - Michelle
- Call/email Mayor's office to request in-person meeting for May agenda - Peggy M.
- Flyers to be created in advance of May meeting - HAND Board, volunteers needed
- Contact BAC/CEID - Michelle
- Contact New Seasons - Linda?
- Contact St. Philip Neri for meeting space - Linda
- If St. Philip Neri is unavailable, contact Stacey Witbeck - Chris
- Finish GNA and determine HANDs support for WeShine
- Focus also on large camp coming, communicate the Mayor's office, outreach to neighbors, craft GNA