



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

HAND Board Meeting

August 15, 2023

Attendees:

Board Members: Bruce Bikle, Phil Cox, Chris Eykamp, Karen Girard, Mark Linehan, Kim Nurmi, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade.

Guests: Bobby Ardissono, Anne Cipolla, Jesse Dictor, Anne Draper, Thomas Forsyth, Joanna Lewis, Gene Stainbrook

Chris, board chair, opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Introductions

Approval of July HAND Board minutes and treasury report

- Bruce moved to approve the July HAND Board minutes and treasury report. Phil Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

St. Philip Neri Food Pantry

- St. Philip Neri's food pantry is in need of items. The office is open from 9:00 - 2:00 pm Tuesday – Friday to accept donations. The pantry is open on the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- Items needed include: canned fruit and vegetables, beverages, dry goods, and other items such as olive and vegetable oil, jams and jellies, peanut butter, toilet paper, paper towels, tampons, and shampoo. They are also in need of grocery bags.

Portland Marathon request for use of Eastbank Esplanade

- The Portland Marathon requests HAND's approval for their use of the Eastbank Esplanade on October 1, 2023.
- HAND received a complaint from a HAND resident that in a previous year, the marathon blocked access to the Oregon Rail Heritage Center. Chris tried to speak with the complainant and the Portland Marathon organizer before tonight's meeting but was unable to connect with them in time.
- Chris proposes that the HAND board approve the Portland Marathon's use of the Eastbank Esplanade pending Chris's ability to connect with the complainant and the Marathon organizer to come to an agreement.
- Mark moved that HAND support the proposal on the condition that Chris is able to negotiate a solution amenable for the Oregon Rail Heritage Center and the Portland Marathon; Michael seconded the motion. Vote: 7 yes; 1 no; motion carries.

Clinton Triangle Temporary Alternative Shelter Site - Good Neighbor Agreement

- [Clinton Triangle Temporary Alternative Shelter Site - Good Neighbor Agreement](#) (GNA)
- Chris provided background information on the development of the GNA that includes the City of Portland, Brooklyn Action Corps, HAND, Central Eastside Industrial Council
- HAND had five people participating in the development of the GNA (Chris Eykamp, Linda Nettekoven, Michelle Sprague, Peggy McDaniel, Josie Kressner)
- This GNA is likely to be a template for other GNAs for future temporary alternative shelter sites.
- Outlines what the City is willing to give the neighborhood in exchange for siting the shelter here.
- Approval of the GNA is a sign of goodwill between the neighborhood and the City about how to work together. This is not a final document. The CTTASS is going to exist whether the GNA is approved by HAND.
- Clinton Triangle Oversight Committee (CTOC) will continue meeting to discuss issues with the shelter and implementation of the GNA.
- Comments on the GNA:
 - Phil: Concerns about who is staffing CTOC. The CTOC bylaws are still being developed. The City should staff the CTOC.
 - Mark: Cautious about approving the GNA before the CTOC is finalized; feels that the CTOC meetings should be public.
 - Michelle: The City is supposed to create a central website with the documents; zones need to be implemented now; how do neighbors know who to contact and how to get more information.

- Karen: We should get really clear about what our must-haves are so a decision about whether to support the GNA is made soon.
- Jill: Doesn't see anything wrong with approving the GNA now and continuing to work to improve it.
- Michelle made a motion that HAND wait to approve the GNA until the CTOC details are worked out. Phil seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes; 5 no; motion fails.
- Jill made a motion to approve GNA. Michael seconded the motion. Michelle made a friendly amendment to approve the GNA with the correct Urban Alchemy phone number. Jill accepted the friendly amendment. Vote: 5 yes; 2 no; 1 abstain; motion carries.
- Chris committed to communicating that the HAND Board urgently requests that the City communicate information about the CTTASS to the neighborhood promptly, including information about who to call for various situations.
- Guests at the meeting shared their perspectives:
 - Jesse - He is a social worker working in shelter spaces; GNAs are used within shelters to communicate information to residents. It's in our interest to approve a GNA as soon as possible because even though the GNA does not apply to the shelter specifically, GNAs are often shared with staff and residents and set the tone for expectations.
 - Anne D. - Doesn't feel that finalizing the CTOC details would merit delaying approval of the GNA.
 - Bobby - Appreciates what Jesse is saying and would not like this to drag on for several months.
- Chris asked what are the things that need to happen to make the GNA work for all board members?
 - Kim: Needs to be language about detox, rehab and dealing drugs in the neighborhood. Chris offered to work with Kim on writing an amendment to the GNA including this statement.
 - Jill: At our next meeting, we need to focus on getting the CTOC details nailed down.
 - Mark: The county is responsible for health services; we should communicate to the county the need for them to step up.
 - Phil: Notion of oversight. We need to understand the City's commitment to making this work - the City should staff the CTOC. Chris asked Phil if he is willing to help iron out details with the CTOC. Phil agreed.
 - Michelle: Urging the City to get their website up and running ASAP.

HAND Board retreat

- August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Lucky Lab at 915 SE Hawthorne.
- Proposed 2 topics:
 - How charter reform will affect HAND
 - Do we want to transition to be a 501(c)(3)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Girard