



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board
HAND Board Meeting
July 8, 2025

Attendees:

HAND Board members		
Name	Title	Present?
Chris Eykamp	Chair	X
Mark Linehan	Treasurer	
Michelle Sprague	Communications chair	X
Barbara Stross		
Karen Girard	Secretary	X
Peggy McDaniel	SE Uplift Board representative	X
Jill Riebesehl	SE Examiner liaison	X
Phil Cox		
Kim Nurmi		X
Kayla Kennett		

Guests: John Cooley, Anne Draper, Commissioner Steve Novick, Sarah Lolcama-Sumrall, Joanne Stainbrook, Andrew Wilker

Chris opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of June HAND Board Meeting minutes and June treasurer's report

- Michelle moved to approve the June HAND Board Meeting minutes and treasurer's report. Jill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Former Burger King drive-through

- The old Burger King on Grand Avenue will soon be a Popeye's; the City approved a drive-through despite the fact that drive-throughs are prohibited in the Central City plan and EX zone.

- The City approved the drive-through because the Burger King building burned. If there is a fire in a building, you can rebuild the original footprint. Therefore, the drive-through is grandfathered in.

District 3 City Councilor Steve Novick

- HAND welcomed District 3 City Councilor Steve Novick to his first HAND meeting. Commissioner Novick shared his perspectives on the new city government structure and City Council, as well as major issues facing the Council.
- Matters discussed by Commissioner Novick and attendees included:
 - Housing
 - Portland Clean Energy Fund
 - Budget process
 - Transportation
 - Police
 - ICE
 - Portland's relationship with the state and federal governments
 - Potential for Portland to have a Major League Baseball team
- Chris Eykamp shared three items that are HAND priorities:
 1. Homelessness, trash, drugs, crime
 2. Transportation - railroad issues; Bob Stacey Bridge; underpass at 17th
 3. Swimming dock
- HAND invited Commissioner Novick on a walking tour of the neighborhood and will follow up to get this scheduled.
- Commissioner Novick shared his direct email address: steve.novick3@portlandoregon.gov

HAND Board member loss

- The HAND Board took a moment to acknowledge the profound loss of our colleague, Bruce Bikle. Bruce was a valuable member of the HAND Board and consistently provided his thoughtful and helpful point of view for our discussions. Bruce will be deeply missed, and our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

Transportation letter

- Chris drafted a [letter](#) to the Mayor and City Council about ongoing, unresolved transportation concerns of the neighborhood.
- Michelle made a motion for HAND to approve and send the letter, Jill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Block party

- Kayla applied for and received a permit for Piccolo Park for a Friday night in August. The Board supports doing an ice cream social and spending up to \$100 for this outreach event.

Division Clinton Business Association (DCBA) Street Fair

- The DCBA Street Fair is scheduled for September 6th. Usually held around 26th and Clinton.
- Richmond sharing a booth with HAND. HAND's share of the fee is \$61.88.

Luminoso survey

- The HAND Board discussed moving forward with Luminoso to develop a neighborhood survey. Peggy is willing to take the lead with Luminoso.
- The board expressed its support for moving forward with a plan to develop a survey. Peggy will let the board know when there are opportunities to connect with this project.

HAND Board retreat

- The HAND Board will hold its annual retreat on August 12th @ 7:00 p.m.
- Kim will talk with Beer Mongers about possibly having the retreat there
- The Executive Committee will develop an agenda. Please let the Executive Committee know if you have suggestions for topics to discuss.

Public comment

- All attendees are invited to participate in discussions at HAND Board meetings. If you have a general comment to share, just let the chair know and time will be made available for you.
- To join the HAND listserv to receive information about HAND meetings and general announcements, sign up [here](#). It is not a high-volume listserv and there are usually only 1-3 announcements per month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Girard

Neighborhood issues monitoring list

- HAND will maintain a list of ongoing issues that HAND is monitoring.
- Email entries and updates to secretary (Karen)
- Examples:
 - Sewer smell - 20th and Taggart
 - Ladd's Addition historic issue

- Camping @ 23rd/24th
- Esplanade events