Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board
HAND Board Meeting
September 9, 2025

Attendees:

HAND Board members		
Name	**Title**	**Present?**
Chris Eykamp	Chair	X
Mark Linehan	Treasurer	X
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	Land Use	X
Kim Nurmi		X
Kayla Kennett		X

Guests: Kris Brown (Ground Score Association), Kari Chisholm, John Cooley, Jasmine Garrett, Saral Lolcoma, Brandy Pointer, Rene (Richmond NA), Sahar Sattari, Hank Smith (City of Portland), Taylor Cass Talbott (Ground Score Association), Garet Voit, Julie Zwak

Chris opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of July HAND Board Meeting minutes and July and August treasurer's reports

- Phil moved to approve the July minutes and the July and August treasurer's report. Peggy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bottle drop in HAND - The People's Depot

- The 2025 Oregon Legislature passed SB 992 relating to bottle redemption centers. The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) is in the process of writing administrative rules to implement the law.

Bottle Bill Rule Package

Amends and adopts rules to implement legislation related to the Oregon Bottle Bill.

- Directs OLCC to create rules and approve qualifying applications for alternative access redemption centers.
- Provides bottle redemption access to individuals who return bottles and cans on a daily or near-daily basis.
- Redemption centers are required to:
    - Pay the refund value for fewer than 350 beverage containers returned by one person in a single day.
    - Offer hand counting for up to 50 beverage containers per person per day.
- Establish alternative access and low impact convenience zones.
- Adjust operating hours for bottle redemption centers in different zones.
- Adds wine in a can to the Bottle Bill, effective July 1, 2025.

- Due to the changes included in SB 992, the People's Depot is allowed to operate as a full-service redemption site. The People's Depot is planning to open a new, permanent indoor spot in HAND at 1041 SE Brooklyn St. in December or January.
- Representatives from The People's Depot attended the meeting, shared information and answered questions about their organization and plans for moving the redemption site to the HAND location.
- Hank Smith from Portland Solutions with the City of Portland also attended the meeting.
- HAND board members voiced support for developing a Good Neighbor Agreement with the People's Depot to set a framework for having points of contact, understanding the parameters of operation, and having an ongoing conversation for resolving problems and maintaining good relationships.
- It was suggested that The People's Depot join the Clinton Triangle Oversight Committee (CTOC) meetings.
- The CTOC is planning on holding informational meetings about the bottle drop redemption center soon. To be kept informed about plans for these meetings, sign up at https://tinyurl.com/bottle-drop.

Clinton Triangle Shelter Site

- Hank Smith with Portland Solutions provided an update on the Clinton Triangle Shelter Site
- The lease was for 3 years; it ends June 2026. The city plans to seek to extend the lease but funding for shelters is year to year so the lease renewal process has not started yet.
- Bob Stacey Bridge - the elevators are lemons and are constantly not working; the South elevator should be fixed today, but unfortunately we expect that the elevators will keep breaking down.

Neighborhood murals - letter of support

- Chris drafted a letter of HAND's support for neighborhood murals.
- Mark made a motion that HAND send the letter. Peggy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Portland Marathon approval

- The Portland Marathon is Sunday, October 5th.
- Mark made a motion to approve the Portland Marathon's plan for traffic mitigation in HAND. Peggy seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1.

Multnomah County Deflection Center

- Opening in the Casa Bella building (across MLK from Goodwill)
- Anticipating opening in Fall 2027; starting construction in February/spring.
- Multnomah County just closed the RFP for selecting a provider to run the center; anticipate selecting a provider in October
- HAND will have a GNA with the Deflection Center; HAND will revisit this conversation after a provider has been selected.

Workgroup updates

- SEUL Land Use meeting (Phil)
    - PBOT - project with Portland General Electric; 11 high-density areas with large apartment blocks on major street; install 3,900 EV chargers around the city by 2035; very small recharging units attached to a telephone pole (will take up a parking space)
        - In 2026 - 125 chargers will be placed about a block from the major streets
    - Bureau of Planning and Sustainability - zoning code map amendments; encouraging housing and economic development along major arterials - not requiring storefronts

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 9:11 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Girard