



**Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board
HAND Board Meeting
January 13, 2026**

Attendees:

HAND Board members		
Name	Title	Present?
Chris Eykamp	Chair	X
Mark Linehan	Treasurer	X
Michelle Sprague	Communications chair	X
Barbara Stross		X
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		
Andrew Wilker		X

Guests: Avery Berchek, Lauren McCune, Kelly Merrick, Linda Nettekoven, Beth Olenski, Jamie Shapp, Juno Suarez, John Sullivan, Andrew Wilker

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

Announcements:

- Avery Berchek and Andrew Wilker provided a demonstration of how HAND could hold a hybrid meeting, allowing a virtual option for people who are unable to attend the meeting in person. Tonight, HAND is practicing hosting a virtual option for HAND meetings. In-house

experiment - not being broadcast. We will discuss this at a future meeting to see if this is something we want to do going forward.

- Beth Olenski - interested in considering if Ladd's Addition should be a tow zone during leaf days. The process for making this change involves working with the neighborhood association.
- Juno Suarez - wanted to give a shout-out to Debbie Caselton with the City of Portland communications outreach on the SE Ladd/Tamarack Ave. Alley sewer work
- Lauren McCune - [Abernethy PTA](#) update.
 - Lauren brought bottle drop bags; proceeds go to Abernethy PTA
 - Volunteer opportunities:
 - Garden committee
 - Carnival
 - Bike fair - make bikes available for kids, mechanic

Approval of November HAND Board Meeting minutes and November & December treasurer's reports

- Phil moved to approve the November minutes and the November and December treasurer's report. Jill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New board member election

- The HAND board has 20 seats; 1 seat is reserved for a student. 5 officers. Elect board in May, elect officers in June. Board members can be added mid-year by being appointed to the board.
- Andrew Wilker is interested in joining the board. Andrew shared that he has lived in Portland for about 10 years (lives on Harrison). He is interested in getting more involved with the community.
- Michelle made a motion that HAND appoint Andrew Wilker to the board. Peggy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. HAND welcomes Andrew to the board!

Rapid Response Committee - validate letter of support approval

- Michelle moved to validate the Rapid Response Committee's decision to send a letter of support for the Human Access Project's grant application to support river clean up in HAND. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on People's Depot/Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) process

Background

- The 2025 Oregon Legislature passed SB 992 relating to bottle redemption centers.
- SB 992 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](#) may be permitted to operate as an Alternative Access Redemption Center (AARC). The People's Depot is planning to open a new, permanent indoor spot in HAND at [1109 SE Brooklyn](#).

GNA update

- Still waiting on The People's Depot's (TPD) application to OLCC.
- HAND representatives used the Clinton TASS GNA as a starting point and tried to develop a list of things to include in a TPD GNA.
- After a discussion about next steps, the board agreed to hold a special virtual meeting to discuss HAND's response once TPD submits an application to OLCC.

Permit process

- Peggy proposed that HAND send a letter to the City (Planning, PBOT, Mayor, D3 commissioners, Rep. Nosse and Sen. Taylor) requesting denial of a Public Works Alternative Review for the permit process for the property. The letter requests the following:
 1. Traffic study, including truck movement
 2. Require right of way improvements at the site be completed by denying access to a Public Works Alternative Review
 3. Require any other building modifications related to safety - e.g. safe access to building for pedestrians
- Mark moved that HAND send a letter requesting denial of a Public Works Alternative Review for the property. Jill seconded the motion. 1 abstention. Motion passed unanimously.

Status of letter to Rep. Nosse & Sen. Taylor

- At the November HAND meeting, the board voted to send a letter to Senator Taylor and Representative Nosse asking that the bottle drop process be slowed to allow the community to have more time for reviewing the proposal. (TPD originally planned to open the redemption site by the end of December.)
- Based on the fact that the process was already slowed down, Chris didn't send the letter. The HAND board needs to vote to ratify that decision.
- Peggy moved that HAND cancel the decision to send a letter to Senator Taylor and Representative Nosse regarding slowing the process., Andrew seconded the motion. 1 abstention. Motion passed unanimously.

Clinton Triangle Oversight Committee (CTOC) updates

- 209 people in shelter; 43 couples; 164 pets
- Mayor Wilson issued a new directive that people in shelters need to be working towards getting into long-term supportive housing (120 day limit). Clinton Triangle has 24 people who were not engaging in services.

Clay Street behind Safeway update

- Phil and Linda attended a meeting of a group of neighbors who came together to discuss the recurring issues of disruptive campers between 27th and 29th on Clay. Other participants in the meeting included Portland Police Bureau, PEMO, and the Safeway manager.
 - Result:
 - PEMO will place a series of barriers between 27th and 29th that are small enough to allow parking of cars, but not RVs
 - Safeway will do some remodeling to remove an outside area that is being used as a bathroom

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, send an email to handannounce+subscribe@googlegroups.com. It is not a high-volume listserv and there are usually only 1-3 announcements per month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Girard
