



**Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board  
HAND Board Meeting  
March 10, 2026**

**Attendees:**

<b>HAND Board members</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present?</b>
Chris Eykamp	Chair	X (online)
Mark Linehan	Treasurer	X
Michelle Sprague	Communications chair	X
Barbara Stross		X (online)
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
Andrew Wilker		X

Guests: Avery Berchek, Leah Drebin, Marc Harris, Lauren McCune, Linda Nettekoven, Tom Sollitt, Joanne Stainbrook, Juno Suarez, Dan Zalkow, Maren Zieba

Michelle opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

- Zoom: HAND is continuing to test using Zoom for a hybrid meeting.

**Approval of February HAND Board Meeting minutes and treasurer’s reports**

- Jill moved to approve the February minutes and treasurer’s report. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Sobering Center update (Multnomah County - Leah Drebin, Marc Harris, Dan Zalkow, Maren Zieba)**

- Temporary facility - 980 SE Pine Street - Coordinated Care Pathway Center; expanding partners who can refer

- Permanent facility - name TBD; 440 SE Stephens St.
  - Submitted for building permits in December 2025
  - Scott Edwards Architecture; Forest Construction
  - Thursday going in front of Multnomah County Board for construction approval
  - Estimate opening in Fall 2027; will be open 24/7; drop-off from referrals
  - [Community Bridges, Inc.](#) will be the provider
- Starting to work on pulling the Good Neighbor Agreement Committee (GNAC) together; will happen in a couple months. HAND will be part of the GNAC. This committee will draft a GNA.
- Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC) for two outdoor murals - HAND will have a voting seat on the RACC and can have another non-voting member. Kayla will be the HAND representative on the RAC.

### **The Bottle Redemption Center (The People's Depot) update**

- The People's Depot notified Chris today that they are ready to start working on a Good Neighbor Agreement.
- Brooklyn and HAND are working together to encourage the stakeholders to consider other properties within HAND.
  - Two primary concerns: 1) safety; 2) accountability

### **Ideas for activating SE Caruthers**

- Dead end piece on SE Caruthers between 7th and under Grand overpass - PEMO advocated closing this street and PBOT has approved closing the area.
- Attendees brainstormed ideas for what to do with this area.
  - Basketball, pickle ball, etc.
  - Pop-up markets
  - Food trucks
  - Gathering place
  - Lighting
  - Warehouse does not have eyes on the street which makes it harder for place-making
  - Is there anything that can be done with the lot next to it
  - Large area
  - Joint activity with OMSI and CEID
  - It's easy to come up with expensive plans; what can we do quickly to activate the area that doesn't cost a lot?
  - PBOT Play Streets
  - Hold a planning event - encourage neighborhood participation

### **Powell Blvd. safety project grant proposal**

- Andrew attended a SEUL meeting and learned that PBOT was applying to Metro for funding to improve Powell out to 82nd. Technology improvements (e.g., rest on red, traffic flow cameras) to improve safety. PBOT will keep us informed about this.
- There is a SE Uplift Land and Transportation Committee. Phil is the HAND representative to this committee.

### **Zoom account payment**

- Jill made a motion to spend \$73.12 on the HAND Zoom account. Phil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Website updates**

- Kayla noted that she was hired as a contractor to do some communications work for SE Uplift
- Kayla is looking into newsletter provider options; will provide information at a future meeting
- Andrew provided an update on the process of moving from Fast Comet to Name Cheap for domain hosting.

### **Abernethy PTA - Lauren**

- Thanked HAND members (Avery, Andrew and Joanne) who came to help with the work party last weekend.
- There will be two more work parties this spring on April 18th and May 9th
- PTA - reinvigorating garden program; every class gets one class/month and will be outside in April and May
- Connect to Kinder events are March 12th 5:30-7:00 and April 23rd
- Carnival is May 15th from 5:30-8:00; huge event; need lots of volunteers
- April 28th - pairing Bike Fair with new bike camp; Earth Day celebration
- The Abernethy PTA has many opportunities for neighbors to be involved in Abernethy. Please contact Lauren if you're interested in getting involved. The PTA Community Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of every month 6:30-8:00 in Abernethy Auditorium. All are welcome.

### **Announcements**

- Submit your budget priorities to the city
- Introduction of Tom Sollitt - running for City Council in District 3 (election in November)

### **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](mailto: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 9:04 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Karen Girard*

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