

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District Association

Tuesday June 9, 2026

7PM - Hybrid St Philip Neri @ 17th & Division and on Zoom

Board Present: Andrew Wilker (Chair), Chris Eykamp (Vice Chair), Michelle Sprague (Treasurer), Alicia Garcia (Publicity Director), Juno Suárez (Secretary), Avery Berchek, Phil Cox, Bill Crawford, Vinny Haskin, Kayla Kennett, Mark Linehan, Lauren McCune, Peggy McDaniel, Linda Nettekoven, Kim Nurmi, Alexander Parmley, Cesar Ramirez, Jill Riebesehl, Barbara Stross, Steve Weeks

Absent: None

Guests: Cynthia Langlykke, Kate Haber, Frite Haber, Anne Draper, Katheryn Sutter (People's Co-op), Kriston Ohlson, Joanne Stainbrook, Scotty Cummings, Becca Hurst, Jason M, Tom van Koalk, Tom Sollitt

The officers prior to the meeting were Chris Eykamp (Chair), Jill Riebesehl (Vice Chair), Mark Linehan (Treasurer), Michelle Sprague (Publicity Director). The office of Secretary was vacant.

Chris Eykamp (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair appointed Anne Draper as notetaker.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report and the Minutes of the May General Meeting.

Moved by Phil, seconded by Barbara.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Officer Elections and Role Appointments - 7:10 p.m.

The board held annual elections for officers and reviewed various community representative roles.

Roles and appointments not defined in the bylaws include: SE Examiner updates writer, SE Uplift (SEUL) Board Representative, SEUL Land Use Board Representative, Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association (HBBA) Representative, Division Clinton Business District (DCBD) Representative, Central Eastside Industrial Council (CEIC) Representative, CEIC Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC) Representative, Central Eastside Corridor Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Working Group Representative, Clinton Triangle Oversight Committee (CTOC) Representatives.

Board members discussed position duties.

Motion to elect officers by individual positions.

Moved by Alicia, seconded by Jill.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion to elect Andrew Wilker to the office of Chair.

Moved by Mark, seconded by Jill.

The motion passed by vote of 18-1.

Chris continued to preside for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion to elect Chris Eykamp to the office of Vice Chair.

Moved by Avery, seconded by Jill.

The motion passed by vote of 19-0.

Motion to elect Juno Suárez to the office of Secretary.

Moved by Andrew, seconded by Mark.

The motion passed by vote of 18-1.

Motion to elect Alicia to the office of Publicity Director.

Moved by Mark, seconded by Avery.

The motion passed by vote of 19-0.

The board discussed the value of maintaining continuity through a mix of new and returning members, as well as the need to clearly define officer roles and operational duties.

Motion to elect Michelle to the office of treasurer.

Moved by Mark, seconded by Phil.

The motion passed by vote of 19-0.

Motion to table discussion of other roles to a future board meeting.

Moved by Juno, seconded by Andrew.

The board discussed requirements for non-officer appointments.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting Room Discussion - 7:52 p.m.

Michelle presented: with 20 board members, we need a larger meeting room at Philip Neri and there is a charge for the meeting space. Previously, HAND got free meeting space and made a year end donation. SEUL says other Neighborhood Association boards pay for meeting space. The current room has a normal rate of \$90/hr, and Philip Neri is offering us \$150 per 2hr meeting through the end of 2026.

The board discussed funding options including the SEUL Communications Grant, fundraising, and interest income.

Five months at \$150/mo amounts to \$750. The board customarily has not met in August and December, so the remaining meetings for 2026 would be June, July, September, October, November.

Motion to spend \$750 for meeting space from the Communications Budget. In the event the Communications Budget is insufficient, spend the remainder from the General Fund.

Moved by Michelle, seconded by Chris.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Hood to Coast - 7:58

Chris presented: The city requires certain events on the Eastbank Esplanade to seek approval from Neighborhood Associations where the event takes place. For competitive events, approval is always required. For non-competitive events, approval is required after two events in one month. Hood to Coast is a competitive event. Information about this event was previously sent to the board.

Motion to approve the use of the Eastbank Esplanade by Hood to Coast in August 2026.

Moved by Mark, seconded by Peggy.

The motion passed by a vote of 16-1.

Bob Stacey Bridge - 8:02

Chris presented: the District 3 Councilors Morrillo, Koyama Lane, and Novick used money from their district office budgets to repair the elevators at the Bob Stacey Bridge. The board wants to express gratitude. A draft letter was previously shared with the board.

Motion to send a thank you letter to the D3 Councilors as written.

Moved by Steve, seconded by Barbara.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Union Pacific Railroad Merger - 8:04

Chris presented: Union Pacific is the railroad that runs trains from Brooklyn Yard and blocks crossings at 8th, 11th, and 12th streets. Trains have been getting longer. Union Pacific wants to merge with Norfolk Southern, which could increase rail traffic. To preserve the right to comment in public proceedings, the board needs to file a Notice of Intent to Comment by Friday, June 12.

The board discussed potential coordination with community partners, past petitions, and the SE rail committee.

Motion to file Notice of Intent to Comment on the proposed Union Pacific merger.

Moved by Mark, seconded by Phil.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Caruthers Working Group Block Party - 8:15 p.m.

Avery presented: the Caruthers Working Group has prepared a permit and insurance application, with permit approval expected soon. The permit application fee was waived. The event is upcoming on July 11.

Alicia presented: The board approved \$200 for the permit application in May. Since the application fee was waived, Alicia wants to move it to cover other event expenses. Alicia presented an event budget totalling \$500.

Motion to move \$200 previously approved for the permit, plus \$300 for a total of \$500 for the event.

Moved by Alicia, seconded by Peggy.

The board discussed budget allocations, event publicity, and the potential to use existing Communications Budget funds for signage and materials.

The motion passed by a vote of 17-1.

Events Committee - 8:24 p.m.

Juno presented: there was enthusiasm at the Executive Committee meeting for a June ice cream social and other summer events. Parks permits have rush fees: with 45 days' notice, a permit is \$165, but with 15 days notice the fee is \$660. Possibility to partner with a business or school to avoid need for a permit. Timelines are challenging with monthly board meetings.

Motion to Form a standing events committee, with a budget of up to \$500 to be spent on community events, meaning permits, supplies for events, and delegated authority to make decisions on event details including scheduling, applying for permits and insurance, and promotions. The committee shall report on events to the monthly board meeting. The committee shall consist of any interested board members and general HAND members.

Moved by Juno, seconded by Alicia.

The board discussed concerns about maintaining board oversight on event content and spending. Board members emphasized the importance of establishing clear operational parameters.

Juno withdrew the motion.

Motion to create a standing events committee without delegation of authority or allocation of funds.

Moved by Juno, seconded by Steve.

The motion passed by a vote of 17-1.

The People's Depot Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) - 8:55 p.m.

Mark presented: The deal has changed and The People's Depot will still seek the planned location but will no longer apply for an Alternative Access Redemption Center (AARC).

Operating hours will be reduced to 2.5hrs a day, 5 days a week, with mitigation funding reductions. Grocery stores will still have to accept bottle returns. Groundscore is promising to try a cashless system.

Peggy said Urban Alchemy no longer has the PDXLove team which responded to a neighbor hotline in the area. GNA discussions are continuing.

So long and thanks for all the fish

Chris expressed gratitude for his years of board service and appreciated the conversations and what's been done for the neighborhood. Chris looks forward to continuing on as Vice Chair.

Adjourned 9:06 p.m.

Next meeting July 14, 2026.

Minutes submitted by Juno Suárez