



Land Use and Transportation Committee
Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 7:00pm–9:00pm
Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Office
4815 NE 7th Avenue, Portland, OR
Final Minutes

Meeting Attendees:

Garlynn Woodsong – Concordia, LUTC Co-Chair
Carson Mead – Vernon
Leigh Rappaport – King
Daniel Pirofsky – Sullivan’s Gulch
Jim Howell – King
And Sheie – At Large

Sabine Apitz – Portland Harbor Sustainability Project
Anne Fitzpatrick – Portland Harbor Sustainability Project
Nan Stark – BPS District Liaison
Sara Wright – BPS
Lokyee Au – NECN Staff
Adam Lyons – NECN Staff

Meeting comes to order 7:07pm.

Introductions and Minutes

No quorum met when meeting came into order. Minutes approval delayed until quorum reached.

Portland Harbor Sustainability Project

Project staff present information regarding their analysis of the EPA’s Portland Harbor Superfund Site cleanup plans.

Portland Houselessness

Adam provides an overview about the two plans regarding homelessness in Portland: Home for Everyone (collaboration between Multnomah County, Mayor, and Portland Housing Bureau) and Safe Sleep Policy (Mayor’s office). NECN has convened with a work group to attempt to ask the mayor to include public involvement within the policy. Asking members to speak with neighbors and neighborhood associations to gather input and questions to convey at future meetings and work groups.

Neighborhood Greenways

Asking PBOT to strengthen their policy on greenways, as based on Concordia and SE Uplift neighborhoods’ experiences with greenways. Committee has approved this letter in previous meeting, so no need to vote again. The intent is to ask members for comments/feedback.

SE Uplift Letter Endorsement

SE Uplift has asked NECN to cross-endorse a letter written by SE Uplift. Straw poll: 4-0-0 polled in favor of cross-endorsing the letter, and to send to board for consideration.

Coalition-level design standards and review

LUTC has talked about coalition level design review standards, and it is an idea that is being talked about by Residential Infill Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Mayor is pushing RIPSAC to speed up committee process, and to compromise between the height, scale, and setbacks of infill development. Builders have already offered up a compromise – no other neighbors or district coalitions have provided a compromise. Coalition-level design standards could be something suggested to RIPSAC.

Clarifying question asked regarding difference between community design standards and design standards. Community design standards: in zoning code; Design standards: use when going through a historic review.



Nan mentions Division Design Initiative would be a good resource as LUTC continues considering this topic.

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability updates

Comp Plan at City Council: Goals, policies, designation maps. Hearings will come up on 'amendments' – public can testify.

Regarding district coalition design review, Sara says testifying is helpful to have City Council hear more about this idea.

Chapter 2: Public Involvement (Comprehensive Plan) Discussion Draft will likely be released 2/25/16. Community Involvement committee – independent advisory body to continually help staff improve public involvement; community engagement manual (set up questions and expectations for staff to ask themselves along the way); changing notification requirements. Comments due by March 30.

Next Tues, March 1: last Council work session talking about anti-displacement policy. For those interested in tracking Council amendments, Nan will send a link so public can do so.

Measure 56 Notifications related to Residential, Open Space, Mixed-Use Early Implementation plans will be going out in the near future.

Daniel mentions a meeting he attended that disclosed mixed use plan 'bonus incentives' will likely not work out as originally intended – based on analysis, only plaza bonuses were found to be possibly successful. This is bad news for the affordable housing front. Nan mentions the City and State are still exploring other resources to serve as toolbox for affordable housing: inclusionary zoning is still alive in the State house, and a linkage fee is being talked about within the City. The intent is to have a toolbox of ways to provide affordable housing during a housing crisis.

Neighborhood Updates

Sullivan's Gulch has been going through a transition; 5 new members. Biggest thing happening is the concern over the 21st and Multnomah property that possibly threaten the Sullivan's Gulch Trail connection. The development has been contested and has been brought to the Land Use Board of Appeals.

Concordia: Common Ground Wellness Center is selling its parking lot land. They've now reached out to neighbors regarding parking since they no longer have a parking structure, and clients will be parking on street.

No quorum ever reached – approval of January minutes will be postponed to March meeting.

Motion adjourns 8:42pm