



**Meeting Attendees:**

Garlynn Woodsong – Concordia  
Dave Johansen – Alameda  
Nan Stark – BPS  
Byron Tennant – Woodlawn  
Leigh Rappaport – King  
Mitch Snyder – Vernon  
Micah Meskel – Humboldt

Matt Ferris-Smith - King  
Charles Tso - Boise  
Anjala Ehelebe – Woodlawn  
Andy Sheie – Humboldt  
Allan Rudwick – Eliot  
Luke Norman – Sullivan’s Gulch  
Lokyee Au – NECN staff

**Meeting comes to order 7:07.**

Allan moves to approve minutes with amendments to typographical and abbreviation. Dave seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

**TriMet discussion**

Garlynn states that with regards to the service enhancement plan there are two things to discuss: 1.) Do we like the package as proposed? If not, do we want to see amendments? 2.) Can we prioritize the package?

Anjala states that Line 8 does not end where it shows on the map provided by TriMet – they’ve changed it so it continues and meets with Line 6 (connects to MLK Blvd), which is really important. Garlynn says that a lot of these changes are tied together. It wouldn’t make sense to implement Line 17 until Line Y is made, Line Z and Line 72 are connected, and Lines 72 and 70 are arguably connected – they are all a package. He proposes to treat that “package” of services as one item, which include Lines Y, Z, 17, 72, and 70. He says that Line 24 seems like it could be done without anything else.

Allan states that supporting the system as a whole, or not, is more valuable than prioritizing certain lines over others. It may be more useful to provide amendment suggestions. He says Line 24 is useless right now – having it go somewhere is a plus.

Garlynn asks the group if anyone else feels like line 24 should be prioritized first, and then the other items next. Anjala responds, Jim H. is a professional transit planner and she gives weight to his opinions (to support and prioritize Line 24).

**Garlynn motions to provide TriMet service enhancement plan feedback that includes LUTC’s ranking of enhancement priorities. First priority: Line 24 proposal, second priority: “Package” of improvements that include Lines 72, 17, 70, Z, and Y; third priority: Balance of this “package”. This includes LUTC’s support for the TriMet-proposed employer payroll tax. Andy seconds. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Transportation Funding Survey**

Commissioner Novick wants help to tell him what NECN members would like to see as option for transportation funding. Novick does not want to see members ask about parking as funding mechanism since the city is already working on using parking to generate revenue. He specifically wants to ask about options not currently on the table. The survey findings will be given to the NECN Board for review.

Garlynn asks whether or not LUTC members comfortable with this survey. Allan responds, saying other coalitions will have more influence than NECN if we don’t partake in this.



Garlynn notes he would like to see Cordon pricing as option: draw a line/boundary – cross that line; you pay. Would be effective way to raise revenue – creating additional demand for transit by pricing private automobiles.

He adds that each funding option needs text to explain details of each proposed item.

Dave says a City Sticker could be another option- drivers pay at the time they get their vehicle license/registered.

Garlynn asks, do we want to edit Novick's suggestions? Any item we don't want to include in the suggested language? Leigh responds, saying there should be an 'other' option.

Charles suggests a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) fee, in which people pay as they drive.

Garlynn notes this a 'rank and order' format would work for the survey.

Final survey items: on top of Novick's initial five survey option suggestions -- Cordon pricing, Weight based VMT fee, City sticker, and 'other' totals to nine survey options.

**Garlynn motions to put out survey that includes (List all items) as rank-choice ballot Close survey by September 14 at latest; present results to board for approval; transmit results to Novick shortly afterwards. Allan seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**

Garlynn and Lokye will work together to create the survey and send out to NA's for distribution.

#### **Letter of Support: PHAC 50% TIF Funding for Affordable Housing Recommendation**

Portland Housing Advisory Commission recently recommended Portland Housing Bureau to increase Tax Increment Funding (TIF) for affordable housing from 30% minimum to 50% minimum. This affects only Urban Renewal Areas- Interstate Corridor URA is located within NECN boundaries.

**Allan moves to write letter supporting PHAC's recommendation to increase TIF funding for affordable housing. Dave seconds. All in favor.**

Garlynn would want that letter to include some language to include funding within density bonus projects to encourage mixing income groups. Can use mixed use zoning as example of how to do so.

#### **Employment Zoning**

Garlynn says Concordia preapproved making comments and letter was sent out today 8/26/15. The letter includes supporting city seeking industrial lands outside city limits, and doesn't support converting golf course into industrial lands. Unfortunately, NECN LUTC doesn't have time to get board approval.

Micah says many of these comments that might have been made were already made through Comp Plan comments. Can we remake those comments? Garlynn responds, NECN Board has already supported concept of seeking a Goal 9 exception. Suppose we could send a letter and reiterate this stance.

Micah adds, in previous letter signed by board, we asked for brownfields redevelopment, intensification of industrial lands, etc. Garlynn responds, the items included a Goal 9 exception, rehabilitation of brownfields, and intensification of industrial lands density.

**Micah motions to comprise a letter to comment of employment zoning discussion draft that reiterates previously made Board approved statements on the Comp Plan with regards to employment zone land.**

All in favor. Motion passes.

#### **Campus Institutions Zoning**



Garlynn mentions Concordia raised issue that this current draft could potentially push additional development offsite. They would prefer to see increase in allowable campus Floor Area Ratio (FAR) on campus grounds – not concerned with what they're doing on their campuses.

Allan adds there are similar thoughts in Eliot.

Garlynn states there are two questions to answer: 1.) Do we want to make a comment as NECN? If so, 2.) How?

Garlynn asks if there has been any discussion in Humboldt regarding PCC Cascade. Micah says no.

Group agrees to pass on commenting on the discussion draft. Nan says there is opportunity to raise this issue at Planning and Sustainability Commission Hearing in November.

### **BPS Updates**

New Map App is out and will have proposed comp plan designations – no zoning yet (what has been approved by the PSC and now in City Council's hands). Public can make comments and call up specific properties. However, keep in mind the map will only be showing areas of change; anything not in color is not an area of change. During this round, City council will review comments made.

City Council work sessions start in September

Go to council agenda page through [portlandoregon.gov](http://portlandoregon.gov) to see what's under discussion.

First council hearing is November 19<sup>th</sup> – an afternoon hearing. 4 hours will be given (2-6 pm).

Council will make sure at least one of the hearings will be an evening hearing

Updates to Comp Plan schedule\*

Employment Zoning: Proposed Draft will come out Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) hearing at end of October.

Campus: Comment period ends on September 14, the proposed draft comes out October 9, and PSC hearing will take place November 10.

Mixed Use Zone: Discussion draft comes out September 21, and comment period ends Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. Nan suggests LUTC may want to have subcommittee lined up to read through that draft and be prepared to write letter for commenting. The Proposed Draft comes out November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and PSC hearing will take place January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Transportation Systems Plan: Discussion Draft comes out October 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the comment period through November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Proposed Draft comes out December 4<sup>th</sup>, PSC hearing will take place February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Zoning map (for Comp Plan) updates: Discussion Draft comes out Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, comments accepted thru Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>. Proposed Draft comes out early January, and PSC hearing will take place February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Community Involvement program discussion draft in Feb 2016

\*All dates listed are subject to change.

Nan is currently working on the Proposed Map, which takes the Comprehensive Plan map that's been approved and puts corresponding zoning on it. Most (over 80%) changes are mixed use changes. What they're looking at are which level of zoning (different corridors and centers) are going to be translated/changed in terms of mixed use zones. When that map comes out, Nan would like to take a chunk of the October LUTC meeting to go over and explain more in detail to



be able to help NECN LUTC make comments on it. She will be available to come to neighborhood meetings, and will also have three open houses to talk about the map. Garlynn asks what the difference is between the comprehensive plan map and the zoning map. Nan responds, there's the Map App, which is based on the Comprehensive Plan Map (aka Comp Plan designations). Then there's the Zoning Map, which goes parcel by parcel with what's going to be allowed 'today' – the two maps don't always correspond. Discussion Draft for mixed use project (sept 21<sup>st</sup>) will come out with a corresponding mixed use map; Maps for all other items will be out October 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Mixed Use Zoning Draft:

Garlynn, Allan, Dave, Anjala are interested in reading through the Mixed Use draft when it comes out September 22. Nan adds she met with Boise last month- would be good to have someone from Boise to be on this subcommittee (they have issues with R2.5 next to intensive zoning).

Subcommittee can read the draft the 22<sup>nd</sup> for the LUTC meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Neighborhood Updates

Allan: Resident from Eliot spent large amount of time with demolition delay to save a house – developer will not consider options to sell the land or the get house off their hands.

Leigh responds, King ran into the same thing with home next to Two Plum Park

Garlynn adds, Concordia also ran into the same thing. He will be partaking in group to create "toolkit" for demolition delay appeals.

Leigh: PDC approved sale of property on Alberta and MLK; PDC gave Majestic another \$144,000 in grant funds for the changes that the working group had suggested (changes in design, etc). Micah asks if there are any subsidies for small business owners. Leigh responds, there will be, but only for a 5-year period. There will also be no opportunity for businesses to purchase the property

Luke: More density planned for Sullivan's Gulch; 300 new units for Grant Park Village (32nd and Broadway). These are for market rate apartments, with 140 units for senior care. Regarding the Cinema redevelopment, it's planned to develop 1,000 units. New plan to keep diagonal pedestrian walkway that goes through the parking lot through the cinema. As of August 4 they were moving forward without keeping the cinema.

Mitch: Nextportland.com website aggregates design renderings/info about developments may be of interest to committee members.

*Adjourn at 9:04pm*