



NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Land Use and Transportation Committee

Wednesday, May 25, 2016, 7-9 pm

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Office

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

- Dennis Kennedy, Woodlawn
- Daniel Pirofsky, At-large, Sullivan's Gulch
- Andrew Sheie, At-large, Humboldt
- Garlynn Woodson, Concordia, Co-Chair
- Dave Johansen, Alameda, Co-Chair
- Zena Rockowitz, NECN
- Clay Veka, Vision Zero
- Matt Ferris, Vision Zero

Introductions and Approval of April meeting minutes (Garlynn)

- Quorum established
- April minutes approved
- **Reviewed roster - Zena will update**

Vision Zero Presentation (Clay Veka)

- Eliminate injuries and deaths by 2025 – strong equity and data driven focus
- Adopted in June of last year
- Set speeds to be safe for all roads
- Separate uses when speeds are high
- Safety trends in Portland: seeing more people die on roads. Lower than national average, but higher than Seattle and NYC
- People walking are especially vulnerable
- Interactive citywide crash map on visionzeroportland.com
- Investments made in North Williams will result in crash reductions
- Safety projects to improve: crosswalk plan for MLK, 7th/9th Greenway, NE Broadway
- Fixed photo radars – speed cameras pilot program is being rolled out
- City Council looking at adopting plans this fall. 37 actions. Examples: safety improvements on HCN, local authority for speed reduction, expand safe routes to school to middle and high schools, target DUII program in entertainment district
- ODOT makes determination if they are going to reduce speed or not – very odious process. Also need to change design of roadway at the same time.
- Prefer to make change to the design and then reduce speeds. For example, Burnside had recent road diet.



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- If LUTC wants to support vision Zero action plan, it will be good to get letter of support – closer to the fall when there is a complete plan to review, before it goes to City Council
- They will ask for LUTC support in the Legislature in 2017
- 200,000 people moving to Portland in next 20 years.
- Handouts: High crash network and Communities of Concern and Safe Street Fairs in Cully
- **Clay going to check in and see why Concordia hasn't heard back about reducing speeds on Alberta and Killingsworth.**

Missing Middle Housing (Garlynn)

- Council has now provided direction on smart growth areas
- Strong argument for equity position – city decided
- Push to add more internal conversion of single-family houses
- Council developing comprehensive plan, term sheets will lay out what will be written to code. The only goal for the rest of calendar year is to finalize a set of term sheets to be adopted by this council.
- Option: Blanket policy that says middle housing can go in different neighborhoods but if neighborhoods want to opt out, they can? Properties in that area (resistant wealthier neighborhoods) would get extra property tax fee. Problem: Taxes keep out low-income.
- Corners off the table? Answer: Not sure, corners can be split and you can get an extra unit.
- If you have year after year, increase in the supply of housing units, it correlates to a decrease in supply of rent – holding other variables equal. If salaries and jobs growing, then you can cancel out that gain. Would favor high rises and apt. complexes.
- From a development perspective, high rises are riskier
- Will come back to middle housing discussion next month.

NECN – Budget – discretionary funding (Garlynn)

- Believe we had \$900, but co-sponsored event last fall
- Want to use funds to reinvest in community, instead of for refreshments



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- Alley lighting contest – neighbors would submit to determine what light is better in alleys to make them safer
- Fiscal year ends June 30 – have to spend money by then
- Sponsored Woodlawn Farmer's Market with funds last year
- Concordia Board funded intersection repair project
- **Motion to approve alley proposal from Concordia up to \$150. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **All: Go back to neighborhoods and find out where they need money.**
- **Zena: Look into funding stipulations**

RIPSAC Update (Garlynn)

- Next RIPSAC is Tuesday, June 7th. Staff will be presenting public outreach plan and process.
- Unclear what city staff will be proposing on June 7th
- Changes proposed:
 - Middle housing
 - Dial back allowable scale in terms of height, bulk, and lot coverage of buildings.
 - Regulations for skinny houses will be streamlined, and dial back as well, and then no driveways in front.

Discuss possible action on Diverters on Bicycle Greenways (Garlynn)

- Two neighborhood associations want more information.
- Preserve for bicycle access, residents, but no cut-through traffic – would be physically impossible – just like at 15th and MLK
- Example of where diverters between arterials could make sense
- Terry is going to Neighborhood Associations. He is open to going to LUTC and Board meetings
- Portland for Everyone is forming speakers Bureau
- Concerns: Terry's map was extensive, and don't want to get locked into map because advocating for diverters at every major street.
- **Action: will wait until we have a neighborhood support before LUTC supports**

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Updates (Zena)



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- Gave out handouts with timeline for public hearings and work session for comprehensive plan and maps. Details are on NECN calendar. Provided handout with Residential infill project community input meeting dates. NECN's area meeting will be on July 14 6:30-8:30 at German American Society.
- Sullivan's Gulch amendments: There is NECN policy support Sullivan's Gulch trail dating to 2011. Rebranding the trail as a rose quarter to gorge trail. Could start at Esplanade and go to Cascade Locks.
- **LUTC will reiterate support for the project and bring support letter up-to-date. Needs to go out before June 15th. Moved to authorize letter from NECN to support amendment to Sullivan's Gulch Trail, and specific support for Sullivan's Gulch Trail from river to City Limits. Motion approved. This letter will go to the Executive Committee to review June 5th.**
- Central City Plan? Forums in July and August and draft plan released June 20th

Neighborhood Announcements (All)

- Concordia: bicycle commuter died. This is a liability issue. He used Metro's map and saw that was a facility that would get him to his job. Concordia made request to ODOT: Would like more information and would like to see a road diet on North Portland Highway. It's on high crash corridor list. Have written letter to city and to delegation to ask ODOT for support. Are going to be asking another group that can apply media pressure.
- Pedal Palooza – bike the ODOT facilities ride will draw attention to MLK, 82nd, and Lombard. Will show that ODOT isn't operating safe facilities. We don't have a complete, safe bike network.
- Is ODOT qualified to run city streets, or should it be given to the city for purview. The city has better standards?
- NECN hasn't come down on the 7th v. 9th issue
- **Will invite someone from Bicycle Transportation Alliance to come to the meeting**