



Land Use and Transportation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 23rd, 2013, 7:00 – 8:30pm
NECN Office – Conference Room
Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Committee Members

Carol Gossett, Sullivan's Gulch, Co-Chair
Ed Abrahamson, Irvington, Co-Chair
Jim Brown, Alameda
George Bruender, Concordia,
Steve Cole, Irvington
Anjala Ehelebe, Woodlawn
Stephen Gomez, Boise
Leigh Rappaport, King
Don Rouzie, Sabin

Additional Participants

Jenna Alexander
Brooke Edens, Irvington Neighbor
Dean Gisvold, Irvington Neighbor
Abbey Orton, Irvington Neihbor
Alex Walker, Irvington Neighbor
Katy Asher, NECN Neighborhoods Program
Manager
Claire Adamsick, NECN Committees
Coordinator

Guest Presenters

Nan Stark, Portland Bureau of Planning and
Sustainability
Travis Driessen, Portland State University

Meeting called to order by Ed Abrahamson at 7:04 p.m.

Introductions and additions to agenda

Approval of August and September meeting minutes

Jim Brown moves to approve the agenda and minutes as written. Carol Gossett seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

Nan Stark, BPS – Comprehensive Plan Map App

Nan Stark, Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, shared a component of part 2 of a working draft of the Comprehensive Plan, called the "Map App" (www.portlandbps.com/gis/cpmapp/). It is an interactive map to project and determine potential development projects in the City over the next 20 years. Features include:

- Background layers based on most recent Census data
- Discussion layers with policy-specific areas of focus, including population centers, corridors, employment, public transit and others.
- Urban design framework and Land Use layers which show Portland's projected physical form and land use changes being considered as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update.
- A public comments feature, where comments are archived by the City and will be monitored and evaluated for the next phase of the Comp Plan.

NECN is considering hosting an early November Map app workshop to share the tool more broadly with interested community/neighborhood association members.

Travis Driessen, PSU – GIS, Citizen Participation and Transportation Planning

Travis Driessen, a GIS student at Portland State University, presented a data mapping project that is a partnership between PSU's Geography Department and the MURP (Masters in Urban and Regional Planning) program. Using customized district and neighborhood maps, participants can identify questions and priorities in their community related to transportation planning; user input is translated into visual models. By aggregating information from neighbors provided in the context of an outreach process, the



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online maps will offer opportunities for community input/citizen generated data to inform planning processes, such as the comp plan.

The data will be collected by asking citizens to provide answers to seemingly qualitative questions. However, the quantitative data that is collected (associating a specific location with GIS coordinates) will help planners know where to prioritize their efforts. It will allow participants to also see responses from their own neighbors and see emerging trends.

In the outreach component, volunteers will attend NA meetings and complete surveys between Jan-June 2014. Volunteers will work with NAs to develop a survey that identifies important questions to ask their neighbors. The volunteers will take those questions and go door to door/public places with hand-held wi-fi enabled tablets. The questions will prompt people to identify particular locations/areas that need work, and those answers will show up on the map with additional comments and data.

Travis wants to work with some of our neighborhoods and he also wants to know if NECN will host a presentation of the data sometime in the spring. NECN staff (Claire and Katy) will follow up with Travis.

Report on Madeline School Lights

Jim Brown, Alameda Neighborhood Association, shared a concern regarding the requirement to remove several lights at Madeline School that did not meet historic standards. Jim explained that lights are not typically submitted to the Landmarks Commission for historical review, and expressed frustration on behalf of the Alameda NA board regarding historic district decisions in Irvington that are impacting residents living in the Alameda-Irvington overlap area. Dean Griswold and Steve Cole from Irvington Community Association shared objections to Jim's statement. Ed Abrahamson (LUTC Co-chair) suggested that the dispute be discussed outside of the LUTC meeting, preferably with a mediator or neighborhood ombudsperson.

Neighborhood Transportation Priorities – Preparation for December 4th conversation with Commissioner Novick and PBOT Director, Leah Treat

Katy reported on feedback submitted by NAs so far regarding transportation priorities; we have heard from 5 of 12 NAs as of 10/23. LUTC is forming an infrastructure subcommittee which will vet neighborhood input and organize into macro-themes; NECN staff will share proposed questions with broader committee members prior to December 4th meeting.

Columbia River Crossing Update

Steve Cole reported that NECN and Coalition for a Livable Future have filed a federal lawsuit against CRC proponents including the Federal Highway Administration, based on what they feel is a short-sighted final environmental impact statement. Interested committee members are encouraged to write to local representatives on this matter.

NECN-LUTC Infrastructure Sub-Committee and Parks Subcommittees

Infrastructure Subcommittee: current participants are Steve Cole, Carol Gossett, Ed Abrahamson and Paul Anthony. The subcommittee's first meeting will take place in early November (TBD).



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Parks Subcommittee: Commissioner Amanda Fritz approached the NECN board at its October 15 meeting about forming a district parks subcommittee. The city has money for system development, various projects in our neighborhoods could be eligible for these funds, and identifying viable projects would be the initial goal of this new sub-committee. Carol Gossett, Steve Cole, Paul Anthony have volunteered to participate. Claire Adamsick, NECN’s new staff Committees Coordinator, will support outreach to additional NA members who may be interested in participating.

General discussion followed about the focus and scope of the parks subcommittee, including whether neighborhood land use committee members would have the bandwidth to participate in a parks-specific subcommittee, and whether parks more of a safety and livability issue rather than a land use issue.

Other Neighborhood LUTC Updates

Anjala Ehelebe, Woodlawn NA, reported that TriMet will be holding a public meeting in November in Woodlawn to discuss overlap service. Anjala also raised a concern regarding coal shipment terminals in Woodlawn: is coal dust impacting water quality at the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant?

Stephen Gomez: The Boise Neighborhood Association will be hosting a discussion with Ben Kaiser on October 24 to discuss Kaiser’s North Williams Avenue project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 4th

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Note: Due to scheduling issues around the holidays, NECN will not host a November LUTC meeting. LUTC’s December 25 meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday December 4.