



Meeting Attendees

Committee Members

Carol Gossett, Sullivan's Gulch, Co-Chair
Anjala Ehelebe, Woodlawn
Garlynn Woodsong, Concordia
Paul Anthony, Humboldt
Ken Peterson, Grant Park
Steve Cole, Irvington
Mitch Snyder, Vernon

Additional Participants

Madison Weakly, Piedmont/Cully Neighbor
Diego Gioseffi, King Neighbor
Nan Stark, BPS
Carl Larson, Boise, BTA
Sue Glenn, Portland Parks & Recreation
Claire Adamsick, NECN Committees
Coordinator

Introductions and approval of April meeting minutes

Anjala pointed out that Garlynn was the one who noted the change to "Woodlawn" (vs. Woodsong). Additionally, the word "conservative" should not be capitalized.

Minutes approved unanimously pending suggested changes.

LUTC 2014 Issues and Speakers – committee prioritizing

Committee members used dot voting to indicate areas of preference among Land Use/Transportation topics and speakers. Topics receiving the most votes included: NE Broadway road diet (6); affordable housing (6); safe crossings for bike/ped (6); improved mass transit (6); and funding for neighborhood greenways (6). Speakers receiving the most interest included: ODOT (3).

Parks: Survey of NECN Parks Resources

Three LUTC committee members came prepared to lead a virtual "tour" of their primary neighborhood park, with Google Earth as a visual aid. The purpose of this discussion was to survey a few neighborhood parks and identify overarching questions to ask community members about their own parks priorities.

Woodlawn Park: Anjala Ehelebe shared Woodlawn's history, described that the park is very small (7.37 acres) relative to other nearby parks (Fernhill, Alberta). There is currently a debate about if and where a DOLA (Dog off-leash area) could be located. There is an ADA-accessible play area, and reasonable bus access. On 13th, there could be a bikeway link with Holman for better park access. A local gang (Bloods) is still active in Woodlawn Park. There is currently a proposal on the table for a skate park.

Fernhill Park: Garlynn Woodsong reported that Fernhill Park is a large park (26.6 acres) that is located near unpaved roadways and lacks internal paths/sidewalks. It has a play structure but no working water feature and also lacks a developed off-leash area for dogs. Fernhill is adjacent to the old Whitaker School site (Whitaker was torn down due to mold issues); PPS owns this land and may be considering a master plan process for this site. Perhaps there is a potential parks/school partnership here?

Grant Park: Ken Peterson described the heavy use of Grant Park by surrounding neighborhoods as well as Grant High School students. The park is 19.9 acres and includes sports fields and an outdoor pool. Grant Park is close to new developments such as Grant Park Village on 33rd & Broadway, which will

undoubtedly increase park traffic and use. Grant Park is currently debating the need for a permanent location for a DOLA (dog off-leash area), which currently moves locations on a seasonal basis. Another debate is surrounding field lights for the Grant Park bowl so that high school teams could play night games.

A group discussion followed, with general emergent themes being connectivity, use, and increased use of neighborhood parks. Diego, a King neighbor, mentioned the need to extend the discussion to parks beyond the three explored. King Park is adjacent to the NECN facility and is in dire need of improvements.

Potential survey questions that emerged included:

- Would you support
 - Linking our parks with ped/bikeways?
 - A skate park being added to ___Park?
 - A fenced off-leash dog area?
 - A dog “curfew”?
- How can we provide park services to dog owners and non-owners?
- Which park do you use regularly, relative to where you live?

Claire will work with Sue Glenn, our Parks Zone Manager, to further develop survey questions. She will also reach out to committee members in an email to request any additional survey questions or feedback.

Action Item: 20s Bikeway (Garlynn Woodsong)

PBOT rejected Concordia’s original proposal regarding the 20s bikeway, citing cost issues. Concordia’s LUTC has produced a revised letter and is seeking NECN support for the revised letter. An alternative includes routing part of the 32nd Avenue bike path through the Faubion School grounds; the path could be upgraded as part of the Faubion School Improvement Process.

Regarding PBOT’s cost argument, intersection treatments are one of the more costly items in making this project safe.

Garlynn understands that the Northern and Southern Ends of the 20s Bikeway have issues and may require further meetings of neighborhood groups. He requests that NECN send a revised letter to Commissioner Novick and PBOT (Leah Treat and Rich Newlands) engage the City in a conversation.

Overall, PBOT’s communications with stakeholders is concerning. Murray Kuddish, a NE Broadway business owner, says that businesses were not consulted when it came to the 20s bikeway plan development.

Steve Cole moves that NECN approve the revised 20s bikeway letter from Garlynn Woodsong and the Concordia LUTC, with the understanding that the letter will be edited via email by LUTC committee members, who will maintain the substantive content that Garlynn presented at this May 28 LUTC meeting. Paul Anthony seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

BPS Updates: Comp Plan and Demolition Policy Change (Nan Stark)

Another round of public input on the Comp Plan is coming this summer, with a Draft of the Comp Plan scheduled for release on July 21st. The Map App will become available for navigation and comment after the Comp Plan Draft is released. Interested neighbors can sign up at the Map App site to get updates on when it will be available. BPS will be holding 1-2 “Virtual Open Houses” as well as 4 in-person open-houses between July and September; dates forthcoming.

Nan reported that BDS recently issued a policy change that requires notification for demolitions that will occur where there is a lot division, i.e. where more than one building will replace one that is demolished. BDS is also working on a voluntary notification option on demolitions. BDS currently does not call for mandatory notification for all demolitions, due to the way the regulation was written.

Who is notified when a structure is to be demolished? At a minimum, the neighborhood association is notified; however, how large the notification area is (as far as neighbors in proximity to a property who are reached) is unclear.

Claire reported that Coalition staff (NE, SE, Central and North) have helped organize a public forum on “Demolition, Infill and Housing Affordability” on Wednesday, June 11 at Concordia University. If LUTC members are able to attend, we could debrief on this topic and where the committee wants to engage at our June meeting.

Subcommittee/Advisory Committee Updates

- **Transportation Subcommittee: PBOT Communications (Carol Gossett)**
There is a need for improved communication with PBOT about the projects that are happening in our neighborhoods. How can we develop a stronger communication system? Claire is working on getting Dylan Rivera, PBOT Communications lead, to attend a meeting with our subcommittee to answer this question.
- **Mixed-Use Zoning (Carol Gossett)**
N. Williams Walking Tour – Thursday, May 29th meet at Williams & Fremont, 6:30 p.m.
- **TEG (Garlynn Woodsong)**
Garlynn is a new At-Large member (representing himself, not NECN formally) on the Transportation Experts Group, which is advising the City on the TSP (Transportation System Plan). The group is currently thinking about how to evaluate/rate projects both quantitatively and qualitatively.

Neighborhood Updates

N. Williams Bike Corridor (Stephen Gomez – via Carl Larson, BTA)

Carl is a Sabin neighbor who works for the BTA. The North Williams Traffic Safety Project will bring major changes to NECN's neighborhoods in the coming months/years. Nearby N. Rodney is slated to become a



neighborhood Greenway; the BTA feels that completing Rodney first while construction is taking place on Williams is critical for everyone’s safety: bike, ped, auto. Stephen Gomez and Carl Larson are approaching neighborhood associations for their support.

NECN has spent a fair amount of time advocating around the N. Williams Corridor in the past.

Steve Cole moves that NECN write a letter in support of BTA’s position points regarding the N. Williams Bike Corridor, with expanded information regarding specific positions as necessary. Paul Anthony seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

TriMet Line 8 Layover Sites in Woodlawn (Anjala Ehelebe)

TriMet has reviewed alternate layover sites proposed by Woodlawn neighbors and recently held a meeting (May 14th) to discuss the new site proposals. Anjala reports that 90% of the people at this meeting expressed dissent with two sites: #1 (MLK/Dekum) and #11 (Lombard/6th) which TriMet has designated as its “preferred sites”. Woodlawn is asking for a Line 8 extension, but TriMet has not responded favorably to this proposal.

Woodlawn neighbors created an online petition to submit to TriMet. Public comment on the layover sites closes June 13. Woodlawn will lobby the TriMet board.

Potential King Park Proposal

Matt Streng, a King Neighborhood Resident, working on King Park Proposal, wants to connect with King neighbors on Park proposal. Claire will talk with Matt about the opportunity to advocate for this project via NECN’s Parks Subcommittee.

Sidewalks

Mitch Snyder asked whether others been affected by sidewalk proposal. This was a single individual who filed hundreds of sidewalk complaints.

Parks - Community Centers

Paul Anthony pointed out that there are no community centers in NECN other than Dishman. Is there a public-private partnership opportunity here? What about the vacant site near Fernhill Park (site of old Whitaker School)?

Adjourned 9:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 25th, 7:00 p.m.

