



Land Use and Transportation Committee
Wednesday, July 23, 2014, 7:00pm–8:30pm
Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Office
4815 NE 7th Avenue, Portland, OR
Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Committee Members

Ed Abrahamson, Irvington, Co-Chair
Jim Brown, Alameda
Carol Gossett, Sullivan's Gulch
Anjala Ehelebe, Woodlawn
Garlynn Woodsong, Concordia
Paul Anthony, Humboldt
Ken Peterson, Grant Park
Leigh Rappaport, King
Steve Cole, Irvington, Interim Co-Chair
Mitchell Snyder, Vernon
Madison Weakly, Piedmont/Cully (At-Large)

Additional Participants

Beth Skillern, Alameda Neighbor, Fremont UMC
Dan Lerch-Walters, Sullivan's Gulch Neighbor
Donna Leslie, Alameda Neighbor
Katy Wolf, Boise Neighbor
Marisa Zapata, Hollywood/Grant Park Neighbor
Rich Newlands, PBOT
Fletcher Beaudoin, PSU Institute for Sustainable Solutions
Claire Adamsick, NECN Committees Coordinator

Meeting called to order 7:02 p.m.

Introductions and approval of June meeting minutes

June minutes approval deferred to later in the meeting (see below). John Prell will be confirmed as LUTC co-chair at a later meeting, after he has attended two NECN LUTC meetings.

NECN Area Bikeways Presentation – Rodney and 20's (Rich Newlands)

The North Williams Traffic Safety Project approaching the construction phase; PBOT is hoping to begin this work by early/mid-September. There will be an open house on Tuesday, August 12 at Immaculate Heart Church, and a safety/education campaign will also kick off in the coming weeks. Rich confirmed that during most of the construction on N. Williams, the existing bike lane will be in use.

The NE Rodney bikeway buildout is an attempt to develop a "family-friendly" neighborhood greenway to complement the Williams project. Rodney will be completed after Williams, roughly in the spring of 2015. Neighbors have shared concerns about Rodney's buildout, and PBOT is considering where to include diversion, speed bumps and not turning as many stop signs as originally planned.

There will be crossing improvements on Rodney, particularly at Fremont and Russell. These are intended to have stormwater improvements as well. A separate, special district project is likely to address the difficult left turn issue at Fremont and Vancouver.

20s Bikeway: this buildout will follow a route from 28th to 26th at Wasco, then along 32nd and jogging to NE 27th to reach Lombard. The Concordia Neighborhood Association requested that PBOT build an additional bikeway on NE 29th to better serve the corridor. Rich explains that the reason PBOT rejected Concordia's proposal was that the project was always scoped to identify one route within the 20s corridor. The concrete streets are very difficult to repave, and the Killingsworth intersection offset creates additional difficulties.

Asked about safe crossings at busier intersections, Rich explained that every crossing is designed to have dual benefit. There will likely be a "hawk" at NE 24th & Broadway.



An Alameda neighbor asked why the currently marked bike route at NE 27th between Ridgewood and Knott. Rich explained that since 26th will be used S of Broadway, it makes sense to continue with the original alignment as the 27th bike route is not currently improved to PBOT's standards.

A representative from Fremont UMC said the church has concerns with parking impacts; PBOT is meeting with the church next week to discuss these issues.

Some of the portions of the 20s bikeway are shared with buses; primarily on the southern portion of the route. Rich said that there are other bikeways in the city that share transit routes and it hasn't been a problem in the past.

Rich agreed to provide electronic versions of the maps and agreed to add scales. Claire will share those with the LUTC.

Portland State University Institute for Sustainable Solutions Program (Fletcher Beaudoin)

ISS serves as a central hub for focusing sustainability efforts throughout Portland State University. For ISS, sustainability is about harnessing the interconnectedness between environment, people and society.

Portland has a number of EcoDistricts: Lloyd, SOMA, South Waterfront, Gateway and Foster Green (EcoDistricts is the organization that oversees these areas).

Applied learning is a major focus of ISS. The Institute would like to help focus PSU's broadly-distributed partnerships to fewer, more-focused neighborhood partnerships. PSU's Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative attempts to increase applied learning opportunities and deepen community impact.

One example is student-led design and implementation of parklets (or "street seats"), in addition to a "water collectors" project in Lloyd Mall. ISS is developing evaluations and intends to check back with past partners to see if projects have been effective.

Claire will follow up with Fletcher for list of ISS partners. Katy Wolf is interested in the fact that there are a number of projects that have been planned by students but not implemented because a student graduates and moves on from PSU.

ISS places paid interns in neighborhood projects, and Garlynn has been in contact with Fletcher about Concordia's interest in working with an intern. An overall NECN intern placement could benefit a number of neighborhoods. Garlynn asked that the LUTC include more time on August 27 agenda to discuss ISS.

Subcommittee/Advisory Committee Updates

- Transportation Subcommittee
The Transportation Subcommittee met in June with Dylan Rivera, Communications Director and Peter Wojicki, Pavement Program Manager, to talk about improving communication between NECN neighbors.



Claire will email each of the LUTC reps to find out if they want PBOT updates. She will also find out whether filtering the information to NECN-specific updates is an option

- **Mixed-Use Zones Advisory Committee (Carol Gossett)**
Carol reported that BPS is in the process of organizing public outreach meetings to discuss plans for mixed-use development in specific commercial corridors throughout the city.

Claire reported that Nan Stark would like to do an NECN-specific Comp Plan informational session and Map App tutorial at the August LUTC meeting, if LUTC agrees to meet. Committee members felt that a Comp Plan discussion was timely and relevant and agreed that it should be the main topic at the August 27th meeting.

TriMet would like to attend the LUTC's September meeting to discuss priorities for its North/Central Service Plan. This fall, TriMet is beginning public outreach around its district plans. Members of the Transportation Subcommittee agreed to vet input from each of the neighborhoods on what type of service they would like to see. The Subcommittee will meet to discuss neighborhood feedback on August 28th at 2 p.m. (one hour later than the usual scheduled time).

- **Washington Park TMA**
Steve reported that this committee is currently discussing the option of a private shuttle over increased TriMet service.

Neighborhood Updates

Sullivan's Gulch: Carol shared that there has been a recent push in Lloyd and Sullivan's Gulch to address safety issues in Holladay Park. There is an advisory committee – including neighbors, Lloyd District developers and Portland Parks & Recreation – that has been working together to establish various summer events in the Park to help transform the activity in the park and ultimately improve safety and usability. There is a beer fest happening August 8-10. The Lloyd Center is also going to change its façade on Multnomah so that there is a storefront presence (vs. a parking garage).

Grant Park: Ken vented his frustration with Portland Parks & Recreation, who has provided inconsistent responses to Grant Park's Dog off-leash area (DOLA) proposal. Grant Park has found potential funders for the project; it needs support in developing an ADA design for the park. PSU has agreed to develop a general model.

Woodlawn: Anjala reported that TriMet's decision-making process on its Line 8 layover site has been extended to 2016; the proposed layover site is at 6th and Lombard. The TriMet board has asked for more time to review costs.



Anjala added that Bushwacker Cider has applied for a liquor license at NE Oneonta, diagonally across from Breakside Brewery. It will inevitably add to parking issues in the neighborhood, but the Woodlawn NA will be talking with the adjacent pasta business regarding parking options.

Concordia: Garlynn said that at 6208 NE 22nd Avenue, there is a more than 100-year-old cedar tree on the property which has been slated to be cut down. The tree is on two property lines, and the next-door neighbor does not want the tree cut down. Neighbors have 14 days to appeal. The City told Garlynn that there is not an appeal process, and that both neighbors would need to agree on what happens with the tree in order to save it.

Irvington/Eliot: Steve said that an 8-story building was proposed on 7th Street, S. of Knott. Neighbors in Eliot met with developers this week to let them know they weren't amenable to the scale of the building.

Humboldt/Eliot: Paul reported that Dawson Park has been reopened! There was a grand opening celebration on July 16.

Approval of June meeting minutes

Edits to minutes: no space in "HomeForward;" space between "interested" and "in" on p. 1; clarifications on TriMet layover sites (per Anjala's printed copy).

Jim Brown motioned to approve the June meeting minutes as amended; seconded by Garlynn Woodsong. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 p.m.

Next meeting: August 27th, 7:00 p.m.

