



Land Use and Transportation Committee
Wednesday, September 25th, 2013, 7:00pm–8:30pm
Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Office
4815 NE 7th Avenue, Portland, OR 97211

Approved Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm. Attendees introduce themselves

Approval of August meeting minutes

20's Bikeway Project, Rich Newlands, PBOT

PBOT has received a 2.5 million dollar grant to do a bikeway project. PBOT is excited about this project because it is going to fill in a big chunk of the north/south bikeway network which hasn't moved forward that much recently.

The bikeway runs in the 20's through Concordia, SGNA, Grant Park and Alameda. PBOT has a stakeholder advisory committee with neighborhood and business representatives and still need a rep from Alameda. They may break up the project into thirds and have an open house for each third coming up in October/November.

Rich reviews route, indicating that it may still change. The project starts at Lombard and 27th, south to Ainsworth. At Ainsworth, it moves to 29th and heads south to the freeway crossing at NE 28th. At all major street crossings PBOT will be review the crossing improvements. They acknowledge that removing parking to obtain wide enough bike lanes from some of the street areas will be difficult. PBOT would like to continue to get feedback from the neighborhood associations and perhaps from this committee. They would also like to tap into neighborhood association list serves and are seeking centrally located spaces to host open houses.

Rich shares that PBOT got a state grant for the North Williams project and hopes to go to construction on the N. Williams project next year.

Portland Housing Bureau draft strategic plan and comprehensive plan

Liam Frost, PHB

The Portland Housing Bureau's mission is to solve the unmet housing needs of the people of Portland. Formed in 2009, they address the full continuum of housing needs. Their current project is trying to identify concentrated areas of opportunity so that they can identify where to locate future housing investments. They also hope to identify if there is a lack of opportunity in Portland. They are restricted geographically in funding so they want to be able to advocate for more resources for their bureau.

The indicators they reviewed in developing this plan include childhood education, employment, transportation, access to family wage jobs and healthy eating/active living. They share maps showing individual and combined indicators. The map shows that the

central city provides much more opportunity, and opportunity decreases the farther you travel from the central city.

PHB also looked at the gentrification study that BPS has done and the areas that have been identified as gentrifying and vulnerable to gentrifying. They share two maps which show where in Portland people who have 30% or 60% mean family income can afford or not afford to rent or buy housing in Portland.

Where we live matters. If you live in the purple in the opportunity map you are in a place where you have access to the services that will make your upward trajectory in life more likely. If you live in the other places you are "...going against the down escalator." PHB knows who they serve but they would like to be more intentional about where they invest. They are wondering whether it makes more sense to make housing investments in a neighborhood that is rich in assets or to put it in a place where the land is cheaper.

They have divided the city into 8 geographies and presented an "area analysis" for the Inner Northeast/Interstate Corridor area – the area that contains NECN. PHB has some recommendations in the document they passed out and they are currently looking for feedback.

Additional information:

- Grants are available through Rebuilding Together and Community Builders to install accessibility features on homes and shore up porches, etc.
- 211 is the City's social services hotline.
- PHB works with a variety of CDC partners to do homeowner education and do rental and homebuyer programs.

Proposed NECN Boundary Expansion (PowerPoint Presentation), Carol Gossett

Carol shows a map depicting a small sliver of land in the south east corner of the NECN area that Sullivan's Gulch and Grant Park are considering inviting to become part of the NECN area and their respective neighborhood associations. This land contains nine parcels, and Carol, who is leading this project, has received permission from GPNA, SGNA and NECN to talk to the owners. If the owners are interested in joining with the neighborhood system, the change requires SGNA, GPNA and NECN to change their bylaws.

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Updates, Nan Stark

BPS will roll out a new draft of the City's Comprehensive plan on October 1st.

Neighborhood Associations can request to have Nan come out and show them about a new online mapping tool for giving feedback on the current draft. Once the map is up comments will be accepted for about 3 months.

Columbia River Crossing Update, Steve Cole

It is likely the CRC will be on the special legislative session agenda. The proposal still doesn't make sense financially, environmentally or as far as traffic goes, but Senator Shields, Representative Kotek and the Governor are still trying to move it forward.

Portland Port Authority Update, Steve Cole

The Port is currently having discussions about mitigating of cutting down trees.

Neighborhood Updates

Alameda: Jim Brown asks to discuss an issue in October.

Irvington: Steve provided an update that the lights at Madeleine school have been removed.

Woodlawn: Anjala reports that TriMet told Woodlawn they'll be having a meeting in October to discuss the purchase of some land for a perfect layover site. (Woodlawn has been unhappy with current layover sites) Woodlawn doesn't feel that Trimet is really interested in neighborhood feedback.

Concordia: Garlynn reports that CNA has been discussing alleys and what they can do to improve them. Concordia would like a large scale map of their neighborhood showing the portion of Concordia that has alleys. Reporting on a topic from last month, Concordia does not have a quiet zone along the railroad and are interested in exploring one with Woodlawn.

Sullivan's Gulch: Carol reports that she would like to set up a small NECN LUTC subcommittee to think about transportation issues and major transportation corridors.

8:30 Meeting adjourns

Next Meeting: October 23rd

****Note: Due to scheduling issues around the holidays, LUTC will consolidate its November and December meetings to take place 7pm on Wednesday, December 4th.****