



Land Use and Transportation Committee
Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 7:00pm–9:00pm
Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Office
4815 NE 7th Avenue, Portland, OR
Approved Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Attendees:

Lucy Cohen, King
Anjala Ehelebe, Woodlawn
Sean Green, Sabin
Evan Heidtmann, King
Dennis Kennedy, Woodlawn
Carson Mead, Vernon
David Peterson, Sabin
Kate Piper, Humboldt
Daniel Pirofsky, Sullivan's Gulch
Andrew Sheie, Humboldt
Garlynn Woodsong, Concordia, Co-Chair

Clair Carder, Development Review Advisory Commission (DRAC)
Barry Manning, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS)
Lauren McGuire, Portland Parks & Recreation (PPR)
Maija Spencer, Portland Parks & Recreation (PPR)
Nan Stark, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Laura Becker, NECN

Minutes:

Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m.

Parks Replacement Bond

Lauren McGuire and Maija Spencer presented an update on Phase 1 of the Parks Replacement Bond and the proposed project list for Phase 2. Daniel noted that very few dollars have or will be spent within NECN's boundaries, adding that some neighborhoods don't officially have any parks, including Humboldt and Sullivan's Gulch. PPR staff agreed to discuss specific issues with Commissioner Fritz and encouraged committee members to participate at town halls and/or comment online.

The presentation and other helpful information can be found here:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/628073>

Comp Plan Code Reconciliation Project

Barry Manning distributed a handout on the project, which will amend zoning codes to reconcile changes between the comp plan, the Mixed Use Zones Project and the new Inclusionary Housing program. The Neighborhood Contact requirement will also potentially be amended, and the bureau is looking into ways to improve real dialogue between developers and neighborhoods.

The handout and other helpful information can be found here:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/627699>

Update: Nan Stark, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability District Liaison

Nan talked about the [Better Housing by Design](#) project and encouraged committee members to attend open houses at NECN on March 23 and April 19. In conjunction with PBOT, the bureau is focusing on improving street connectivity in East Portland, where there are currently many long blocks with few intersections, leading to a lack of pedestrian crossings. Working with ODOT, they have also collected



community to create a list of feasible projects to improve safety, mobility, and access for people using [82nd Avenue](#). She hopes to have an update on the Residential Infill Project at the next meeting. Cully is working on a project on making it easier and more affordable to build and finance ADUs on the many larger lots in the neighborhood. If easy to replicate, it could serve as a model city-wide.

Development Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) Update

Claire Carder provided some background and updates from DRAC, which reviews work of the Bureau of Development Services (BDS). The group has three active subcommittees; Fees and Regulatory Oversight (SDCs), Service Levels (turnaround time), and Demolition (and its side effects). The committee is currently focused on improving communication and enforcement, including training and videos to help residents easily find information and manage the complexities of the code and permitting systems.

2017 Topics

The committee drafted a list of priority topics to address at meetings through the rest of the year. They include, in descending order of priority (to be confirmed by Co-Chairs):

1. Diesel – State Guidelines
2. Demolitions of Older Homes
3. Parking
4. Housing/Houselessness/Community Land Trust
5. Rose Quarter to Gorge Trail
6. High Speed Rail
7. Freeway Widening/Columbia River Crossing
8. Park Deficiencies and Disparities
9. Greenways Diversion
10. Off Road Cycling Master Plan
11. Streetcar
12. Trimet Changes/Service Enhancements

Approval of October and November Minutes

The committee approved the October 26, 2016 minutes as presented. **MSC Kennedy/Heidtmann, two abstentions.** The committee approved the November 30, 2016 minutes as presented. **MSC Pirofsky, Piper, one abstention.**

Neighborhood Updates

Anjala presented Woodlawn's Affordable Housing Policy and asked the committee if NECN should adopt the same or a similar policy. The association will next be looking at design guidelines, which have not been updated since 1993. Concordia, Humboldt, Sullivan's Gulch and Humboldt are all starting the process of creating a design guide, based on Boise's successful model.

March Agenda

Next month's meeting will include a transportation legislative update.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m.