



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

Meeting Attendees:

Dave Johansen, Alameda, Co-Chair
Garlynn Woodsong, Concordia, Co-Chair

Anjala Ehelebe, Woodlawn
Dennis Kennedy, Woodlawn
Carson Mead, Vernon
Kate Piper, Humboldt
Daniel Pirofsky, Sullivan's Gulch

Jeff Caudill, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS)
LeAnne Ferguson, The Street Trust
Brad Perkins, Cascadia Highspeed Rail LLC
Nan Stark, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Laura Becker, NECN

Minutes:

Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m.

Approval of February Minutes

The committee approved the February 22, 2017 minutes as presented. **MSC Kennedy/Mead, one abstention.**

Tree Code Update

Jeff Caudill presented some background on the Tree Code and answered questions from the committee. Please see Jeff's notes here: The bureau does depend on neighbors for notification of any infractions and the best way to address questions and concerns is to call the Tree Hotline: 503-823-8733 (823-TREE) necoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/March2017LUTCTreesNotes.pdf. The entire Urban Forestry Street Tree Planting Standards can be found here: portlandoregon.gov/trees/article/496924

State Transportation Package Update

LeeAnne Ferguson provided an update and answered questions regarding the state's legislative package. She reported that the biggest priorities among legislators are transit, seismic upgrades and congestion. Any advocacy for climate concerns, including diesel and carbon reduction, or safety and active transportation projects, needs to be framed within one of the priority areas above. The handout and other helpful information can be found here: oeonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Transportation-Booklet_2-21-17.pdf

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

Nan reminded committee members to attend the second [Better Housing by Design](#) project open house at NECN on April 19. Nan will be out of town during the April and May meetings. In her absence Leslie Lum will provide updates and present on the Map Refinement project

Nan and staff are working to schedule a three-hour ABCs of Land Use session for committee members new to Land Use and others interested in learning more. A poll of the group showed a preference for it to occur on a weeknight evening as opposed to a weekend afternoon. Nan encouraged the group to reintroduce past grassroots efforts around lingering advocacy priorities, such as rezoning land around Emanuel for affordable housing, which may now get more transaction with the new perspectives on the City Council of Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Eudaly.



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BDS Notification Process, Kate Piper

Kate asked the rest of the committee if they've had issues receiving notices in a timely manner in order for their neighborhood association to respond to proposed zone changes and developments. Kate wondered if the City's websites are being kept to date, and which notices are required to be posted online and sent via USPS. NECN staff will continue to bring concerns around address updates and other process snafus to BDS and ONI.

High Speed Rail Presentation

Brad Perkins from Cascadia Highspeed Rail LLC asked the committee to recommend to NECN's Board that a letter be sent to the Oregon Legislature in support of a current effort to fund a Stage 2 Environmental Impact Study for high speed rail between Oregon and Vancouver, BC. After discussion the committee approved the request pending review of the draft letter by Brad Perkins. **MSC**
Woodsong/Mead, one abstention.

Neighborhood Updates

Woodlawn: Looking for paid manager for Farmers Market

Humboldt: Using Boise Design Guidelines as template for neighborhood

Vernon: **Finalizing Design Guideline**

Sullivan's Gulch: **Starting long-term effort to do a neighborhood plan**

April Agenda

Next month's meeting will include updates on potential streetcar expansion and LTIC - Local Transportation Infrastructure Charges.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m.