

Richmond Neighborhood Association meeting

Monday, 2-10-14

Waverly Church
3300 SE Woodward, Portland Or

Minutes by Doug Klotz

Chaired by: Jeff Cropp

Board members in attendance:

Bonnie Bray, Doug Klotz, Cyd Manro, Cliff Hutchinson, Judah Gold-Markel, Jonathan King, Elizabeth Varga, (Julie Fitzwater present but not voting), Heather Flint-Chatto, Jeff Cropp

Board members not in attendance: Allen Field, Jordan Lanz,

Others in attendance:

Pam Birkel, Dave Currie, Don Gavitte, Marsha Hanchrow, Diana Foss, Ty Durbrow, Guy Bryant, Dick Park, Julie Dow, Bernard Koser, Neeley Wells, Sally Joughin, Dennis and Amy Whitworth, Linda Ralley, Tom Kishel, Rolando Apuilizan of PPS, Steve Olson of DOWA-IBI Group, Matthew Machado and Liz Mahon of PBOT, Kenneth Ulappa, Lisa Pickert, Denise Hare, Justin Belk, Taylor Gibson, Mark Zahner.

Meeting began at 7:05, with introductions. Adoption of December minutes is postponed until April.

Announcements: Jeff Cropp announced that next month's RNA meeting will be a candidate's forum, with candidates invited for the Multnomah County District 1 race, and the House District 42 race.

Bonnie Brae announced that Art Walk this year will be March 1 and 2.

Rolando Aquilizan from PPS and Steve Olson from DOWA/IBI architecture explained plans for rebuilding of Franklin H.S., to take place in 2015-2016. The school will be closed, and students will attend Marshall H.S. for the two years. The central historic buildings will remain. Some newer structures will be removed and new buildings will be sited to complement the historic central structure. Capacity will increase from 1500 to 1700 students.

Developer Guy Bryant described and showed rough plans for his 2-unit project at 1525 SE 35th Place. The existing 1895 house will be removed. Some urged him to engage the Rebuilding Center to salvage the framing lumber and other features of the house. Bryant said the "rowhouse"-style building would have garages in front, but tucked down under the front of the units. It is in a Transition zone, and will draw design influence from the nearby commercial as well as the adjacent residential buildings.

Two property owners sought RNA support for zone changes to take place as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update:

Reed Dow described the zone change for which he seeks RNA support. His property is at 2425 SE 35th Place, the parking lot north of the SE Wine Collective. He proposes the zone on parking lot at north end to be changed from R-5 to CS, to match the associated building. This would allow construction of a one-story building to enclose the wine and grape storage now taking place on the parking lot. After discussion [redacted] moved, and [redacted] seconded, that the board support this, but ask city to put some lower height limit on project. The vote was 6-3 in support. In favor were, Bonnie, Doug, Cyd, Jeff, Jonathan, , Heather. Opposed were Judah, Julie, and Cliff.

Pamela Birkel asked for support for a change of zoning on her property at 5134 SE Division, from R-1 to CS for the lot, at the corner of 52nd and Division. The change would allow more units to be built, and make the property more valuable. Many neighbors objected to the increased number of units that would be allowed, and parking it would bring (1 neighbor stated she had a petition with 20 names opposing the zone change) . Some board members noted that this was the right place to put such mixed-use buildings. Sean moved that the neighborhood support the change to CS. Doug seconded. The motion failed, 4-5. In favor were Sean, Cyd, Doug, Julie. Opposed were Bonnie, Jeff, Jonathan, Judah and Cliff. A second motion, by Heather, seconded by Judah, proposed the Board support instead a change from R-1 to CN-1. This passed 7-2, with Heather, Doug, Jonathan, Cyd, Bonnie, Judah and Julie in favor, and Sean and Cliff opposed.

Liz Mahon, PBOT: Gave update on Division Streetscape construction

Matthew Machado of PBOT, described PBOT's studies of two streets:
SE 32nd Ave between Division and Clinton. No traffic control change called for at this time
SE 34th Ave. between Division and Clinton. Did not support the proposed one-way with contra-flow bike lane at this time. PBOT would restudy after completion of Division Streetscape. Mark Zahner and Jeff Cropp spoke of the safety issues for bicyclists with the current configuration.

Heather passed out paper write-in ballots to vote on RNA representatives to Design on Division project. Elected from RNA Board: Heather Flint-Chatto, Sean Barnett, Cyd Manro. The three received 10, 7 and 7 votes respectively. Judah received 4. This meant the stated plan to select 2 representatives and an alternate did not work. In post-meeting discussion, Heather suggested Sean and Cyd both attend, with one vote between them. Elected for Richmond neighborhood at-large representative: Debbie Hochhalter (not in attendance, but had sent in a statement of interest and resume). She received 7 votes, with Justin Belk 2, and Linda Ralley 1 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM