

Richmond Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes

Monday, February 9, 2015, 7-9 pm

Waverly Heights Church (basement), 3300 SE Woodward

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Minutes Taker: Heather Flint Chatto

Board Members present: Heather Flint Chatto, Kari Schlosshauer, Jonathan King, Doug Klotz, Allen Field, Denise Hare, Megan Light, Callie Jones, Cyd Manro, Allen Field

Board Members Absent: Bonnie Blair, Karin Mazcko, Jordan Lanz, Judah Gold-Markel, Elizabeth Varga

Others Present: Elliot Levin, Robin McIntosh, Judie & Mike Crouse, Arye Blankinship, J.L. Harris, R. Larson, Patrick Singleton, Bob Kellett, Roger Geller, Shawn Hellman, Robert Spurlock, Margaret Spurlock, Chris Eykamp, Tom Reilly, Betsy Reese, Amanda Cort, Marty Stockton, Zane Ingersoll, Jeff Cole, Saul Morrison, Keegan Reichhort, Terry Dublinski, Guy Bryant, Jen Daunt, Paul Jeffrey, Greg Petras, Fritz Koenig, Rob Mumford, Joan Finolay, Phil Sylvester, Marsha Hanchrow, Nancy Baker, Jill Crop, Deborah Santomer, Terry Butler, Lisa Stevens

Getting Started (15 minutes)

- Introductions
- Adoption of November 10 and 11, & December Minutes

November - Doug made motion, Jonathon seconded – Sean heather abstained

December – Doug made motion, Jonathon seconded, cud abstained, all

Allen, Johnathan – all passed

- Announcements/Acknowledgements:

- Office of Neighborhood Involvement Community-wide Summit – February 28th all day, Division Design Initiative will be hosting a workshop in partnership with Boise Neighborhood on “Tools & Resources for Managing Neighborhood Growth & Change”.
- Division Design Committee Meeting announced for February 26th, to receive notices email ilovedivision@gmail.com or visit www.divisiondesigninitiative.org
- Draft Notification proposal was provided as a handout for community input, will be discussed at a future RNA meeting
- Art walk – February 28th and March____
- Working on a Good neighborhood agreement – with UDP at SE 34th (Denise Hare) –

- Crime/Safety Report

Agenda Items

- **Clinton Bike Blvd Data Results (20 mins) Roger Geller**

- Background – RNA previously sent a letter to City to ask for further assessment on Clinton. Roger is presenting the City’s assessment
- Goal to have a citywide bicycle use at 30% so looking at how our Greenways operate. What their studies show:
 - **What they know now:**
 - Higher vehicle traffic volumes than City would like to see for a greenway
 - Higher speeds than they would like to see – target is around 20 mph but speeds range from 26-29
 - One of the highest bike volumes in Portland and the country
 - **What they don’t know:** Don’t know what impact the Division St. improvements will have. Have not conducted the counts yet because of other BES project on Clinton so will wait until it

finishes in April then give a few more months and hope to conduct this during school season in May.

- **What City is doing now:** looking at policies and how these corridors function and what kind of operation they would like to see. Will be looking at this citywide to assess City policy.
- **Community Questions & Discussion:**
 - **What will drive which changes will be made?** Equity, bang for buck, what is low hanging fruit
 - **What does a diverter cost and would be the process?** Depends on how it is built \$20-30K, could the community raise the funds? Yes however, money is not the issue, it is more about policy and neighborhood consensus. Would need to have a comprehensive public process before the traffic patterns would be changed.
 - **Have there been other incentives used** such as synchronizing lights?
 - **Issue of increased cars parked on Division is related to an increased sense of insecurity** – as a result of all the development on Division.
 - **Qualitative issues have changed on Division** – more aggressive, more honking – Can the city do more of the 4 “E’s” encouragement, education, enforcement, engineering? Yes the City could do more targeted education
 - **Is there a possibility to have more cameras that clock people’s speeds?** Can we change more of the behavior? Can we give more tickets for speeding?
 - **Visibility issues for turning**
 - More impacts are anticipated to Lincoln and other
 - **Tillicum Crossing** – will this be impacting traffic counts and is the City planning for this – yes, the City is planning for this as the bridge will make Clinton even more attractive.
 - Is it true that Division with 39th light and crosswalks on Division will continually slow traffic? Seems like it is slower on Division now so people are shifting to Clinton.
 - **More study or refinement of data?** Asked to see the peaks not just the total volumes, can they also look at what % is the cut through traffic vs those that are going the distance on Clinton?
 - **Could the speed bumps be increased in size or in frequency.** Limited by state law to not reduce traffic flow below 20 MPH.
 - **Will come back to update community**

□ **Comp Plan issues (MU/CM Designations, D Overlay?) (30-40 min) Marty Stockton**

- Zoning map changes – some impacts to Clinton to discuss
- Criteria can be defined for up zone request, will discuss more at our next meeting
- Metro projections that there will be another 125,000 new households by 2035 – half will be kids, half new people moving to Portland
- Growth Strategy – 30% to Central City (to 12th in SW and Lloyd), 20% to neighborhoods, 50% to Centers and Corridors.
- Two designations for zoning – current zoning and comp plan designation for future.
- New zones – commercial zones will now be called Mixed Use Zones
- All commercial zones allow residential uses in Portland historically.
- Discussion: how far out does “Mixed-Use Urban Center” extend? Some testimony by Sunnyside for a tapering down of intensity (i.e. height and bulk)
- CM1 is lowest with maximum height of 35’, CM2 equivalent to CS & CM, CM3 is similar to EX but not proposed for Division.
- Community Benefit bonuses – if a project proposes to address a community need (e.g. affordability, open space, etc) they may be eligible for additional height or square footage.
- If an applicant wanted to do a zone change process (103 day public window) where should it be?
 - City goals – on major corridors and on high frequency transit (Powell and Chavez)

- What is timeframe for adoption? early 2017 when state acknowledges plan then new zones will go into effect.
 - Community member noted a proposed 84 unit building at Harrison and 50th is a concern
 - **Clinton Zoning**
 - **Discussion:** HAND had expressed concern about increased density and development at key nodes on Clinton.
 - **Motion to keep Clinton nodes Mixed Use Neighborhood dispersed – Allen made the motion, Cyd seconded**
 - Sean and Doug opposed, no abstentions, motion carried
 - **Design-Overlay (D-Overlay)**
 - Quasi-judicial process to review design of a project proposal.
 - 30-day public comment period, possible appeal option.
 - Heather made two motions – both carried unanimously
 - 1) Ask City to have a Design Overlay added for historic streetcar routes, main streets, and major transit and civic corridors and that this be implemented now and not wait for the comprehensive plan adoption in 2017.” Motion seconded by Cyd, no abstentions
 - 2) Ask City to “prioritize pattern area standards work now in work plan and budget now and not wait for the Comprehensive Plan adoption in 2017 and that these should include design guidelines work by Division Design Initiative and Boise.” Motion seconded by Callie, no abstentions
- **35' Height Limit for Division** – postponed to March RNA meeting
- **4830 Brooklyn Partition request (15 mins) Joel Morrison/Arye**
- Type1x land division
 - Application is deemed complete
 - Community members expressed concerns that many houses in the cul de sac have been torn down and they would be losing more of the traditional neighborhood character of the older homes with so many demolitions.
 - Board members noted that there was no problem with the legal criteria for the project so no legal basis could be made to oppose the project.
- **Future Meeting Topic:** Heather raised the issue of many new homes in the neighborhood being out of scale and asked the audience if this is an issue they would like to see on a future agenda for an RNA meeting. There was general nodding and support expressed for this.