

## **RNA Minutes May 9, 2016**

Minutes by Brendon Haggerty

**Board members present:** Megan, Elizabeth, Alan, Erik, Doug, Cyd, Greg, Jonathan, Denise, Jordan, Kari, Brendon, Callie, Chris, and Tom (arrived late)

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

### **Getting started**

VOTE: Agenda consent. Brendon abstained, all others supported. PASSED

### **Announcements**

- Debbie H stepped down from DDI and another former board member. Cyd is appointing Denise Hare and Charles Kingsley
- RNA cleanup is May 21
- Mayor has a proposal to limit drive throughs - details available online

### **Committee reports**

- SEUL

1. Homelessness. Springwater Corridor in the vicinity of 82<sup>nd</sup> ave was cleared, about a mile long.

Previously 300-400 people had been camping there.

2. Air quality. PSU, the City, and Multnomah County have funded a study looking at toxins in SE. Goal is to be better informed about local sources and patterns of contamination. A chemist from Reed may join the study

3. SEUL is reconsidering by-laws. At-large members are being discussed; there is discussion of how these positions can be used to best represent the SEUL constituents.

- SEUL LU: Discussed whether items should go through LU committee before going the board, missing middle presentation, discussion of whether greenways should have diversion as a default, presentation on inclusionary zoning, presentation on powell-division transit, presentation on residential infill

- RNA LU: Presentation from Hammer & Hand on climate change and efficient building, presentation by TriMet on line 4

### **Update on how zoning changes affect Richmond**

Doug Klotz provided a summary of what Marty Stockton has previously presented at LU meetings. Handouts provided. Mixed Use Zoning hearings at the Planning and Sustainability Commission will take place on 5/10 and 5/17. Discussion ensued: few changes on N/S streets, possible study on Chavez, discrepancy re: the low-rise commercial on Division - it extends to 38<sup>th</sup> on the south side, but only to 37<sup>th</sup> on the north side; Clinton street market will remain; questions about powell, affordable housing is defined at 80% MFI for 60 years

### **Proposed RNA letter to the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission**

Cyd discussed request from Division Design Committee to grant permission to write a letter on the mixed use zoning

VOTE: Moved by Callie, Elizabeth seconded, Erik opposed, Brendon, and Doug abstained, all others support. PASSED

Cyd moved to write a letter requesting that the PSC consider all of our past votes on MUZ-related issues (list sent out). Jordan seconded. Discussion: Doug opposed #3. Megan wondered if the volume was too much. Brendon, Doug, and Alan requested that #3 be struck from this list - Cyd and Jordan accepted. Clarified that N/S streets refers to major corridors like Chavez.

VOTE: Alan opposed, Erik and Chris abstained, all others supported. PASSED

Discussion of additions to the letter:

- SE quadrant and additional design review
- Vintage low-rise zones
- Support inclusion of Division Design Guidelines in the MUZ
- FAR

Denise spoke in favor of #3 (Vintage low-rise). Brendon and Doug voiced concerns on #3. Cyd took straw polls to gauge support for each of the parts of the letter.

VOTE: Cyd moved to add #1, 2, and 5 to the letter, Greg seconded. Alan, Erik, Doug, Jordan, and Brendon opposed, Kari and Tom abstained, all others supported. PASSED

VOTE: Cyd moved to add #3 to the letter, Elizabeth seconded. Megan, Elizabeth, Chris, Denise, Greg, Jordan, Callie, Jonthan supported, Alan, Erik, Tom, Doug, Cyd, Kari opposed. No abstentions. PASSED

### **Clinton Diverters**

An evaluation will start soon. Rich asked for a member of the RNA to sit on the citizen advisory committee (2-3 meetings at the end of June). He also wanted to inform people that an online survey is coming soon - everyone will be receiving a postcard. Speedbumps will be coming soon, likely May-June. Cyd, Alan, Jordan, and Tom are interested in serving. Discussion ensued: speed limit cannot be lowered on Woodward, but speed bumps are possible. Several people mentioned that the diverters are helping, but more needs to be done at 50<sup>th</sup>. Stop signs are being routinely run. Cheating the diverter at 32<sup>nd</sup> is common. Weekend nights are problematic. Phase 2 is an opportunity to tweak the project to keep Clinton at <2000 cars/day and to mitigate impacts on the neighborhood. If we don't meet volume targets, more diverters could be possible. Evening education would be helpful. Is it illegal to do u-turns? Rich will follow-up with Cyd.

### **Candidate announcements**

Cyd reviewed new standing rules. Statements may be submitted up to 21 days before the election. 11 candidates for 8 seats announced. Upon Chris Flint-Chatto's announcement that he and Heather (who was not in attendance) would run, Alan reminded the board of our standing rule requiring both people sharing the seat to affirm.

1. Cyd Manro
2. Doug Klotz
3. Chris Flint-Chatto, shared with Heather Flint-Chatto

4. Brian Hochalter
5. Paul Newton
6. Matt Otis
7. Jan Carlisle
8. Adam Herstein
9. Alexandra Zimmerman
10. Elizabeth Williams
11. Jonathan King

### **Election Reform Committee Proposals**

Resumed discussion of recommendations #8, #5, and #9

8. Officers and committee chairs. Changes from current by moving appointment of committee chairs to subsequent meeting and formalizes existing practice of electing officers.

VOTE: Doug moved to adopt with amendment, “chairs of standing committees” added to 8b, Alan seconded. Unanimous. PASSED

5. Voting process.

Concerns were voiced about the numbering of ballots for investigation purposes. Luisa explained that this recommendation is designed to provide an objective way to resolve disputes. How do we address homeless voters? They are able to attest that they live wherever they live. What makes a ballot invalid? Multiple votes or address outside the neighborhood. Polls open at the beginning of the meeting (7pm) and it’s open until a cut-off determined by SEUL. SEUL can open early and provide support. Most neighborhoods count while voting is happening.

- a) Sign-in sheets
  - i) strike “mailing”
  - ii) add “or phone” (optional)
  - iii) REPLACED. Consent and attest to being an RNA member (checkbox)
- g) add “a maximum number of candidates” and replace “candidates” with “seats”
- I) strike second sentence

VOTE: Cyd moved to adopt as modified, Doug seconded. Alan, Brendon, and Kari opposed, Chris abstained, all others supported. PASSED.

### **Meeting feedback**

- I like the table set up
- Went well given the contentious topic
- Disappointing that we spent so much time on rules when there are so many substantive issues
- Seems like people spoke without raising hands
- Attachments came this morning. The motions went forward when discussion was cut off, and that didn’t feel fair.
- Cyd kept us on track
- Excited to see fresh faces
- We’re all more informed from the work that the election committee did

- Didn't appreciate not having time to digest mixed use zoning. If we're going to have compressed time we need to have balanced materials.

- Appreciated addition of straw polls

Meeting adjourned at 9:12