

RNA Board Meeting October 9, 2017

Minutes taken by Susan Beal

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Erik Matthews, chair

Introductions

Board Members present: Susan Beal, Jessica Gillard, Rob Mumford, Adam Meltzer, Brian Hochhalter, Lauren Sher, Jonathan King, Erik Matthews, Jan Carlisle, Matt Otis, Heather Flint Chatto; Allen Field by phone

Board Members absent: Brendon Haggerty

Others present: Brenda Martin, Sara Wright, Denise Hare, Doug Klotz, Marsha Hanchrow, Sharon Hatch, Andrew Milner, Winston Meier, Shari, Cynthia Eckersley, Debbie Hochhalter, Denise Hare, Callie Jones, Liz Potter, Ron Shilling, Shamron (Shim), Mark Zahner, Cherie Martin, Chene Martin, Shane Andreason, Zackary Coon, Winston Meier, Mark Zahner, Beth Nessler approximately 25 neighbors

Community Announcements

Cynthia Eckersley: organizing a Southeast-only community meeting with police Nov 16 6:30-8:30pm, survey asking for top 5 issues, 4-5 issues will go on agenda; location TBA, possibly Tabor Space or St. Philip Neri Church. More information will be posted when finalized.

Marsha Hanchrow: in July, the Board sent a letter to the city about the 121-unit apartment building coming in at 50th/Clinton; dangerous traffic; can PBOT look at this? No response yet, Erik and Matt will follow up.

Heather Flint Chatto: Residential Infill info can be posted to our list serv.

Newsletter: Rob reports that it's been sent to printer, new issue will be delivered by first week of November if not sooner.

Cynthia Eckersley: pointed out that RNA website is not updated/current. Erik responds that agenda will be on list serv, and that we have had several

chairs in the last few months. Will be working on new website and migrating all relevant content over there soon.

AGENDA ITEMS 7:10 PM

1. Crime/Safety Report: NRT officer – no officer present.

2. Division Transit Project Update - Brenda Martin, TriMet 15 mins PRESENTATION

Brenda Martin: New Division Rapid Transit service, first in Portland. Longer articulated buses will hold 60% more passengers, multiple doors, save time by easier entry/exit. Current line 4 is often late and crowded, this will provide more capacity. Metro-led planning, Nov. 2016: locally preferred stops were selected. June 29 Open House, also online; 900 comments on stop placement. Residents, property owners, businesses. 30% is now designed and stations will not move. Meetings Nov. 8, 5-7 in inner SE, Nov. 9 outer Division, also in Gresham.

Resident: Feedback from inner SE? It's not all grouped by location, but some mentioned specifically narrow 2-lane street, tree issues. Will use Tilikum Crossing and pass 11th & 12th, comments on "pinch points" at those places.

Resident: Why not light rail? Less invasive than putting in light rail; ODOT won't allow it on Powell, so it's now only on Division. 2nd question: Why not on Hawthorne, which is wider? Outer Division needed more transit support, so it was chosen. May be the first of more, Hawthorne may be another option later.

Adam Meltzer: Battery-powered buses? Consultant will analyze costs, topography, and other factors. RNA and other associations support this option. Results of analysis by end of the month. Federal government funding means timing must be perfect.

Denise Hare: Station/shelter design is still coming together. Scale? Inner Division will be integrated and potentially combine with sidewalk;

Resident: Longtime 4 rider, concerned about traffic flow; oncoming bus can crowd the other lane, with no place to go. Articulated buses have a better

turning radius & same width as 40-foot buses. Transit signal priority will give the bus green lights all the way down Division. Left turn lanes will be added at 50th, Cesar Chavez, and 11th to integrate with this new bus plan.

Resident: Peak vs. non-peak hours? 20-second target for length of stop. Another positive is level boarding, rather than a lift that is time-consuming to operate.

Ice and snow? Looking at options and talking with manufacturers about chain options.

Doug Klotz: sidewalk narrowing to 8 feet (big cut out of sidewalk). Working with restaurants and city of Portland.

Resident: Volkswagen mitigation money? May only be for school buses.

3. Neighborhood Contact Project- Sara Wright, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Sara Wright, with BPS and also a Richmond resident. Neighborhood Contact Project. Also mentioning Residential infill project, as detailed by Heather; comments by November 20. Concept, discussion draft, public feedback, proposal feedback goes to planning staff; goes to City Council, who may make changes. Then complete legislative planning project.

Discussion stage, kick-off meeting tomorrow. SE Uplift on Nov. 7.

Legislative planning project: 2035 Comprehensive Plan Map Refinement Project/Adopted Zoning Project. 700.025 is the number online.

How are neighbors informed about projects? Applicant and residents can discuss early in project to resolve conflicts, give input. Doorhangers, letters, contact board members/chairs, emails, and other methods. Flyer circulated with different categories of contact (demolitions, fossil fuel terminals, others).

Heather: since our neighborhood has had so much heavy redevelopment, recently, the community has been concerned about a lack of ability to be notified or have meaningful and timely input. RNA has developed and

adopted a 3-step notification and community engagement process which was handed out at the meeting and would be good to encourage the City to consider. (ADD LINK TO POLICY ON RNA WEBSITE - current one is not available to public) City is taking comments and feedback. With 8-10 more projects coming on Division, this early contact is important. Developers should ideally be coming earlier in the project process, so a community conversation can happen sooner rather than after design decisions are already made. No requirements for bringing materials currently, or information that would help community understand potential impacts, nor a timeframe for when to come to NA's.

Sara Wright: concerned about this process and wants to expand notice & add an on-site sign requirement in addition to meeting. Developers generally like this idea because it's concrete, specific. Meetings for larger projects only, hosted by developer? Emails still will be important. Some NAs don't have land use chairs; need to reach those residents also. Constraints are worrying.

Callie: what is considered a larger project? 20,000 sf building or 20 units. Certified mail vs. email. No deadline on this currently; draft out in Nov/Dec.

4. Neighborhood Safety -- Bill Ballenberg not present. Erik describes incident and opens the floor.

Incident at Sewallcrest Park; someone was assaulted after communicating with tent campers. Escalation and threats can ensue; be very careful and go through proper authorities. Bystanders didn't help and police are sometimes not able to respond.

Matt: What can we do as a NA? Cynthia: organizing Neighborhood meeting on Nov. 16. Debbie Hochhalter: could NA write a letter encouraging foot patrols on Hawthorne and Sewallcrest Park? Timed patrols to protect kids before and after school? Cultural disconnect with no one calling 911 – why is there no support for the person being assaulted? Project Respond could handle mentally ill houseless people instead of police response. Neighbors' foot patrol could also help.

One-page flyer or other clear communication sharing info about Project Respond, other resources; Susan asks for info to be included on how to

deal with needles or other dangerous trash/waste. Jonathan: proposes a special meeting or session, Erik agrees. Community has to do something. Heather: letter to PPB? Crime & prevention page on RNA board is currently from 2009, could be a great opportunity to improve. Signage/flyers in the park would be a good way to let people know who to call/what to do. Safety first is essential.

Call for volunteers to help address this at a later time.

Brian moved: draft a letter to Portland Police requesting enhanced patrol, enforce camping ordinance.

Heather 2nds

Passes: **10 Yes** (Susan Beal, Rob Mumford, Adam Meltzer, Brian Hochhalter, Lauren Sher, Jonathan King, Erik Matthews, Jan Carlisle, Heather Flint Chatto; Allen Field), **2 No** (Jessica Gillard, Matt Otis); no Abstentions

Matt moves for friendly amendment to modify previous motion: **draft letter between now and next meeting (November) with comment by Board Members; discuss and vote at next meeting.**

Brian revises motion to incorporate Matt's amendment, Heather 2nds Passes unanimously. No Abstentions.

5. Adoption of September 2017 Minutes

Erik makes a motion, Jonathan 2nds

Passes unanimously. Abstentions: Adam Meltzer, Jan Carlisle, Jessica Gillard, Matt Otis, Allen Field

6. Richmond Ready update: Callie is on standing committee of 4-5 people. New website content launch for January with RNA site – articles, forums, one larger event a year (first topic, water), quarterly forums; Sunnyside Prepared is run by NET members, mentoring RR. Will take neighbor input into consideration.

7. Fiscal Sponsorship Renewal application – Allen Field explains: RNA not a 501(c)(3) so need to borrow SEUL's tax number for donations, which requires they fiscally sponsor us. Need to do annual application.

Additional projects can be added later by supplemental application. Friends of Trees planting still happening, but can use FOT tax number and easier since no paperwork involved. SEUL needs by this Wednesday to vote on.

Matt Moves to approve application, Erik seconds.

Passes unanimously. Jan abstains.

Committee Reports

1. **Treasurer** - Jonathan King: No report given

2. **Richmond Cleanup** - Jonathan King: No report given

3. **RNA Land Use + Transportation Committee** - Matt Otis: Sara Wright was here, topics for next land use meeting, schedule change moving from 4th to 1st Monday of the month; 7 pm, at Waverly Church; could agenda/announcement come out sooner? SEUL board meetings are on 1st Mondays; Heather asking why it was changed, discussing other options.

Letter re: 60th & Powell – large storage facilities coming in at former Dennis Seven Dees.

Matt makes a motion, Jan 2nds: draft letter to request that we not allow city to put self-storage on transit hubs & corridors

Yes: Susan Beal, Rob Mumford, Adam Meltzer, Brian Hochhalter, Lauren Sher, Jonathan King, Erik Matthews, Jessica Gillard, Matt Otis, Heather Flint Chatto

No: none

Abstentions: Allen Field

4. **Liquor Licenses** - Allen Field: No report given

5. **Community Spaces and Sewallcrest Park** - Allen Field: No report given

6. **Graffiti Committee** - Adam Meltzer: Oct. 29 10-12 pm Division Do-It Best hardware - Halloween themed graffiti removal – dressed in costumes! Tuesday evening regular monthly meeting 7-8 pm at D Street.

7. **Division Design Committee** - Heather Flint Chatto: No report given

8. **RNA rep to the Hawthorne Blvd. Business Association (HBBA)** - Liz Potter: No report given

9. **SE Uplift Representative** - Alan Kessler: No report given, Alan not present.

10. **SE Uplift Land Use + Transportation Committee Representative** -Matt Otis/Heather: No report given

11. **Sustainability Committee** – no chair: No report given

12. **Richmond Newsletter** – Rob, Editor: discussed in announcements

13. **Division/Clinton Business Association Representative** – no rep: No report given

14. **Outreach and Board Recruitment** - Everyone: No report given

One-way feedback: Resident: Great that we have this, first time attending, will be back

Cool that we have a Land Use committee.

Adjourned at 9:15