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Minutes by: Brian Hochhalter

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Erik Matthews.

Board Members Present: Susan Beal, Jessica Gillard, Allen Field, Adam Meltzer, Brian Hochhalter, Jonathan King, Erik Matthews, Jan Carlisle, Brendan Haggerty, Heather Flint Chatto, Rob Mumford, Matt Otis (phone)

Board Members Absent: Lauren Sher

Others Present: Sgt. Rob Simon, PPB

BSA Troop 351 (as part of a community service merit badge program): Robert Schultz, Daniel Tran, Mikael Benson, Lincoln Montemayer, Jacob Simpson, Tom DeMeo, Ethan Craig, Colin Craig, Tad Craig,

Denise Hare, Rob Yonago, Debby Hochhalter, Andrea Bram, Jay Ingram, Bruce Lellman, Joe Deebele, Dave Silberstein, Donna Meyer.

Announcements:

1. Erik- Referenced recent open house for PBOT Lincoln/Harrison Greenway, characterized as an “interesting meeting”, which precipitated a delay in PBOT’s presentation to the RNA tonight. As a result of that, PBOT wanted time to digest what happened there, absorb that and come back with Lincoln/Harrison Greenway Update.

Shared with those in attendance the tenor of the last Richmond Land Use meeting, held at restaurant Hello India. The objective of the meeting was to formulate questions for the January RNA meeting agenda item regarding the Residential Infill Project (RIP). It was a very productive meeting and Marty Stockton of BPS was in attendance. Marty will be coming back in Jan.

Erik proceeded to room for any RIP related questions.

2. Adam Meltzer announced a Sat Dec 23rd Graffiti Clean-up meeting. Santa & Elves will be out in force. 10am-12 @ SE 38th & SE Hawthorne.
3. Boy Scout Troup 351 announced their Christmas Tree Sales effort at 45th/Powell & at the Wells Fargo parking lot in Sellwood

Agenda Items:

Crime/Safety Report:

Sgt Rob Simon, with the Portland Police Bureau, Central Precinct, Attending.

Erik referenced a letter that the RNA sent to the PPB in Sept requesting foot patrols in Sewallcrest Park, which Sgt Simon indicated that the PD has initiated.

Sgt. Simon described the jurisdiction of the Central Precinct (relative to Richmond) as including everything West of SE Cesar Chavez Blvd (39th). The Central Precinct was experiencing personnel shortages but the good news is that city council has approved funding to increase force. Central precinct was cut to 5 officers last year and now back up to 7 officers. Sgt. Simon is advocating for a total of 8.

Crime statistics- Property crimes are up. Automobile theft is up. Robbery & Assault down. Sgt. Simon emphasized that the increase in Property crimes in the Richmond area are up significantly.

Car prowlers will steal 10-15 cars a night. Arrests can be made but incarceration is problematic due to lack of beds. Stolen vehicles attributed to 2 just or 3 people, but perpetrators get out of jail very quickly. Greatest targets are Honda Civics (1990s), Subaru (early 2000s). Wheel locks are Ok but they are not great as the key lock are vulnerable.

Simon said that he will keep a focus on SE Portland as he grew up in SE. There was an anticipated 5% budget cut but Mayor has made assurances that will not happen. Projects in the works: program where they can hold the arrested a little longer.

Interesting Statistics

Auto prowling typically happens between 4pm to 6am...scanning for unlocked cars, windows, items left in cars.

Burglary peak days/times are Friday/Sat night 4-10

Effective Deterrents: Exterior lighting (porch, back, side) allow neighbors to more easily witness illegal activity. Camera systems are a good tool and provide the Police more information/identification. Audible house alarms are good. What can we (neighbors do)? Secure car, lights on, report, report, report

Simon's Take away from mt meeting...Jim Hayden's (Sr. Dep. DA, Multnomah Co.) presentation significant..jail bed capacity and program follow-up. Also lack of police officers.

Question: Adam Meltzer: Can we house criminals in other jurisdictions...Answer is no we cannot do that

Question: Are these residents or outsiders? Officer replied that criminal activity comes primarily from people from the area.

Comment: Debby Hochhalter: Recalled during conference that it was stated County officials carry more weight regarding law enforcement/incarceration. County Commissioners are the best target for inquiries, complaints, suggestions and action. Sgt. Simon agreed.

Erik Matthews- Expressed a reminder that rather than confront criminal suspects or problematic people oneself it is safer to call authorities.

Report, Report, Report. This is important....on police bureau website.

911 call when something is happening right now. If it is after the fact call non emergency or on reporting system online.

Question Regarding Camp clean ups pushing mobile campers east (Lents). RV's are difficult if street legal, to justify any action.

Jessica Gillard thanked Erik for letter sent regarding park.

ERIK read letter from PBOT regarding greenway diverters. Erik was caught off guard and embarrassed by the reaction by folks at the Atkinson PBOT open house. Characterized it as hostile, and hard to understand why it was so intense. He feels it is intertwined with other issues. Urged parties to treat each other with respect.

Others voiced their opinions on the the diverters, etc. Some thought it was a flawed plan other thought it was a fine plan. The room was split.

Allen Field suggested that what took place could also be viewed as citizens practicing a form of civil disobedience....neighbors got together and using a tactic right out of the playbook of BikeLoud. Allen also expressed that NA's should not take positions on divisive issues.

Erik wants to wait until PBOT presents their latest program before making any judgement.

Neighbor Comment: PBOT failed to notify neighborhood notice and a chance to let the neighborhood weigh in. Claimed PBOT Sept 12 meeting BAC presented but residents felt left out.

Neighbor Comment: Seemed like PBOTs rollout was ill conceived. People felt left out, however, drawing from the Clinton diverter experience, the Lincoln Greenway would be a similar success.

Residential Infill Project; form list of questions to be forwarded to Marty Stockton, SE Liaison BP

Erik Matthews said that all 20 questions from last LU meeting will be forwarded to Marty Stockton to be addressed in Jan 2018 meeting.

60% of the City is zoned R5

Matt- Demos are relatively spread out in the R5 and R2.5 zones.

Debby- Are there density goals for Richmond ? don't know what exactly I am referring to here)

Susan Beal- Concern how density is implemented. Preserving current structures. Can we structure RIP rule making to improve the development process....prioritize existing housing?

Heather: Regarding Demolitions: What are there barriers to relocating a house? Are there incentives to relocate vs demolish?

Adoption of Oct & Nov 2017 minutes; Board (we neglected to adopt last two mtg mins)

Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer: Jonathan King – balance remain remarkably steady around 19K. This last year fundraising earned biggest net in 10 years, plant sale second best.
2. Richmond Cleanup: Jonathan King – Clean up gone well but asbestos was an issue, but they worked around it. Asked about ways to attract more participation.
3. Land Use: Matt Otis – nothing new to report (on phone for this issue)
4. Liquor Licenses: Allen Field - no issues
5. Community Spaces and Sewallcrest Park: Problems have diminished with weather change
6. Graffiti Committee: Adam Meltzer – last cleanup had HS students helping. Felt good to have younger people involved. He has reached out to younger people...and informally reached out to HS students at Cleveland
7. Division Design Committee: Heather Flint Chatto
8. Richmond Ready: Callie Jones (not present)
9. RNA Rep to Hawthorne Blvd Business Assoc (HBBA): Liz Potter (not present)
10. SE Uplift Representative: Alan Kessler – No Report. Allen Field... citing the fact that we have not been getting reports from our current rep, he suggested that He (A Field) and Brian Hochhalter share the position as SEUL Rep. Chair wants to take this up in the next board meeting and not now.
11. SE Uplift LU & Transportation Committee Rep: Matt Otis/Heather Flint Chatto – RIP discussions good at Land Use Mtg....Heather noted that historical building discussions going on at city level.
12. Sustainability: no committee chair/no report
13. Richmond Newsletter Editor: Rob Mumford is Richmond newsletter editor. Working with several agencies to come up with articles

14. Division/Clinton Business Assoc Rep: no report
15. Outreach & Board Recruitment: no report
16. Southeast Examiner: no report
17. Tree Committee- Allen Field- Richmond/Buckman/HAND/Brooklyn: 700 trees planted. 294 in Richmond. Always a fun event...friends of trees provide. \$190 cleaning fee. **Allen Motion, second: _____ for RNA to pay \$86 toward \$190 cleaning fee to cover Richmond share of cleanup cost. Passed by unanimous vote.** Troop 351 BSA Leader in attendance offered to pay full \$190. **Allen moved: RNA accept offer by troop, and Jonathan seconded. Board voted unanimously to accept the generous offer.**

Heather committee update on Division Design Committee

(PDF of Heather's presentation attached)

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WRAP UP

One Way Feedback: Everyone

Debby Hochhalter: Meeting was nicely done.

Jessica Gillard commented similarly

ADJOURN & DEPARTURE

Erik adjourned at 9pm sharp.

Next meeting: January 8, 2018

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Inter-neighborhood Design Committee (DDC)
(7-Neighborhood Coalition formed, Spring 2014)



Extensive surveys & policy research
through [background documents](#) of related plans and policies, [online and paper surveys](#), PSU student projects, extensive outreach at monthly meeting and events (Conducted from Summer 2014-Fall 2015)



Grant to hire Technical Design & Policy support by design consultants (See RFP Scope of Work Phase 1, November 2014)



1st Draft –Division Design Guidelines
(Consultant and design committee, Fall 2015)

2nd Draft Guidelines Draft
(Design Task Force, Spring 2016)



Final Draft Division Street Design Guidelines Approved by the Division Design Committee

(DDC Draft, Summer 2016)

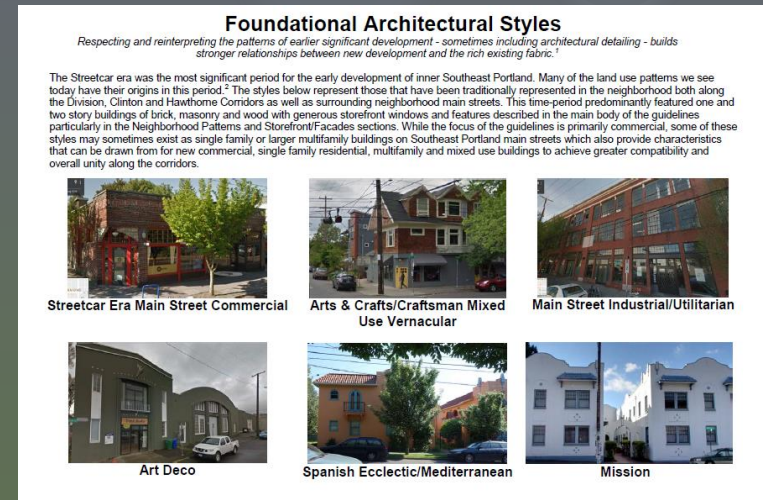
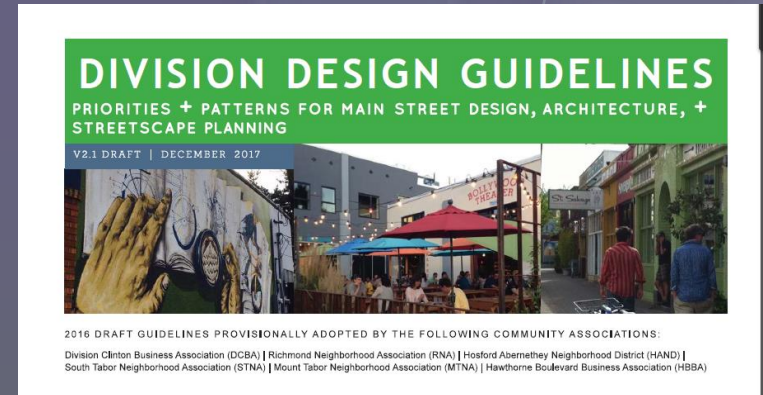
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Policy Recommendations to Neighborhood Orgs & City

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