

Homestead Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 1st, 2011

OHSU – CDRC 3200 SW Gaines, Portland, OR

Meeting called to order 7:04

Agenda and Minutes

Agenda and October meeting minutes were approved.

Presentations

Sarah Kreisman - Friends of Tryon Creek

Sarah Kreisman shared information about Tryon Creek and about Friends of Tryon Creek.

Regular Reports

SWNI Board Notes: SWNI unanimously supported Sunday Parkways in Southwest. They are deciding how to include Terwilliger as a part of the six mile loop. The loop will be in Hillsdale-Multnomah area. Terwilliger may be a tail of the loop, which could include Duniway Park. The elevation of the area has been an issue in planning.

SWNI adopted a fiscal agent. SWNI will also be hiring two new people: Office Support Specialist and a Communications and Technology Specialist.

Treasurer's Report: There is no change from last meeting.

Barbur Concept Plan Working Group (written): Joseph Readdy reported that there have been a few neighborhood walks within the area. Discussion has included how to improve mobility. The further you go out of Portland, the more people want to focus on mobility. Closer into Portland, the focus is on quality environments. Joseph's input has been to try to push the working group's focus on both mobility and improving the environment. They are still early in the process.

SW Corridor folks have been invited to the February HNA meeting.

Membership/Outreach: There was great turn out for No Ivy Day at Terwilliger. The neighborhood small grant application has been turned in to continue support for National Night Out Picnic, parks preservation, and an all neighborhood mailing. A free electronic communication service is available through SWNI. Eric Schnell is looking into this in efforts to reach out to more residents in the neighborhood. The idea about a Facebook page for HNA is being looked into.

HNA needed letters of support from Fred Meyer, Portland Sprit, and the Parks Bureau for the small grant application. The Parks Bureau would like a more formal preservation agreement with the neighborhood.

Transportation: The Portland Bureau of Transportation (BPOT) will install a test median on Terwilliger at the Condor Ln intersection. This is in effort reduce the number of bike/vehicle crashes at the intersection. There will be a cut through the median for pedestrians. The installation will likely take place the 3rd week of January, with vehicle counts recorded beforehand. The temporary median will be in place for a month and then another rounds of vehicle counts will take place. The neighborhood will have an opportunity to voice our opinion. The City of Portland says it will be their final decision because this is a safety issue. OHSU is helping to pay for this as a part of the Marquam Hill Plan. This money is going away in June. The Inter-Governmental Agreement was revised and sent to OHSU.

The 11th Avenue sidewalk project is waiting for 60% drawings. Anton Vetterlein went to the PBOT sidewalk open house and didn't see any further drawings. PBOT is looking to cut millions out of their fiscal budget, however the 11th Avenue sidewalk project is still moving forward. No bids have been submitted so far. Efforts will be made to try to get another meeting scheduled once master plans are available .

Land Use: OHSU has broken ground on a new Life Science Building at the South Waterfront. The plan is to move the Dental School to this new building.

There will be a more rigorous process for building additional parking after 2012 because the Marquam Hill Plan specifies a higher threshold for new parking built 10 years after the plan's adoption.

The Portland Plan, the City's comprehensive plan, has had some open houses. Meetings are coming up. Visit www.pdxplan.com to find more information.

OHSU Liaison: (LaToya Fick was not in attendance at this meeting so Eric Schnell gave a brief report): Regarding OHSU's Smoking Policy, complaints have occurred since the smoking policy was put in place. Dan Cleary reported: Awareness has been raised at OHSU. No firm actions have been put in place. Discussions took place with OHSU about possible solutions. The Ronald McDonald will put more information in their new pamphlets of where people can smoke. OHSU can bring in alternative community service to clean up litter. OHSU custodians bagged trash at the vacant lot, but would not haul it away. Efforts are being made to contact the owners of the vacant to request permission to put up "no trespassing" signs on the lot.

VA Hospital Liaison: The parking garage is 2 months behind schedule. A wall sank, cracked and fell. Current projected completion date is June. No lights will be on walls facing out, the lights will be recessed in between steel girders. Meshed metal will be put in place to reduce light pollution. The top of deck of the garage will be 20 feet below SW 6th Avenue. Light poles are 8 or 10 feet tall, so lights will be 10 or 12 feet below SW 6th Ave. At the highest point of the garage, the lights will be 8 feet below level of 6th Ave. Lighting on the upper level of the parking structure will be in recessed in cans.

There may be some construction traffic that is coming up Hamilton Terrace. Eric Schnell noted that the official OHSU traffic policy is written into contracts. Eric noted that LaToya asked for a list of specific vehicles that are cutting through the neighborhood.

Old Business:

Anton Vetterlein will bring up the issue of TriMet Lift Service vehicles cutting through the neighborhood at the Quarterly Marquam Hill Transportation meeting.

Neighborhood sign caps will be \$43.75 a piece. Half a dozen have been ordered. Charitable deduction is

now available through SWNI so private individuals and businesses may be more willing to help purchase these sign caps. The half dozen sign caps will be put up at the gateways of the neighborhood. It is likely that the second order for the signs will be postponed until more funding becomes available so a volume discount can be utilized.

New Business:

A question was raised about how to best handle a dog nuisance.

It appears non-residents are obtaining neighborhood parking permits. Suspected abuse of the area parking permit can be reported online to the Portland Bureau of Transportation.

There will be no December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Colson