

## Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) General Membership Meeting Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2017, 7-9 pm

### Meeting Items:

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- 1. Welcome & Introductions – Tamara DeRidder, RCPNA Chair**
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Sponsors: German American Society & Laurelwood Brewing Company
  - c. Introduced CNN
- 2. Grant High School Constitution Team Update – David Gates, father & Environmental Committee Chairman**
  - a. Won the state championship in January
  - b. We the People, The Citizen and the Constitution
    - i. David: did a video from cell phone, see dress rehearsal
    - ii. Judges cross-examine students, fast paced, acclimated for competition
    - iii. Grant has a tradition of competing at a high level – citizen competence & civic duty – started 30 years ago
    - iv. Use past cases and contemporary situations
    - v. Make supporting arguments for both side no matter their personal position
    - vi. Similar level to congressional hearing/1<sup>st</sup> year of law school
    - vii. Grant has one of largest teams
    - viii. Judges open up discussion by posing wide sets of questions
    - ix. Bring up examples of contemporary situations
    - x. Must be a senior and get a teacher's recommendation
    - xi. Grant has placed several times in past years
    - xii. Placed second nationally this year
    - xiii. Lincoln and Grant have won 1<sup>st</sup> in the last 5 years
  - c. Please consider donating this year
- 3. May 6<sup>th</sup> RCPNA Neighborhood Clean Up – Steve Effros, Committee Chair**
  - a. Introduction
  - b. First year on Board, but attended event last year
  - c. Encourage attendance and volunteering if possible
  - d. City and Metro's new rule prohibiting construction materials and RCPNA's new rule not to accept yard debris
  - e. Yard sale offers opportunities to bring in all sorts of goods
  - f. Offering ability to recycle plastics, metals, and possibly Styrofoam
  - g. Check out on the website
  - h. May 6, 9 am – 3 pm, at St Rose Church
- 4. Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler – Intro by Tamara DeRidder**
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Fan of neighborhood association network, great way to know neighbors

- c. Nathan Howard can get any responses after the fact
- d. Summary
  - i. Has not changed priorities
  - ii. Housing affordability crisis – gets to livability of City for working people of moderate means
    - 1. displacement disrupts institutions – bad for economy – bad for students
    - 2. passed housing bond at \$260 m
    - 3. called all permitting bureaus to look at improving getting workforce affordable housing on market
    - 4. passed a relocation ordinance to give breathing room
  - iii. Homelessness issue – no quick fix
    - 1. 3 priorities
      - a. preventive strategies (waivers, etc)
      - b. shelter – chronic lack of shelter – working with private sector partners – connecting them with non-profit services
      - c. creating more supportive housing – for those who can't live independently on their own
    - 2. last year City moved about people into housing – but more and more people moving back onto streets
    - 3. people upset about manifestations of homelessness – garbage – permanent/temporary structures – needles from drug use – budget addresses trash collection and graffiti – working with other jurisdictions (see ODOT, railroad, TriMet, parks, police)
    - 4. believes we must be both humane and pragmatic – complexity of issues – creates livability and public health/safety issues
  - iv. Policing – supports police reform and the police – see front line first responders to multiple issues – support reforms that will increase credibility of police institution - see the importance of neighborhood cops that know the issues at the neighborhood level
  - v. Comments/Questions:
    - 1. Affordability – long-time resident; costs have skyrocketed; permanent affordability programs?
      - a. Response: yes; housing bureau and PDC have programs through development and bonding with minimal help from public sector – just getting out of the way and making City processes work – inclusionary zoning – Portland Comprehensive Plan including zoning to create more affordable housing types – age, young people willing to live in a smaller unit with shared facilities in exchange for affordability as close to employment and cultural centers, but resistance to this trend – consider flexibility for this next generation – best way to have inter-generational home ownership

2. Sanctuary City – what does it mean?
  - a. Response: not universally popular – but the right thing to do – what it means: reiterates our commitment to state law, local law enforcement agencies can't be compelled to work with federal immigration officials - looks to support local organizations that protect those in the ICE cycle – it states that we and other major west coast cities will not roll over - legal action in support of Seattle and San Francisco – collective message from Pacific Northwest - in SF today a federal judge has issued an injunction – talking up new strategy – the only funds that may be at risk are \$3 m for DOJ funds, we can figure out how to work around those funds
3. Small business owner – concerned about fast growth of City and congestion, believe that purposeful growth can be achieved, need to hear about commercial affordability, have lost 4-5 businesses to high rents, 90% of businesses have 6 or fewer employees, mostly concerned about rising rents + growth in neighborhood business districts without supporting parking which causes loss in sales – commercial space, extremely worried about loss of commercial space – looking to commercial venture groups to come together
  - a. Response: some initial ideas, using PDC to shift to small business development – see housing inclusionary incentives to maintain certain types of business – see small businesses, maker spaces, artists spaces – parking, see Commissioner Saltzman – parking minimum requirements for development – adds significantly to cost of housing (under Mayor Hales) – a little bit of flexibility is a good thing – see NW Portland, worked with PBOT to come up with a parking plan to protect residential parking and encourage commercial district – see Central Eastside District to use permitting to pay for a single structure – next generation is more concerned about housing affordability than access to parking – but interested in looking at District plans
4. Neighborhood density – voted 3:1 against more density
  - a. Response: 2035 Portland Plan included a lot of public involvement
5. See middle housing issue – will overlay the whole RCP neighborhood, changed at the last minute – sudden changes in parking requirements was a real issue

- a. Response: even developers tell us they can't sell units that don't have parking – better strategy is to create an overlay district – plans for modifications

**5. NE Neighborhoods Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC) Update – Gary Points, Safety Committee Member**

- a. To talk about crime and livability issues with City and other districts
- b. Two dominant topics are RV issue and homelessness/houselessness
- c. So many issues are involved
- d. RV situation: many bureaus and entities involved (towing, etc); it costs a lot to remove these from the roads
- e. PBOT is trying to earmark for \$150,000 to remove 150 RVs

**6. Portland Clinic Development at Former Rheinlander Restaurant – Julie Zeller, MS East Branch Manager and Dr. Roberts, Portland Clinic Physician**

- a. Excited to move into community, and they have parking
- b. 96 years of service, just moved to east side, service values
- c. Multiple specialties rotating through; 30 primary care physicians, 6 advanced providers, 80 doctors total
- d. Bringing 2 east side locations to one place in location central to its patients
- e. 2 story brick façade with 32,000 sf, leasing about 8,000 sf – can enter on 50<sup>th</sup> and Sandy or from parking in back
- f. Timeline – will start to pour footings in next two weeks
- g. Special features – honors district's historical legacy, interior design naming will reflect local neighborhoods, photos will show local community
- h. Up to 4 small businesses
- i. Indoor bicycles

**7. Concerts in the Park – Gary Points & Larry Wilder, Entertainment Committee**

- a. Saturday July 22 & Saturday July 29 at Rose City Park
- b. Concerts: see blues and gospel singer with 4-piece band
- c. 200-300 people attend
- d. Bring lunch/dinner and kids
- e. See activities on website
- f. Volunteers – would like to have volunteers to set up and break down stage

**8. Land Use & Transportation Updates – Tamar DeRidder & Nate Carter**

- a. See possible room for an amendment or something else related to 2035 Plan – please attend next meeting to discuss, May 18, 7-9 pm (third Thursday)
- b. See 6-story Taco Time building with minimum parking
- c. Umpqua Bank site – 6-story building with – on hold
- d. HB 2007 – OHSBA + Tina Kotek – limiting ability of localities to reduce density through various means
- e. See Eastmoreland Historic District status – to remove ADUs + overlays – seems exclusive – at federal level
- f. 60<sup>th</sup> Ave & sidewalks – potential funding with PBOT to craft a sidewalk design to expand width – development could start in 2018 – RCPNA has asked for improved signaling

## **9. Final Comments**

- a. Traffic concerns – City moved from congestion counting to transportation growth management – no new asphalt/streets
- b. Mass transit improvements – looking to reduce all single all single occupant use to 30% of all vehicles by 2035
- c. Density issue requires ballot measure – responsibility to become involved and vote