

Land Use & Transportation Committee
Rose City Park Neighborhood Association
Draft Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2017

Meeting Called to Order at 7 p.m. Owen Blank/Albina Head Start multipurpose room, 909 NE 52nd Avenue.

Attending: Tamara DeRidder, Ed Gorman, Sharron Fuchs, Terry Parker, Kelly Davis, Barb Brunkow, Tony Ardizzone
Michael C. Harpok, Ron Katz, Susan Katz, Jeff Dennis, Cliff Fairley, Mary Anne Fairley, Larry Vinton, Wanda Vinton, Jeff Shoemaker, Patsy Lee, Mary Ellen Davenport, Justin Watson, Marion Cary, Eileen Carney, Jennifer Santhouse, Monica Monroe, Dawn Martinez, Anna Johnson, Linda Tinkham, Helene Farnen, Roger Farnen, Cole Miller (KOIN 6)

Approval of LUTC 10/19/17 minutes tabled since Ardizzone did not receive a copy. Waiting for his response to his recorded comments regarding the Lady of LaVang Committee. Ardizzone requested that his name be added to the LUTC mailing list.

Gorman asked Ardizzone to take minutes. Ardizzone requested that if anyone wanted something specific entered into the record they should give him name and comments.

Gorman reported on CNN's LUTOP
comments by Gorman

- 1st hour was a PBOT tabling activity geared toward assessing Coalition interest in a High Traffic Safety Upgrade project on Sandy from Hollywood to I-205. Level of expressed interest was high and PBOT's Zef Wagner will work to develop a funding project to present for approval. If approved then more workshops will be held to determine the details of project upgrades
- comments by Parker
Fuchs reported on Safety, traffic issues on Sandy Blvd. discussed

Gorman reported conversation with Nan Starks about RIP. Fuchs mentioned that no weight was being given to Central NE Neighbors and neighborhood associations previous work and submittals last year regarding RIP. The inquiry was originally posed by LUTOP chair Doug Fasching. Gorman asked Nan Stark concerning the rent raise issue and what are the checks in the system to prevent abuse. Nan said it will be up to the Portland Housing Bureau to provide Oversight. Sandra Lefrancois of CNN asked if the group should invite Portland Housing Bureau to come talk to CNN at the January meeting. Response was affirmative.

Gorman reported on Lady of LaVang Committee. The church has 5K members. Issues discussed at recent meeting (Nov. 14) included noise at summer events, parking non-compliance, congestion 2 ½ blocks from church. Attending Nov. 14 meeting were two representatives from PBOT (Carl Snyder, Traffic Operations Engineer/ Donald Hunter, Parking Enforcement), invited neighbors, and pastors from

nearby churches, one of which was Saint Rose (Fr. Ansgar Pham; Fr. Matt Libra). It was decided that the parking education process would involve Lady of LaVang sermons at Sunday masses. Consensus was that parking enforcement should be ratcheted up. Begin giving out tickets. Gorman stressed this would be all inclusive, including traffic from those attending Mass at Saint Rose. Our Lady of LaVang will explore personnel to become certified flaggers to direct traffic. Whether certified flaggers are provided or not, the Our Lady of La Vang/Rose City Park Neighbors Committee will work with Carl Snyder to develop a Traffic Flow Management Plan in the area of the church.

Gorman reported on the Baerlic Brewing project. He presented a brief history and said that the owners told him they were working through the permit process and hope to open in January.

Parker talked briefly about the issue regarding the Ellington Apartments. He was told that this was a Madison South problem.

Parker reported that PBOT will announce status of grant applications after the first of the month. He briefly described the proposed lights on 60th and Halsey proposal. He reported that new sidewalks were being planned to run from Halsey down to 60th Avenue MAX station. Entire area around MAX station is up-zoned. Fuchs then spoke about past neighborhood efforts to resist upzoning.

Gorman began PowerPoint presentation regarding RIP

Fuchs praised DeRidder's impressive work and expertise and said entire neighborhood should be grateful she is chair of neighborhood association, that other neighborhoods aren't half as lucky as we are.

Report on RCPNA Neighborhood (SurveyMonkey) Survey on the RIP Discussion Draft, developed by Tamara DeRidder.

135 total respondents

- 84% reject RIP Discussion Draft(DD) "a" Overlay rezoning
- 83% reject DD Rezone of Historically Skinny Lots from R5 to R2.5
- 72% reject off street parking limits for skinny lots
- 69% support RCPNA proposed 300 foot 'a' Overlay extended from NE Sandy Blvd. and Hollywood Town Center.
- 86%-support extension-of the deadline for public comment on the RIP Discussion Draft.

DeRidder then went through LUTC's Oct.19th Tentative RIP Recommendations that had been included in this survey. Ardizzone moved that they be approved. Parker seconded the motion. Lengthy discussion then ensued.

During discussion DeRidder urged that everyone's testimony on the RIP Discussion Draft be sent to all Planning and Sustainability commissioners psc@portlandoregon.gov since, apparently, comments sent to the link would go to

BPS and be read and filtered (euphemism) by the BPS before being passed on to others for their consideration.

During discussion Sharron Fuchs presented her view of Morgan Tracey's response at the Roseway Neighborhood Association meeting of November 14, 2017, to Larry Vinton's question regarding his rights as a home owner and his perception that since he purchased his home, currently zoned R5, it should remain zoned R5. Mr. Vinton also stated he was not against zoning. Morgan Tracey responded that zoning didn't give you rights to be exclusionary and now with a rezoning people who buy in the area will know exactly what the zoning is when they purchase and now won't be surprised when a skinny house goes up next door to them. Sharron felt that Mr. Tracey was both disrespectful and dismissive of Mr. Vinton's questions and concerns.

During discussion Ardizzone noted that given BPS's apparent concern with rezoned areas being no more than 300 feet from high-frequency transit, even if the bus line on 57th is counted as high-frequency transit the current block of homes slated to be rezoned from R5 to R2.5 extends over 600 feet from 57th. (East side of 57th to west side of 60th) He was asked to tell the group that at the October Drop-In session at CNN s Tracey seemed to think this area lay between two bus lines, apparently not understanding that the 60th Avenue bus line veers west at Halsey and then runs up 57th. Ardizzone related that when he asked Tracey why that specific area of RCP was schedule to be rezoned Tracey responded by saying that BPS could have recommended the entire area of Historically Narrow Lots (57th to 62nd, stopping at the Rose City Park)could be scheduled for R2.5 zoning. Ardizzone also related that when he asked Tracey why the west side of 57th wasn't scheduled to be rezoned to R2.5 Tracey said it was because that side of the street had alleys. Several in attendance said that street has only two alleyways.

During discussion, Vinton suggested that item A under #4 (additional recommendations) be deleted since the recommendation seemed to be sacrificing some of our neighbors (those living within 300 feet of Sandy Blvd.). He suggested we stand hard and fast against any rezoning of RCP. He was told that the recently adopted 2035 Comprehensive Plan had already expected the neighborhood to have an overlay area and here we were defining it for them. Some discussion then about changes to Sandy Blvd. Vinton reported that he handed out copies of his written responses to RIP and offered them to anyone interested. Fuchs thanked him and his wife Wanda for going door-to-door throughout the proposed R5 to R2.5 rezoned area to alert his neighbors about RIP. Several others joined her in their thanks to the Vintons.

Question was called and the meeting proceeded to vote on the motions based on the RIP Discussion Draft.

#1 (Reject the RIP Discussion Draft proposing "a" Overlay for all Low Density Residential Properties based on A. B. C. PASSED

#2 (Reject proposed Rezone of Historically Skinny Lots from R5 to R2.5, based on A. B. C. PASSED WITH FOLLOWING FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS:

Adding to C:

- Does not transition from high to low density;
- Does not match historic pattern of the lots;
- Does not provide access to high-frequency transit and services, such as grocery stores; and
- Raises the question of legality, what right does BPS have to rezone property without the consent of the owner(s)?

#3 Reject limitation on allowed off-street parking and garages for narrow lots. The Proposed Draft restricts parking to front loading and access from alleys. PASSED

#4 RCPA additionally recommends A. B. C. PASSED WITH FOLLOWING FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS:

- add to A: specify Sandy Boulevard (Parker amendment)
- add to C: add front-loading garages

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm