

Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) General Meeting Meeting Notes

May 22, 2018

Meeting Items:

- **Welcome & Introductions**

- Thank You to Community Partners: German-American Society, Laurelwood, Portland Clinic, Fire on the Mountain, PGE
- Safety/Crime Prevention Discussion, Sarah Berkmeier: City staff member that can assist in safety and crime prevention; see PDX Reporter App (pdxreporter.org) for small infractions reporting instead of non-emergency phone line (503-823-333) to not tie up emergency lines; she can come to neighborhood to provide training and coordination of neighborhood watch groups; see Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC), starting June 14, 6-8 pm, with presence of Portland Police and other City bureaus, at Kenton Fire House (looking to change location every month); see strength in numbers for PDX Reporter App reports

- **Board Elections**

- 21 spaces on Board; 9 incumbents who will be returning
 - Tamara de Ridder (Chair)
 - Ed Gorman (Vice Chair)
 - Secretary – empty
 - Richard Crockett (Treasurer)
 - David Gates
 - Kelly Davis
 - Kara Mumma
 - Terry Parker
 - Olivia Dwinell
 - Catherine Burke
- New Proposed Members:
 - Jennifer Santhouse: lived in neighborhood for 6 years; parent of 2 young children; thinks its important to create action locally; would like to make neighborhood better
 - Deborah Harris: lived in neighborhood for 23/24 years; just retired; retired in January; would love to be member of Board; would like to provide new ideas for community
 - Rick Cravens (couldn't make it)
 - Neil Chodorow (out of town)
- All neighbors in favor of incumbent and new proposed members

- **Bylaws Sub-Committee**

- See history of Overlook neighborhood association, wanted to prevent homeless camp population from being members; City threatened removal of funds if they denied membership
- All neighborhood associations looking at Bylaws, and the rules and requirements
- Looking to neighborhood for bylaws sub-committee members

- **Better Housing By Design Project**

- See new guidelines for multi-family properties at higher density residential zones (Sandy, Fremont, 60th Ave. Station)
- Kelly Davis, co-chair of Land Use/Transportation sub-committee, met with City; Kelly is re-presenting City presentation
- See multi-dwelling zones; residential infill project is addressing single family dwelling zones
- Looking to focus on centers and corridors through Comprehensive Plan
- What is problem City is trying to solve: see housing diversity, including affordable and accessible housing
- Currently at proposed draft phase, including public hearing and adoption; see June 12 public hearing
- See 3 volumes of project
- Major Topics
 - Diverse Housing Options and Affordability
 - Scale Based Zoning: reduce height and increase number of units; requires a percentage of visitable units
 - New Multi-Dwelling Zones
 - Bonus FAR Options: see inclusionary zoning
 - Allowances for Small-Scale Commercial Uses
 - Outdoor Spaces: any proposal over 25,000 sf must provide 10% landscaping; looking at alternatives to conventional landscaping (green roofs, etc)
 - Reduce Minimum Parking Requirements
 - Building Design and Scale: see limiting garages along frontage; requiring front entrances; requiring 10 ft front setback; looking to create transition zones; see façade articulation requirements
- RCPNA LU/T Committee recommendations: not happy with proposals by City and the process and have presented recommendations for improvements
 - See possibilities of joining Multnomah Neighborhood Association lawsuit related to Comprehensive Plan update; this would require contribution toward a joint commitment of \$30k
 - Other options:
 - See both support and opposition in neighborhood to Residential Infill Project

- **Residential Infill Project**

- Planning & Sustainability Commission
 - Held last public meeting on May 15; last public comment on May 18
 - Conducting discussion in May and June, with recommendations at end of June
 - City Council voting end of June
 - RCPNA is asking City to extend review period for another 6 months; RCPNA doesn't see this as solving affordability issue

- **Senator Michael Dembrow**

- In session this week to prepare for next session
- Most of time preparing for 2019 session; talking to people about problems that require legislation

- On education, judiciary, environment & natural resources (chair) committees; working hard to address global climate change issues, looking to be a leader; working on diesel pollution; took strides to deal with industrial pollution
- His committee is responsible for land use issues; see issues of affordability and displacement; how to create affordable housing in all parts of the City; how to do it in right way; City council needs to be responsive to people
- See issue of historic districts; see frustration of neighborhoods to try and preserve their neighborhoods; doesn't think this is the right approach
- Local level, see 82nd Ave., State highway, decisions made by ODOT; believe that it is a local street and decisions should be made at local level; see issues of pedestrian safety, livability, connection to neighborhoods
- See issues of juvenile justice and Measure 11, which removed judges' discretion
- Priorities for next session: see school funding & what is working/not working in schools across state, see lower rate of funding but with increased demands placed on schools; see global warming issues; see diesel issue; see gun safety; see PERS reform

- **Committee Updates**

- Clean-up Event: May event was very successful in terms of number of residents who participated and amount raised through donations; next year's event can look at lessons learned including limiting the size and scope of yard sale so that it doesn't require as much disposal at the end
- Environmental: see grants around tree planting and preservation; looking to be more collaborative with CNN neighborhoods; for anyone interested, please look to provide contributions to newsletter and join committee
- Entertainment/Concerts: see July 21 & 28; still working to select band; see Jo Schaefer of Hollywood Neighborhood Association as co-planner
- Land Use: see interest in reading material that comes to committee, this would help over next couple weeks
- Communications: have recently lost members, looking for new ones
- Emergency Preparedness

- **Wrap Up and Final Thoughts**

- **Adjourn**