

**Rose City Park Neighborhood
General Meeting
April 26, 2016
Close to 60 in attendance**

Welcome

Welcome from Tamara where she discussed the general forum for the night and thanked our community partners, talked about the agenda/survey and our open positions and sign up for the cleanup.

A couple of people have not attended the meeting and Tamara asked them to introduce themselves.

Petition effort discussed for Save Endangered Animals Oregon by Linore Blackstone

Richard went over how it will go.

Candidates for Mayor of Portland

Ted Wheeler first and gave his ten minutes about why he wants to be mayor – native Portlander, etc. Was elected to other offices such as Treasurer and Multnomah county position; brought calmness to board; fiscal responsibility for treasurer position; opposed to camping policy for homelessness; looking for mental health services and employment assistance for the homelessness; home affordability – zoning; easier for affordable housing and better jobs; supports tenant rights; demand side of the equation in housing; 25-25 plan – middle income jobs and skillset gap; transportation (with our regional leaders for funding); why has state have formula that does not benefit local jurisdiction (versus more tax staying in Salem).

David Schor running for mayor because the people of Portland have not had a voice. Need spirit back; housing affordability; community to make investment in housing – won't be cheap, tax on 1% of high wage wage earners to help pay for housing; citizens and the police – needs a leader. Worked for ACLU and Oregon justice center; we need officer accountability; need mental health support; never held elected office – assistant attorney general; environmental issues and we are a leader in building a green future for our city; connected park system

Jules Bailey – currently Multnomah county commissioner; economist by training; lifelong Portlander; tells story of community connection about a story about Pioneer Square; we have to re-engage Portlanders to understand what “Portland works” mean; old ways of how Portland is run is not keeping up with the way we are growing; bring back the type of apartments that middle class folks would like like triplexes and garden apartments; need to work with homelessness for pathway out of their situation; commits to cut homelessness in half by end of first term based on models that is known to be effective (\$12-16M between city and county); increasing police staffing; good small business environment that is good for all entities putting emphasis on encouraging these business versus a lot bigger companies coming to town. He left time for one question (better than the other candidates).

City of Portland Commissioner #1

Lanita Duke – helps senior citizen with ACA; education video production company and grass roots productions so has lots of hard work. Helping homeowners underwater to create a rentable suite in their home that is for affordable housing.

Ann Sanderson business owner, single mom. There are two Portlands – old and new; haves and have nots; fought the street tax; really didn't want to run for office but really felt there should be a choice; Left time for questions – character of neighborhoods v. need for affordability housing; finding other places for the homelessness; criminals within the community; weak mayor system versus strong mayor system; effectiveness of single member districts

Amanda Fritz served as our commissioner for 7 years (parks/rec and ONI); thanks us for consistently having a forum; thanks to Tamara and Terry about the comprehensive plan and parking; responds to constituents communications; helped with bond measure for parks maintenance; wants to do in the next 4 years – police and treatment of color and mental health. Time for questions: parks are often empty during the day, lots of land, can we do anything else with them? They do review the parklands to see how they could be otherwise used/sold for other uses. Strong/weak mayor system?

City of Portland Commissioner #4

Stuart Emmons - time for a change. No real statement, just questions. Graduation rates? Spending the money we are spending on homelessness differently to help them instead in some other way? 95% graduation rate. An expert on homelessness but didn't list his credentials; difference between him and Novick? Bicyclists should pay for their share of the bike lanes; how are you going to find jobs for all the people coming to Portland? Improve the schools so folks here can get the jobs that are available. Help promote Portland businesses nationally.

Steve Novick's representative – Tom Moser campaign manager because Novick is sick. Vast transportation is important so folks can bike and walk safely. What will happen to the Arts Tax? Problem with implementation and collection. Is there an alternate way to do this? There is a proposal for middle housing but no time for neighborhood associations to respond. What can we do about Streets? What are we doing to be ensure the funds for certain programs is happening?

Shannon Estabrook was unable to attend.

Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax

Opponent – Eric Fruits, Ph.D - why does it exempt large vehicles; our transportation decisions do not help the situation

Proponent - Aaron Brown of Fix Our Streets Portland – raises 64m to for urgent safety and road repairs; lots of have endorsed it; questions – how come bicyclist don't pay? Why this time with the city really use the money for what it says it is for? Why 30 years of backlog? Partly because no change to gas tax. Was Eric's two statements about no trucks paying and 23 miles only getting worked on true?

Wrapup