

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

June 27, 2017

Meeting Items:

- 1. Welcome & Introductions – Tamara DeRidder, RCPNA Chair**
 - a. See sponsors: German American Society, Laurelwood Brewing, Portland Clinic, Fire on the Mountain
- 2. NE Neighborhoods Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC) Update – Gary Points, Safety Committee Member**
 - a. PSAC, meets at CNN once a month
 - b. Collaborate to discuss safety and livability issues, including homeless camps and RV issues
 - c. Open forum to audience for Gary to bring back to group:
 - i. see homeless camp near Rose City Futsal; the area was subsequently fenced off by Union Pacific
 - ii. see Binford struggle to get this issue resolved; these are issues that are broader than what police can solve
 - iii. uptick in petty crime; is there a way to post resources online?; PSAC has talked about posting this information for the public
 - iv. 68th & Halsey: large tents that have been erected recently; see City of Portland campsite web page
 - v. see issue of people at off-ramps from freeway
- 3. July Concerts in the Park – Gary Points and Larry Wilder, Entertainment Committee**
 - a. Saturday, July 22, 6-8 pm: Concert Nancy Conescu who heads up a group with Irish music and Irish dancers
 - b. Saturday, July 29, 6-8 pm: LaRhonda Steele
- 4. Dave Austin, Commissioner Eudaly's Deputy Chief of Staff – Intro by Tamara DeRidder**
 - a. Dave had to cancel
 - b. Discussion by Deb Field about small business concerns
 - i. Introduced her business, Paper Jam; has been in business for 25 years
 - ii. Right after recession, transitioned from previous business; got politically active; joined Main Street Alliance to represent small businesses; have visited state and national capital
 - iii. Latest issue is commercial affordability; met with Chloe Eudaly, along with 12 businesses; Chloe was a former small business owner; agreed to bring back small business committee; 96% of business in Portland are small businesses, with 6 or fewer people, but don't get a seat at the table; talk about commercial affordability and tax fairness
 - iv. Last week Prosper Portland (\$32 million in grants) met with Main Street Alliance to see how small businesses operate; they want City to have more of a local business focus

- v. Landlord/tenant agreements; see language hidden about tenant facility repair burden; landlords will sometime not fix problems
- vi. Call to support small businesses
- c. New proposed beer hall & food pods: review timeframe is one month from June 19, at July 19; see proposed special LU/TC meeting for July 13 at 7 pm; see attached proposal from Baerlic Brewery; see concerns about exterior; limiting time to 10 pm to fit into noise ordinance; special provision for minors to be in presence of those with alcohol till 9 pm with stamped hands; will invite the developer and noise control officer; see thru-traffic at Halsey and 60th, with proposal to improve signaling at intersection; see potential conflict with CM-2 zoning; look at compatibility of use with surrounding residential area as well as how deliveries and clean-up/trash pick-up will occur; RCPNA will make recommendations to OLCC and City of Portland
- d. Move to Board Elections

5. Representative Barbara Smith Warner – Intro by Tamara DeRidder

- a. Zoe Bluffstone, legislative assistant; Rep Warner was pulled into a last-minute session in Salem
- b. July 10 is the end of the current session
- c. Rep Warner has been involved with Education, Transportation, Joint Tax Reform and other committees
- d. Priorities:
 - i. Oil Train Safety Bill: passed out of sub-committee with bi-partisan support; see OLIS system to track bills
 - ii. Budget shortfall, how to provide services and find new sources of revenue; revenue reform has been very tricky, requiring 3/5 majority to approve new taxation; some successes in getting revenue
 - iii. Equal Pay passed out of House to protect disadvantaged employees
 - iv. July 15: Town Hall with Warner, Debrow, Keny-Guyer; still finalizing location
 - v. HB2007 update: relates to housing permitting rules; public hearing with a lot of input; a lot of concerns from neighborhood associations; Rep Warner is concerned about housing affordability; to protect existing affordability; would not like to circumvent local protections; recent amendments try to enforce affordability
 - vi. IP22, initiative to remove sanctuary city status from cities; Rep Warner strongly supports sanctuary cities
 - vii. Ballot initiative process: an issue like HB2007, if it becomes law, could be brought to a vote through the initiative process
 - viii. National Popular Vote: would change a group of states from relying on electoral votes to popular votes for President/Vice President; this bill is in House Rules; Rep Warner is supportive of this effort
 - ix. Reproductive Health Equity Act: puts reproductive rights into statute; Rep Warner is supportive of this issue

- x. Transportation/Congestion: looked at options like congestion pricing and adjustments to routes; Rep Warner is looking for middle ground of multi-modal transit solutions
- xi. OLCC/Dispensaries: concentration in certain areas, instead of distribution across regions as exists with liquor

6. RCPNA Board Elections. The membership will vote on Board Members and Officers: Board Chairperson; Vice Chairperson; Secretary; and Treasurer

- a. See ballot
- b. Four Board Office Positions: all in favor
- c. Board Members to remain: all in favor
- d. Interested in becoming New Board Members: all in favor
 - i. Tony Ardizzone
 - ii. Kristin Gustaff
 - iii. Kelly Davis
 - iv. Steve Lewis

7. Increased TriMet MAX Train Security and Art Project at 60th MAX Station – Clay Thompson, TriMet Outreach Services Coordinator

- a. Safety on MAX: 61 transit police officers, armed police officers, paid by TriMet and from the municipalities; 25 unarmed, uniformed officers; more overtime offered to all officers; use tracking and projects to determine where to deploy officers; bringing more TriMet service providers into system; General Manager has offered bringing additional 25 uniformed community policing officers to help de-escalate potential issues; want TriMet users to feel safe; officers at Park and Ride lots will operate at the same level as before; see emergency call button on trains and 911 calls; see community concerns as well as community tools to help make system safer
- b. Art Project at 60th MAX Station, Michelle Traver, Public Art Administrator: heading up memorial process for Hollywood Transit Center; Station Rehabilitation, including artwork: see murals at Banfield stations; artist has been selected; artist will be bringing artwork to TriMet Art Advisory Meeting; would like to bring concept to RCPNA or a separate meeting

8. Environmental Committee summer activities – David Gates, Chairman

- a. Diesel: CA and WA passed legislation to limit diesel emissions; a lot of the older trucks have ended up in Oregon; see State Bill that will try to improve air quality
- b. Trees: can get involved in tree inventory days to help plan for more trees to improve air quality; see tree pruning day that is being planned
- c. Rose City Park Tree Coalition & Environmental Committee: see upcoming meetings at CNN

9. Open Q & A

10. Adjourn