

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

October 24, 2017

### Meeting Items:

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1. **Welcome & Introductions – Tamara DeRidder**
2. **NE Neighborhoods Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC) Update – Gary Points, Safety Committee Member**
  - See attendance by Gary Points of CNN, where about 10 neighborhoods come to discuss their issues. Two members can attend, including tonight's presenter, Kristin Gustaff
  - One of the biggest current issues is homelessness, which is affecting many neighborhoods.
  - See other issues such as people collecting from recycling bins and coming onto people's properties; education is the best approach to this issue.
  - Neighborhood Watch is a good option for groups of neighbors; the City provides a lot of support to Neighborhood Watch.
3. **Ms Suk Rhee, new Director of Office of Neighborhood Involvement hired by Commissioner Eudaly – Intro by Tamara DeRidder**
  - Prior to this position, Ms Rhee served at Northwest Health Foundation, working with range of organizations and sectors to increase community involvement.
  - This is Ms Rhee's new neighborhood as well. Asked what people love about this neighborhood.
    - First person has lived in neighborhood for about 50 years; loves this type of neighborhood, is worried about infill project and how it could negatively impact character.
    - Second person has lived in neighborhood for about 30 years; likes the nature of the neighborhood and how it is always improving in terms of shops and businesses. Also likes diversity of neighbors in terms of background and age.
    - Third person has lived in City for about a decade. When she moved to neighborhood there was more of a crime issue, which decreased for a while, but is concerned about growth of drugs/crimes.
    - Fourth person described the original Rose City Park plotting of neighborhood; this creates the character of the neighborhood that people like; has issues with some development that doesn't provide for parking; would like the neighborhood associations to have a significant role in the future.
  - Ms Rhee described the complexity of issues in City today and in the future; ONI's changes are a reflection of these issues.
    - ONI is City's bureau for neighborhood engagement.

- ONI is responsible for keeping dialog open.
- The way we engage is as important as the decisions that are reached.
- Sees mission of ONI as civic engagement with government.
- Many committees and a mission, but no shared, bureau-wide goals: everyone is invited to serve on committee to determine these goals; each program must serve a discrete purpose.
- There is a lot of change in the City; how would we build ONI for the next generation; Portland as a region has become more diverse, but inner Portland has not become more diverse; communities have been pushed out from the center; need to understand the data to be able to serve these populations.
- See map of 20 minute neighborhoods; see sidewalks and transit options as an example; the less connected neighborhoods show the same pattern as diversity map.
- Map of where City wants to be in future shows how the City wants to help plan for all neighborhoods to be well connected.
- ONI will spend about \$10 m/year over 10 years, what if we invested that \$100 m, what would we expect in terms of impact; there is currently a low level of trust in local government's abilities.
- Ms Rhee would like ONI to be at the center of helping all City government bureaus streamline and improve to meet communities' specific needs.
- ONI should allow for inclusive communities, leading with disability, new Portlanders, race/ethnicity, youth, renters and more, through civic engagement with government.
- Questions/comments:
  - Interactions with the City: difficult to interact, need someone to be a pathway; all of the City bureau coordination currently needs to happen at the neighborhood association level; proposes that ONI provide a way to advocate for communities by improving and streamlining City engagement processes.
  - Public involvement: each of coalitions used to have a planner; look to rotate planners through coalitions to get experience seeing how difficult it is to understand the regulations.
  - Neighborhood coalitions: look at history of relationship of neighborhood associations and coalitions to City and ONI; this relationship has changed over time; Ms Rhee described how there have been changes over the past 40 years in terms of neighborhood associations, widening to also include communities of identity, and communities centered around other issues

**4. Community Sponsors present their services & their info tables, including: German American Society, Portland Clinic, Fire on the Mtn, PGE, and Laurelwood Brewing and Public House**

- Portland Clinic: see development of new building, opening about mid-July, 2018; see primary care physicians and specialists; see natural food store that will operate on bottom floor; see community education classes that will focus on nutrition and wellness
- Fire on the Mountain: have been in neighborhood since 2011; part of Portland since 2005; owners started company to also be part of community; interested in people reaching out to them
- Laurelwood Brewing: opened Laurelwood 14 years ago; very involved in community, support local schools; have community rooms that people can reserve for private events; very family friendly restaurant; see other locations in Westmoreland and airport
- German American Society: see Oktoberfest; see 250 lbs potato salad prepared by members; see next year's event, would like to make it bigger; need help from volunteers; see all activities by society, including language classes

#### **5. Environmental Committee activities – David Gates, Chairman**

- See extensive involvement in tree work; articles in newsletter
  - Works with Friends of Trees in spring to help plant trees in yard and parking strip; volunteers can plant trees, provide trucks, help with cooking meals
  - See participation in inventory process with Urban Forestry; to understand quantity, health, and potential future threats to trees; relative diversity of trees, which is helpful for overall health of trees
  - Rose City Park Tree Coalition: see sign up sheets for environmental committee and tree coalition
  - Tree Summit: November 4; learn more about other tree teams
- See air quality issues with DEQ and BES
  - Intersection with trees for both sound dampening and absorption of diesel pollution
  - See maintenance agreement with BES and CNN to keep bioswale on NE 47<sup>th</sup> in good condition
  - See invasive blackberries at Rose City Park golf course
  - There is a sustainable garden subcommittee that is currently being considered

#### **6. Land use & Transportation – request input on Residential Infill Project. See questionnaire at RCPNA.org and review document at city's website:**

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/67728>

- See Residential Infill Project from 2016; original purpose was looking to deal with monster houses
- Committee changed to deal with middle housing
- Toward end of year, included language that would incorporate it into comprehensive plan; this is a legislative change that neighbors are not notified about

- City gave direction to planning department; about 100 properties in neighborhood are in the process of being rezoned from R-5 to R-2.5; this is also occurring City-wide
- Monday, November 20, 2017, 5 pm is deadline for public comments
- See new “a” overlay which impacts all inner east residential neighborhoods; “a” = Additional Housing Opportunity overlay zone
- Allows density of up to 4 units per property (if all units priced at 80% of Median Family Income); see duplexes with 2 ADUs; see triplexes on corner lots with ADUs
- See additional rezone of R5 to R2.5 along 60<sup>th</sup> in the vicinity of RCP school because they have historically narrow lots
- Areas rezoned to R2.5 will have more infill opportunities
- Limiting size of house while maintaining flexibility
- See meeting on Thursday, November 16 of LU/TC, 7-9 pm, Head Start School, prior to November 20 deadline

**7. Vice Chair Ed Gorman introduced the committee info tables & Jan. GM neighborhood open house:**

- See Jan GM with tabling exercise; can visit any and all tables to talk to people about committees; provide input to committees
  - RCP Neighborhood Emergency Team
  - Communications
  - Public Safety
  - Entertainment
  - Local Business
  - Neighborhood Clean-up
  - Environmental
  - Land Use & Transportation

**8. Adjourn to tables**