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Submissions Welcome!

Will RIP Change RCP As We Know It?

Join us on Tuesday, April 3rd to Discuss the Proposed Residential Infill Project

TAMARA DeRIDDER

Join us for our Community Discussion & City Council Candidates Fair on the Residential Infill Project. We are inviting the City Council Candidates for Position 2 (Nick Fish) and Position 3 (Dan Saltzman) to join us. We want to ask them how they will represent our neighborhood with the pending Residential Infill Project (RIP). Our neighborhood, like others, is currently in a holding pattern as the City staff are preparing their proposal for the Planning and Sustainability Commission hearing later this spring. One neighborhood that has stood out in their advocacy in addressing the RIP and other similar policies has been the Multnomah Neighborhood Association. James Peterson, their Land Use Chair, will provide us insights into their Appeal to LUBA (Land Use Board of Appeals) regarding the quickly added Residential Infill policies that ended up in the 'approved' 2035 Comprehensive Plan and Next Steps. Please visit http://swni.org/multnomah for more information.

As many of you may know, the City of Portland is proposing a massive zone change through the RIP that will affect almost every Low Density Residential property located west of I-205 to the Willamette River. You will NOT receive a public notice to inform you this rezoning is taking place. The City is processing this like they did the Comprehensive Plan Update - as a Legislative Review. For those of us who are policy wonks, you can find this

process in the Portland Zoning Code Chapter 33.740 Legislative Procedure (https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/53469). Since the Bureau of Planning Services (BPS) proposes this massive change as an amendment to the existing 'a' Overlay (Alternative Density Design) that will cover a greatly expanded area, then no personal property notices are 'required.' This Legislative Review process may also be applied to the rezoning of over 200 parcels east of 57th Ave. There, properties zoned R5 (the typical RCP 5,000 sf lot) would be rezoned to R2.5 (allowing 2 lots of 2,500 sf), allowing townhouses or skinny houses.

Under the expanded 'a' Overlay it proposes to allow duplexes on all property that currently allow only a single dwelling that are now allowed an Accessory Dwelling Unit. Triplexes would be permitted on corner lots. In addition, these duplexes/tri-plexes could be given up to two additional units to be allowed if they provide housing for residents at 80% or lower of the area's median income.

RCPNA submitted the results of our RCP RIP survey as recommendations to the City last fall. The summary of comments received by BPS to date can be found at the project website: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/ bps/67728.

Please join us April 3rd to learn more, and have your voice heard.

Thanks for Sharing Your Voices

A Look Back on Our January Meet and Greet

ED GORMAN

The January General Meeting experienced a large turnout of neighbors who actively offered input to the Neighborhood Association Board and Committees relating to past performance and future direction. Each of the established Committees staffed a dedicated table with two Committee members who carried on dialogues with neighbors, and documented concerns and ideas for the upcoming year.

The documented comments were reviewed by the Board at the February 6th Board Meeting and a survey was developed. The survey was offered online at the RCPNA website and was also emailed to all

neighbors for whom RCPNA has email addresses.

The featured speaker was Jeremy Van Keuren of the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management. Jeremy is the Resiliency Manager and spoke to the audience about resilience strategies in preparing for a catastrophic event in the area. There is much valuable information on the City website: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/.

Thank you, and appreciation is extended to the local businesses that donated food and beverages for the event. Pizza from Fire on the Mountain and Amalfi's; snack foods from Trader Joe's; beverages from Case Study Coffee, Starbucks, and Safeway.



A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Spring has sprung! It seems like we just put away our Christmas decorations and the daffodils started to bloom. Since our winter was so short we can expect that limited snow melt will reduce our available water. This turns my mind to my list of 'to-dos' to combat issues of global warming here at home. First, complete my native garden. Many non-native plants do not survive well here without extra water. In addition, native plants are excellent at providing food and forage for our feathered friends. Second, install drip irri-



gation to my garden. Our City water rates keep rising, in part due to the snow melt, so anything I can do to reduce the amount of water used will help. Third, mulch, mulch, mulch. With longer dry months, it becomes harder and harder to keep precious plants that require additional water. These include permaculture crops such as blueberries and cherry, pear, and peach trees. Mulching around the base, not smothering the base, will help hold the water after rains as well as from drip irrigation for a number of days.

My next focus is on keeping our home cool without an air conditioner. One trick is planting a south facing deciduous tree, mature at 30-50 ft tall, to protect your home from direct summer sun. This will reduce air conditioning bills dramatically. Once we purchased the house next door, we purchased a maple from a local nursery. At time of installation in 2009 it was 15 ft tall. Now 10-years later that tree has reached 25 ft in height and is still growing towards its 40 ft mature height. Our renters now can comfortably keep the house in the low 70s on the hottest of days by closing their southern shades in the morning and turning on the attic fan in the evening to vent the heat from the roof. Second, will be researching additional methods of insulation. I have heard from friends at the Audubon Society that there may be types of cellulose (wood-type) fiber that could augment our petroleum-based insulation. I do know that both better insulation and the use of attic fans can readily cool down upper rooms. Back when I rented my home I ended up using what I had available to serve as insulation along the southern walls to reduce the heat. I found that book shelves and a set of insulated window shades along the southern walls helped a lot. I have more recently seen fabrictype baffle curtains used that provide rows of rectangular, horizontal tubes which both allow in the light and provide the needed insulation - cool!

Lastly, I will continue to research installing a storm drainage cistern. For years I researched the possibility of using our old underground oil tank (now empty) as a grey water catchment. I am still fussing with state regulations that limit their reuse while underground. Ideally, we could install a cistern that could capture rainfall that then could be pumped out to water our perennials during the dry months. Mother Nature often has her own ideas about limiting such an investment. In the past, our rains have largely been limited to spring and fall. But, that pattern is changing as well. Over the past two years we have experienced a marked increase in summer thunderstorms. In the 25 years we were here before 2010 I could count the number of thunderstorms we had here in Portland on one hand. Since then, summer thunderstorms, sometimes accompanied by violent winds, seem to have increased markedly. If we do commit to a cistern, I want to also look into the option of using this grey-water for non-potable facilities in our home, such as toilets. Personally responsible environmental preparedness is a mantra I hope to share with all my neighbors. We live in such an amazing part of the world with the luxury of adequate water, at least for now. Take care, as I predict potable water will become the gold rush of our future.

> Journalis De Elde Tamara DeRidder, RCPNA Chair

ABOUT

- Our Mission -

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association works to maintain and improve the livability of the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Association Membership

All persons of voting age who reside, own property, or operate a business, or others who show cause for interest in the area map at right, shall be eligible for membership. There are no dues or requirements imposed which would in any way prevent a person from becoming or remaining a member of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA).



CNN is the coalition office for the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association, and provides support and funding for this newsletter. For valuable information about the wider Northeast Portland neighborhood, check out their website: www.cnncoalition.org.

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General Meetings

April 3, 2018 May 22, 2018 7 PM, German American Society 5626 NE Alameda St.

Board Meetings

June 5, 2018 7 PM, German American Society 5626 NE Alameda St.

Newsletter Tips and Suggestions www.rcpna.org/submit-a-story communications@rcpna.org

* Volunteer needed.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS











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Community Partners help fund this publication and consist of community-minded organizations and businesses looking to make a positive impact in their neighborhood through continued funding. We are actively recruiting partners. Please email communitypartners@rcpna.org for more information about joining!

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tracking Proposed Projects

Keeping You Abreast of the Latest Neighborhood Projects

KELLY DAVIS, TAMARA DeRIDDER, and TERRY PARKER

The Land Use and Transportation (LU & T) Committee meets regularly on the 3rd Thurs. of every month from 7-9 pm at 909 NE 52nd Ave., Head Start at Owen Blank School. Next Committee meetings are scheduled for April 19th and May 17th. Agendas are posted on NextDoor and at our website RCPNA.org. Interested? Please attend!

Umpqua Bank Six Story Mixed Use Project (47th and Sandy)

Koz Development presented their Mixed Use Commercial project at the 1/18/18 LU & T meeting and the 2/6/18 Board meeting. The proposed project includes 100 studio apartments and 13 one-bedroom units (250 – 400 SF). The Umpqua Bank and apartment lobby would be located on the first floor. Seven parking spaces are also included even though they are not required through the Affordable Housing ordinance. Fifteen per cent of the units are designated for low-income residents. Units are fully furnished and rents, reg. \$900 – \$1,300/month and affordable \$850, include all utilities. The developer anticipates that only 10-20% of the residents will have cars and they will market the units to non-car owners. Developer agrees to pursue shared use of a business parking lot. See 'Documents' on our website RCPNA.org for Board comments.

Rice School at RCP Becoming Pioneer Special Education School

The Charles Rice School, located on NE Tillamook Street in the Southeast corner of Rose City Park, will be reopening for classes. Portland Public Schools is planning to relocate the Pioneer Special Education School (grades 6-12) to Rice utilizing six of the classrooms. A Student Success Center and Student Health Center will remain in the building. Please check out http://www.RCPNA. org for status of this land use review.

More info. To check the status of a land use application in your area please see the following options:

- Public Notices (we are part of Central NE Neighbors Coalition): https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/35625
- Site information. Go to PortlandMaps.com website then enter address or intersection. Click on property in question then click on the 'Permits' tab. This will list all of the past and current review applications, including land use.



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Nurturing Nature

Connect with Nature, Neighbors, at Upcoming Events

DAVID GATES

Join us and fellow nature lovers for these exciting events and volunteering opportunities:

March 24th, **FOT planting day** (9am – 1pm). Come help plant trees in our neighborhood, or provide a potluck lunch item for those planting trees. Breakfast snacks and beverages provided. See website calendar for staging site: http://www.friendsoftrees.org/.

March 31st, RCP Tree History /

Walk (9am – 12pm). Exact location to be determined. Meet us for a "Talk and Walk" about interesting RCP history from Urban Forestry's perspective. Coffee and snacks provided. Register here: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/668577.

April 14th, Pre Earth Day. Hollywood Farmer's Market (8am – 1pm). Come visit with several environmental organizations to see what actions they are taking. For more information, please contact David Gates at: gatesdavide@gmail.com.



April 16, 1911 OregonianAd for Rose City Park plots.

April 21st, **Arbor Day**. Mt. Scott Park (10am – 3pm) - complete with food carts, multicultural performances, activities, and games for children. Info at: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/61386.

April 22nd, Earth Day. Want to celebrate on Earth Day? Sign up for an Earth Day event. Several Earth Day events can be seen at SOLVE's website: https://www.solveoregon.org/solve-it-earth-day.

Semi-Regularly, contact John Nikkel for clearing blackberries along the Rose City Park Golf Course. Phase 1 of this project is rescuing significant and/or native vegetation along the trail from the considerable overgrowth of blackberries. Please contact John Nikkel at: jonnikl@gmail.com.



Your Realtor in Rose City

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March 2018

COMMUNITY NEWS

2018 RCP Clean-Up

Join Us May 12th for the Annual Rose City Park Clean-Up

SUZANNE DESMOND-GUBA and STEPHEN EFFROS

The Annual Rose City Park Clean-Up and Yard Sale will be held May 12th in the parking lot of St. Rose of Lima School and Church (54th and Stanton). At the time of publication, details are still being sorted out, so please check our website at http://www.rcpna.org for updates. We hope to post important information, such as the time, items we can receive, and how you can volunteer, in the near future. As always, we will gladly accept donations of gently-used reusable treasures for our Yard Sale. All proceeds benefit the Hollywood and Rose City Park Neighborhood Associations.

Seeking Graphics Volunteer

Improve Your Neighborhood with Your Talent and Passion

SUZANNE DESMOND-GUBA

Have a flair for design? A desire to make a difference in your community? RCPNA is looking for a volunteer to help with designing custom signs, brochures, posters, and other print materials to raise awareness of what RCPNA is about, as well as to promote special RCPNA events. Experience with design software such as Adobe InDesign preferred, but not required. Whether you have a lot of time to give, or only a little, we can work with your schedule. If this sounds like the perfect match for you, please contact Communications@ rcpna.org for more information.

Special thanks to our previous Graphics Coordinator Nathan Vaughan for all of his hard work!



20 is Plenty

Free Yard Signs Promote New 20 MPH Speed Limits

SHARON WHITE

The City is providing FREE "20 is plenty" yard signs and bumper stickers to raise awareness about Portland's new 20 mph residential speed limit.

Thank you for supporting safe streets by promoting the new speed limit and by driving 20 mph or less on our residential streets!



Yard sign pick-up times and locations:

- Feb. 24, 9:30-2:30 p.m., Madison High School, 2735 NE 82nd
- Sample "20 is Plenty" sign.
- Feb. 26-Aug. 31, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., City of Portland Bureau of Transportation, Congress Center Building, 1001 SW 5th, Suite 500 (5th floor)
- March 3, noon-4 p.m., Midland Library, 805 SE 122nd
- March 10, noon-4 p.m., Zenger Farm, 11741 SE Foster
- March 31, noon-4 p.m., Multnomah Arts Center parking lot, 7688 SW Capitol
- Additional locations to be announced online at http://visionzeroportland.com

In an effort to increase safety, speed limits on Portland's residential streets are dropping to 20 miles per hour following a recent Portland City Council decision. The new speed limit will take effect citywide by April 1, 2018.

The 20 mph speed limit is part of Portland's Vision Zero work to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries. A pedestrian hit by a driver at 25 mph is nearly twice as likely to die compared to someone hit at 20 mph.

PBOT is doubling the number of residential speed limit signs, installing approximately 2,000 across the City. Not every residential street will have a speed limit sign, but the 20 mph speed limit will be in effect on all residential streets.

View a map of 20 mph residential streets and get more details on yard signs at http://visionzeroportland.com.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome New Neighbor NE Village PDX, and Thanks to Long Term Community Partner, RCP United Methodist

Please Join Us in Welcoming NE Village PDX to the Neighborhood, and Thanking Rose City Park United Methodist Church

ANNE LINDSAY

NE Village PDX a non profit, membership organization whose goal is to enable its members to stay in their homes, aging in place, as well as they can for as long as they can, for a moderate fee. It is part of the Villages Northwest Network founded in Portland in 2011.

NE Village PDX began November 2016 when it opened member.



actively serving its members in Avolunteer delivers groceries to a Village

its first office. To date it has 92 memberships and is still growing. More than 75 volunteers help deliver services to members of the Village. Transportation is the most requested service of the many services offered.

On February 1, 2018, NE Village PDX opened its office in Rose City Park at Rose City Park United Methodist Church. The Village has long held regular general meetings in the church and now its office is located there as well, on the second floor of the building adjoining the church. NE Village PDX is excited to be part of local Rose City Park community.

The Village also thanks Our 42nd Ave in Cully by providing a home base there for its first year.

Stop by the new office to get acquainted. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM-3:30 PM at 5830 NE Alameda St. If you are looking for satisfying volunteer opportunities or needing to find help for yourself or a family member or friend to stay in their home comfortably and safely, call 503-895-2750 or visit the website: NEVillagePDX.org.



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Neighbors Helping Neighbors Age at Home

To learn more, call 503-895-2750 or visit: nevillagepdx.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sandy's New Neighbor

New Building Rises Rapidly on Sandy Boulevard

DAVID FELLOWS

Neighbors who have recently walked or driven past the intersection at Sandy Blvd & NE 50th Ave have probably noticed the rapidly rising building where the Rheinlander German restaurant used to stand. A project by Venerable Development, signs at the site advertise completion in summer 2018, and according to The Portland Clinic things remain on schedule for a July opening. The progress is impressive, especially when compared to the development of an apartment complex at the former Taco Time property across the street, where seemingly nothing has happened so far.

The handsome building will house brand new medical facilities for The Portland Clinic, offering a comprehensive suite of medical services to the neighborhood, including behavioral health, diabetes services, ear, nose and throat, family medicine, foot and ankle/podiatry, gastroenterology, gynecology, internal medicine, laboratory services, manual medicine, neurology, physical therapy, primary care and radiology. Established in 1921, The Portland Clinic - a RCPNA Community Partner organization - is one of Oregon's oldest private medical groups, and this new office should improve access for all patients on Portland's Eastside.

Many Rose City neighbors are most curious about the "basics" retail store that will be located on the ground floor. At root a specialty foods store, "basics" is a first-of-its-kind concept created by Chuck Eggert, founder of Pacific Foods. Beyond offering high quality family staples like sustainable meats and locally-sourced vegetables, basics will offer meal assembly kits designed for busy families, as well as space for community education classes on nutrition and meal preparation. A further partnership with Concordia University Portland will provide students with hands-on training opportunities in The Portland Clinic, as they also serve as instructors in the basics nutrition and wellness classes at the store.

All in all, while the unique character of the Rheinlander building on Sandy will undoubtedly be missed, the project seems poised to provide Rose City Park with a new hub of health and wellness activity. Readers can count this writer among those who will be eager to check out the "basics" retail concept later this summer.



MadGrad Fundraisers

Help Madison High Grads Celebrate in Style

AMANDA REED



MadGrad is a sober. chaperoned party Madison Seniors following Commencement. We currently fundraising to offset costs of this celebration for our 2018 Seniors. Safe grad- night parties are very important, as May and June

(prom and graduation) see the most incidents of teen deaths. Aside from their well-being, we want to see our students enjoy a memorable night together celebrating their great accomplishment!

While Madison is one of the culturally- richest PPS high schools, fundraising is often challenging. Many graduates believe they won't be able to afford MadGrad, but we want to make it accessible to as many graduates as possible. Our fundraising goal is \$5000. This would cover the cost of venue, food and drink, decorations, and entertainment.

We are focusing on two fundraisers to help us reach this goal. We have a Go Fund Me campaign— a simple, direct way to donate: https://www.gofundme.com/MadGrad2018. Secondly, April 29th we are hosting a reception at Milepost 5 (http://milepost5.net) for the Madison Art Show. This "cocktail party" and auction will highlight various artwork by Madison seniors. Please consider attending this wonderful event! We are also seeking donations for silent auction, food, and beverages for this fundraiser. Contact Amanda Reed (amacasa@ymail. com) for information!



2017 MadGrad participants take a break from festivities for a group photo.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Help Your Neighbors

Neighborhood Resiliency - Your Tool to Survival and Success Before, and After, an Emergency Situation

CRAIG LINDSAY

Are you interested in helping your neighbors be prepared for emergencies?

Would you like to be part of a group making your community more resilient in an emergency? There are all kinds of emergencies to prepare for-from the large Cascadia earthquake and tsunami, to downed trees and power lines, and house fires.

For many of us, thinking about all of the things needed to prepare for emergencies turns our minds off. After all, tomorrow will be soon enough to get ready. But tomorrow is always a step ahead of us because we are always in today. Putting off things that are important but not urgent—like highway and bridge maintenance--doesn't matter until the bridge falls down.

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Emergency Team (RCP NET) would like to establish an emergency preparedness committee of people who would be willing to do outreach and encourage whatever communities exist in our neighborhood to become prepared and to strengthen their ties.



RCP NET envisions a block captain or warden system developing as a result of this outreach. The people on the block would know what skills and tools are available and what special needs are there. People would not need to have the 25 hours training for certification as a NET team member, but they would be able to help their neighbors and help the RCP NET.

Each group would be affiliated with the RCP NET and would be available to help in a large emergency. Contact RCP NET, rosecityparknet@gmail.com, to learn more.

Important Phone Numbers

Provided by the City of Portland and other agencies. See complete list at rcpna.org/helpful-links-info/

Abandoned Vehicle Hotline	503-823-6814	Park Problems (safety, security, maintenance)	503-823-5459
Animal Control Services	503-988-3066	Portland Police Bureau, Northeast Precinct	503-823-5700
Child Welfare Hotline (report child abuse)	503-731-3100	Police Non Emergency (file a report, talk to an officer)	503-823-3333
Crime Prevention Coordinator	503-823-2779	Pothole Helpline	503-823-2867
Drug House Reporting	503-823-3784	Senior Helpline (24-hour hotline, report abuse)	503-988-3646
Graffiti Abatement Hotline	503-823-4824	Streetlight Outage	503-823-5216
Mental Health Hotline (24-hour crisis line)	503 988-4888	Water Main Breaks	503-823-4874
Noise Problems	503-823-7350	Women's Crisis Line (24-hour hotline for battered women)	503 235-5333





CALENDAR

Mar. 28, 7 pm. Communications Committee

Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda St

Mar. 28, 7 pm. Environmental Committee

CNN Office, 4415 NE 87th Ave

Apr. 3, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting

German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

Apr. 11, 6:30 pm. RCP-Neighborhood Emergency Team

Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda St

Apr. 18, 7 pm. Communications Committee
Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda St

Apr. 19, 7 pm. Land Use & Transportation Committee

Owen Blank Head Start, 909 NE 52nd Ave

Apr. 25, 7 pm. Environmental Committee CNN Office, 4415 NE 87th Ave

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May 16, 7 pm. Communications Committee

Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda St

RCPNA General Meeting Agenda

"City Council Candidates and the Residential Infill Project"

Come and Meet Your Neighbors!

Tuesday, April 3rd, 7 – 9 pm. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St. ADA-and transit-accessible. Residents, property and business owners located within RCPNA are encouraged to attend but all are welcome to participate.

7:00 Welcome, Overview of the proceedings, and Introductions

7:15 Multnomah Neighborhood Association Appeal of the Residential Infill Project to the Oregon Land

Conservation and Development Commission

7:25 Candidate Presentations with Question and Answer Session, including a question on their position regarding

the Residential Infill Project

8:50 Wrap-up

9:00 Adjourn



