

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

May 22, 2018

### Meeting Items:

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- **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](http://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, 60<sup>th</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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**