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## *Special Digital-Only Late Summer Update Issue*


### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO PORTLAND CITY CODE - UPDATE**

As you may recall from the Midsummer Special Digital edition of the *Review*, there has been, over the past several months, a considerable amount of discussion about changes proposed to Section 3.96 of the City Code and the impact of reduced funding of neighborhood associations on the future of this system as "proposed" by a select committee. Its changes would delete the standards that require accountability and transparent public involvement, and appear to jeopardize the future of neighborhood associations. The committee was to have been formed as a result of the 2016 Audit of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, to support and expand the Neighborhood Association system to become more inclusive, not to delete the system.

After numerous objections to its timing were received, the City Council **Special Session** (previously intended as a work session) regarding the proposed changes has been rescheduled to November 14, from 5-8 pm, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall. It will be open to the public, and **oral testimony will be heard**. The location will be announced a week prior to the session at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/article/378306>). **Written testimony** may be emailed to [karla.moore-love@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:karla.moore-love@portlandoregon.gov) prior to the session.

At its September meeting, the RCPNA Board approved a letter (see <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HUAgAJI6MpgbvwyTD4Ob6dV0Fo0VSzi0>) to be sent to the Council by Chair Tamara DeRidder. 

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**THANK YOU FOR READING —**

**AND PLEASE SHARE THIS DIGITAL EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER WITH  
NEIGHBORS WHO MAY NOT RECEIVE IT!**

## A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

*The Chair's Note will return in the October issue.*

## RCPNA WELCOMES NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERS

At its regular meeting on September 3, the RCPNA Board voted to add the following in-kind contributors to the Association as Community Partners:

- Silver - Albina Head Start & Early Head Start
- Silver - St. Rose of Lima Parish and School
- Bronze - Tamara DeRidder (TDR & Associates, Land Use & Public Engagement)

These memberships all relate to in-kind contributions to the Association.

*We want to remind our non-profit business neighbors that the Review is a great place to share information about upcoming events. Subject to space and time limitations, we will include it in our next issue at no charge. For lead time and other details, please email [editor@rcpna.org](mailto:editor@rcpna.org).*

*Paid ads are also welcome from any businesses operating in or for the benefit of the Rose City Park neighborhood. For pricing and other information, email [advertising@rcpna.org](mailto:advertising@rcpna.org).*

## CULLY NEIGHBORS TO HOLD TAR SANDS VIGIL

For a long list of reasons (available [here](#)), the Cully Association of Neighbors has taken a position to:

- (a) oppose the expansion of Zenith Energy and all projects for new or expanded facilities that will result in an increase in tar sands transport or storage in Portland,
- (b) urge the City and County officials and agencies to deny all support and permits to Zenith, and
- (c) to pass a moratorium on fossil fuels and deny all future permits for new or expanded fossil fuel facilities.

The Cully Association passed a resolution to this effect in May and will be holding a candlelight vigil in support of their position on Sept. 25, from 7-9 pm, at the Zenith terminal site, 5501 NW Front Ave.

## ABOUT RCPNA

### - Our Mission -

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association works to maintain and improve the livability of the 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 in the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA). There are no dues or requirements imposed that would in any way prevent a person from becoming or remaining a member.



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](http://www.cnncoalition.org).

### Officers:

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Previous issues of the Rose City Park Review are available online at <http://www.rcpna.org/past-issues>.

There is also a collection of RCPNA-related public documents online at <http://www.rcpna.org/documents>  
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The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association has not reviewed and does not endorse any insert that may appear in this publication that does not present activities and events especially for the neighborhood by the Neighborhood Association.

## AID FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Several families lost nearly everything and were displaced by a 4-alarm fire on Aug. 26 near NE 82nd and Siskiyou, and the Lumberyard Bike Park, Grand Avenue Boxing Gym and another unoccupied gym, as well as 59 cars and vans were damaged .

The Lumberyard and Schmizza Pub & Grub are donating a portion of September day pass and pizza sales, and a [GoFundMe account](#) has been established to help the displaced families.

## OTHER CITY ISSUES

### Testimony period now open for Better Housing by Design Recommended Draft

The [\*Better Housing by Design \(BHD\) Recommended Draft\*](#) has been available for public review since the beginning of August, and the City Council will hold a public hearing at 3pm on October 2 (in its chambers at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue) on the proposals for improving the design and livability of housing in multi-dwelling zones. You can testify in person at the hearing or submit written testimony until October 2, about what you support or think should be changed in the BHD proposals.

The BHD project is revising development and design standards in Portland's multi-dwelling zones (R3, R2, R1 and RH) outside the central city (*see* base zones at <https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/zoning/#/zones/base/>), including apartment buildings of varying sizes, four-plexes, townhouses and row houses.

The goal is to be able to create more housing options for households of all ages, incomes and sizes, and the proposed new rules also ensure that new development is healthier, more livable and better connected to streets and neighborhood amenities. The project is being coordinated with the Portland Bureau of Transportation's Connected Centers Street Plan, which focuses on new approaches for creating street connections in East Portland.

For more information, visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/741709>.



## SPIRIT OF PORTLAND AWARDS



The City of Portland's Office of Community & Civic Life is pleased to invite you to the annual Spirit of Portland Awards. This is a family-friendly event. Please save the date!

### 2019 Spirit of Portland Awards

October 15, 2019

Doors open at 5:30pm (featuring fun activities)

Program 6:00 - 8:00pm

Redd on Salmon Street

831 SE Salmon St, Portland, OR 97214

"Since its inception in 1985, the Spirit of Portland Awards has recognized activists, community advocates, and a wide range of committed individuals who serve to advance the Portland community. Awardees embody our city's culture, goals, and an overarching dedication to enriching the lives of their fellow Portlanders."

— Chloe Eudaly, Commissioner



The **RCPNA Events Committee** seeks volunteers and local businesses interested in being involved with RCPNA social events, including Concerts in the Park, the Spring Clean-Up and Community Partner associated events. For more information or to volunteer, email [events@rcpna.org](mailto:events@rcpna.org).

The **RCPNA Communications Committee** is looking for a media coordinator.  
For more information, email [communications@rcpna.org](mailto:communications@rcpna.org).

The **Rose City Park Playground Project** is in need of a grant writer.  
For more information, email [rosecityparkplaygroundproject@gmail.com](mailto:rosecityparkplaygroundproject@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>September 19, 7-9 pm, Land Use &amp; Transportation Committee</i> Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	<i>September 24, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee</i> Basics Market, NE 50 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & Sandy Boulevard
<i>September 25, 7-10 pm, Cully Zenith Candlelight Vigil</i> Zenith terminal site, 5501 NW Front Avenue	<i>October 2, 3-5 pm, testimony, Better Housing by Design</i> City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue
<i>October 15, 6-8 pm - Spirit of Portland Awards</i> Redd on Salmon Street, 831 SE Salmon Street	<i>October 17, 7-9 pm, Land Use &amp; Transportation Committee</i> Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue
<i>October 22, 7-9pm, RCPNA GENERAL MEETING</i> German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.	<i>October 29 (tentative), 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee</i> Basics Market, NE 50 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & Sandy Boulevard
<i>November 3, 7-9pm, RCPNA Board of Directors</i> German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.	<i>November 14, 5-8 pm, City Council work session re § 3.96</i> Council Chambers, City Hall, 1221 SW Fourth Avenue

## October 22 General Meeting

The regular General Meeting of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association will be held from 7-9pm on Tuesday, October 22, at the German American Society.

Guest speakers will include:

- Marc Jolin, Director of A Home for Everyone, of the City’s Joint Office of Homeless Services
- Officer Bob Boylan of the Portland Police Neighborhood Response Team
- *(invited)* Morgan Tracy, Project Manager, Residential Infill Project, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

## OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

As always, we want to acknowledge and thank our Community Partners, whose financial and in-kind contributions make so many of RCPNA’s activities and events possible:

**GOLD MEMBER:** *German American Society*

**SILVER MEMBERS:** *Basics Market, Laurelwood Brewpub, Portland General Electric, Owen D. Blank Head Start Programs, St. Rose of Lima School, Tamara DeRidder (TDR & Associates)*

**BRONZE MEMBERS:** *Fire on the Mountain, Kara Mumma Real Estate, The Portland Clinic*

## SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

As you may know, the regular publication schedule of the *Review* includes issues in October, January, March and May, the months in which the RCPNA holds General Member meetings. What that schedule does not do is provide the Association with a forum for communicating with members during the five-month stretch between May and October, in which the majority of the Association’s special events occur.

This edition of the *Review* will be posted on the Association’s website ([www.rcpna.org](http://www.rcpna.org)), Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/rcpna](http://www.facebook.com/rcpna)) and Nextdoor (please join our group—[nextdoor.com/groups/21949593](http://nextdoor.com/groups/21949593)), and emailed to the RCPNA email list (you can sign up on the home page at [www.rcpna.org](http://www.rcpna.org)), as are regular editions of the *Review*.

Please let us know what you think about it (you can email [editor@rcpna.org](mailto:editor@rcpna.org))!

