



ROSE CITY PARK REVIEW

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO PORTLAND CITY CODE - UPDATE

As you may recall from the Midsummer Special Digital edition of the *Review*, over the past several months, there has been a great deal 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. The recommended changes would remove 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.

The City Council scheduled a work session but, after numerous objections to its timing were received, changed it to a Special Session on November 14. At its September meeting, the RCPNA Board approved a letter (see <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HUAgAJI6MpgbvwYTD4Ob6dV0Fo0VSzj0>) that was sent to the Council by Chair Tamara DeRidder.

BREAKING NEWS: On Sept. 25, Commissioner Eudaly stated that, rather than the council holding a special session, she would be delivering a report to the Council for its consideration, along with public input. **Written testimony** may be emailed to karla.moore-love@portlandoregon.gov. *[In light of this announcement, as of press time, the actual time and format of the Council meeting is uncertain]*

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5626 NE Alameda Street — ADA Accessible

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

By TAMARA DERIDDER, RCPNA Chair



The air crackles with clarity as fall sweeps in. The wind and rain take their turns sweeping the summer dust away. The regular sounds of kids chattering at the bus stop or running after being let off return and echo along Broadway. The rain has thankfully drenched our trees and shrubs, helping curb our water bill. Preparations for winter now begin.

But, first, I want to share my thanks to all of you who have supported me through prayers and little acts of kindness over the past seven months. My sixth chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma took place at the end of July, and the imaging shows no trace of cancer remains. What I carry with me from this experience will take months to unpack. What comes to mind is that I could not have done this without support of you, my family and friends. No way. I have had the support from my work and my wife to take the time I needed to surround myself with love and light. Family and friends traveled from as far away as West Virginia to help soften the worst of the chemo treatments' impact. Others shared the Naugahyde recliners in the chemo treatment room with me. Friends from St. Michaels and work took turns bringing us food on the treatment days. Neighbors quietly dropped by soup and Magic Mineral Broth. I truly have been blessed! I would not want to live anywhere else but in our neighborhood.

A special note of thanks goes to RCPNA Vice Chair Ed Gorman who, with fellow Board Members and volunteers, pulled off our annual Neighborhood Clean-Up, Concerts in the Park, National Night Out at Normandale Park, and several General Membership meetings, largely without my assistance. I am honored and humbled by this experience.

As I dip my toe back into the rapid current of daily issues, I am saddened to find that the 3.96 Committee continues to recommend to the City Council the deletion of the standards for neighborhood association public involvement, even though they have proven effective for the past 45 years. These standards include language akin to Oregon's Open Meeting Law requirements for public officials, and establishes the practices of transparency in all of our conduct as RCPNA Board elected and appointed members. The Board's recent letter of opposition to the 3.96 Com-

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 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 North-east Portland neighborhood, check out their website, www.cnncoalition.org.

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

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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.

mittee recommendations itemize the Office of Civic and Community Life's failure to follow the Municipal Code's public involvement requirements to include the neighborhood system in the selection of and meetings for the 3.96 Committee Members. Now, at the end of their process, Director Suk Rhee is still trying to sell these damaged goods masked as a code amendment for inclusivity to the very neighborhood association groups it will harm the most.

Best,

# Upcoming Events



## *Aid for Fire Victims*

*Ongoing*

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ForMadisonSouth>

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

The Lumberyard and Schmizza Pub & Grub donated a portion of September day pass and pizza sales, and a GoFundMe account has been established to help the displaced families.



## *2019 Spirit of Portland Awards*

*Tuesday, October 15, 6-8 p.m. (doors open at 5)*

*Redd on Salmon, 831 SE Salmon Street*

The City of Portland's Office of Community and Civic Life will be holding its annual Spirit of Portland Awards presentation. This is a family-friendly event.

Nominees and winners are not publicly identified prior to the awards presentation.



## *45th Annual Veterans Day Parade*

*Monday, November 11, 9:30 am*

*NE Sandy Blvd between 40th and 48th Avenues*

Portland's only Veterans Day parade was established in 1974 by Vernon E. Ross, proprietor of Ross Hollywood Funeral Chapel, to honor all veterans, past and present, living and deceased.

The parade begins at NE 40th and Sandy and concludes at 48th and Sandy, at the flag pole in front of the Ross Chapel, followed by a flag-raising ceremony.

Street parking is available throughout the Hollywood District. As such, parking is limited and we do recommend carpooling or using public transportation.

For elderly or disabled attendees, a drop-off area is available at the Human Bean, just east of 48th and Sandy. Covered seating is on the west side of NE 48th and Thompson, on a first-come, first-served basis.

A special feature of the parade is Dignity Row, a group of organizations that provide veteran support, information, benefits and resources.

To get information about road closures or Dignity Row, to participate in or volunteer during the parade, to join its committee or become a sponsor, or to find out more about the parade's history or to view photos, visit

<https://www.veteransdaypdx.org>.



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# RCPNA PLAYGROUND PROJECT



The Rose City Park Playground Project (RCPPP) is successfully moving forward on plans to revitalize the playground at Rose City Park. Co-Chairs Joe Saraceno and Ben Dudley met with Parks and Recreation asset and planning managers in August to update them on the Committee's progress in raising funds, building community support and a team of volunteers committed to seeing the Project through. Fundraising events during the summer and individual contributions have helped raise nearly \$6,000! There is still a significant way to go to reach the goal of \$100,000 but, with continued support, the Committee hopes to grow fundraising through the support of local businesses, as well as continued individual contributions. The Parks & Rec managers were encouraged by the progress and recommended that the team begin working with a local company to get playground designs for the park and reach out to the Parks Foundation, which has now been done.

The Committee met with Randy Gragg, Executive Director of the Portland Parks Foundation (PPF) in September. The PPF works closely with Parks & Rec but is an independent fundraising organization that has contributed over \$13 million for Portland's parks and park programs since 2001. Randy was enthusiastic about the RCPNP and has committed to help move the Project forward to the planning and assessment phase, which will help in determining the scope of the project. RCPNP and PPF currently have no official agreement or partnership but are working together to identify the scope of the Project, which will help to determine the next steps in the process.

Playground designs are underway! RCPNP has also begun working with a local playground equipment dealer to get some preliminary designs of playground structures for the park. RCPNP and RCPNA will work together to gather community feedback before any final decisions are made. Stay tuned!

RCPNP is grateful for all the community support, volunteers and donations made to the Project thus far. Much has been accomplished and RCPNP is excited about continuing the work of revitalizing the playground at Rose City Park.

Corporate and local business opportunities exist for contributing to this project; please email [rosecityparkplaygroundproject@gmail.com](mailto:rosecityparkplaygroundproject@gmail.com) to learn more.

Individuals can contribute to the RCPNP fund online at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/rose-city-park-playground-project> or by emailing Ben and Joe at [rosecityparkplaygroundproject@gmail.com](mailto:rosecityparkplaygroundproject@gmail.com).

You can also help us spread the word! Follow us at:

- Instagram: [@rcpplaygroundproject](https://www.instagram.com/rcpplaygroundproject) or <https://www.instagram.com/rcpplaygroundproject/>
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/rcpplaygroundproject](https://www.facebook.com/rcpplaygroundproject)

Stay tuned for further updates or feel free to reach out to us!



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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)

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# LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

By KELLY DAVIS

## Proposed Land Use and Transportation (LU&T) Projects

The LU&T Committee meets regularly on the third Thursday of every month from 7-9 pm at Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52nd Avenue. The next meetings are scheduled for November 21 and December 19. Agendas are posted on Nextdoor, on the RCPNA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/rcpna>) and at [www.RCPNA.org](http://www.RCPNA.org). Interested? Please attend!

### **Thompson 6 – 4932 NE Thompson (townhouses)**

The project is in for a building permit.

### **Sandy 51 Apartments - NE 51st Ave. and Sandy Blvd.**

Construction is underway, with completion estimated in late 2020.

### **Umpqua Bank Apartments - 47th Ave. and Sandy Blvd.**

Demolition is complete; construction is scheduled to begin once the permit has been issued.

### **Residential Infill Project (RIP)**

The Updated Recommended Draft has been issued for review, and is expected to go to the City Council for approval in December. With the passage of House Bill 2001 in June, the RIP will reflect additional revisions to comply with that legislation. [Editor's note: See also the article on page 6.]

### **NE Halsey Street**

Representatives from PBOT attended the LU&T Committee meetings in July and September meeting. Highlights of the project include:

- The street plan from 47th-57th has been revised to no parking on either side, with one lane of travel in each direction and a center turn lane;
- Updated intersections/signals:
  - ◆ Halsey, between 47th and 57th (proposed one way traffic on 57th south of Halsey)
  - ◆ new bike route up 61st (Snake Hill) with parking removed and one way traffic down the hill).

PBOT anticipates the design to be complete in July 2020, then bidding and construction.

## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

 **Website.** If you haven't visited out the Association's website (<https://www.rcpna.org>) recently, please do! Improvements continue to be made to make it more user-friendly and to broaden the content. Remember that you can find the *Review* there, too—both the current and past issues!

 **Facebook.** RCPNA is now more active on Facebook. Please "like" our page ([www.facebook.com/rcpna](http://www.facebook.com/rcpna)) and follow us!

 **Nextdoor.** RCPNA's Nextdoor group (<https://nextdoor.com/groups/21949593/>) is posting more regularly on Nextdoor, too, including announcements of events. Please join us!

 **Instagram.** The Association's Instagram account is not currently being updated.



## 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>.

*If you would like to be more involved with your neighborhood association but can't commit to Board membership, there are numerous other ways to participate. Visit [RCPNA.org/rcpna-committees](http://RCPNA.org/rcpna-committees) for more information.*

*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 (our lead time is about 8 weeks), we will do so at no charge (contact [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 (contact [advertising@rcpna.org](mailto:advertising@rcpna.org)).*



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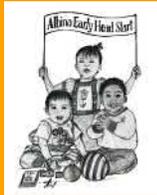
We are proud to announce our newest Community Partners:

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

### ◆ GOLD ◆



### ◆ SILVER ◆



Albina Head Start/  
Early Head Start



### ◆ BRONZE ◆



Tamara DeRidder

RCPNA Community Partners are community-minded organizations and businesses wanting to make a positive impact in their neighborhood through ongoing support. Partners' contributions include financial assistance, which helps fund RCPNA events such as the summer concerts, and makes this publication possible, as well as in-kind contributions such as providing space for our annual Clean-Up event and places to hold our meetings.

Partnerships are available at three giving levels—Bronze, Silver and Gold—and benefits include a mention and your logo featured in every issue of the newsletter (including our new digital editions) and on the RCPNA website, public recognition and speaking opportunities at RCPNA-sponsored events, and a plaque acknowledging each year of support.

#### Community Partnership Levels:

Bronze: \$250-\$499/year

Silver: \$500-\$999/year

Gold: \$1,000+/year

Please email [communitypartners@rcpna.org](mailto:communitypartners@rcpna.org) for more information.



## General Meeting

**Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019 – 7 pm to 9 pm**

The German American Society - 5626 NE Alameda Blvd.

- 7:00 – Welcome and Preview of the proceedings - Tamara DeRidder, RCPNA Chair
- 7:05 – New Business & Public Comment
- 7:15 – **Guest:** Officer Bob Boylan, Neighborhood Response Team – Portland Police (update)
- 7:25 – Committee Updates
  - 1. Budget & City Counsel testimony re Code § 3.96 Committee<sup>1</sup> – Richard Crocket, Treasurer
  - 2. Communications – Lynn Della, Interim Chair
  - 3. RCP Playground Project – Joe Saraceno, Chair
  - 4. Land Use & Transportation Committee – Kelly Davis, Co-Chair
- 7:40 – **Guest Speaker:** Marc Jolin, Director, Home for Everyone - Joint Office of Homeless Services (see <http://ahomeforeveryone.net/whoweare>)
- 8:00 – **Guest Speaker:** RCPNA Chair Morgan Tracy, Project Manager Residential Infill Project, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (see <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/67728>)
- 8:40 – Question & Answer period
- 8:55 – Next Steps – Tamara DeRidder, Chair
- 9:00 – Adjournment

**All neighborhood meetings are, by City ordinance, public meetings and open to all.**

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<sup>1</sup>RCPNA testimony to City Council on 3.96 Committee <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HUAgaJI6MpgbvwyTD4Ob6dV0Fo0VSzj0>

## CALENDAR

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| <b>October 22, 7-9pm, RCPNA GENERAL MEETING</b><br>German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.                                   | <b>November 4 (tentative), 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee</b><br>Basics Market, NE 50 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & Sandy Boulevard      |
| <b>November 5, 7-9pm, RCPNA Board of Directors</b><br>German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.                                | <b>November 11, 9:30 am - Veterans Day Parade</b><br>NE Sandy Blvd. between 40th and 48th Avenues                                      |
| <b>November 14, 5-8pm, City Council special session (§ 3.96)</b><br>Council Chambers, City Hall, 1221 SW Fourth Avenue            | <b>November 21, 7-9 pm, Land Use &amp; Transportation Committee</b><br>Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue |
| <b>December 2 (tentative), 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee</b><br>Basics Market, NE 50 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & Sandy Boulevard | <b>December 3, 7-9pm, RCPNA Board of Directors</b><br>German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.                                     |