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RCPNA General Meeting—January 28, 7-9 pm— Focus on Climate Change

6-7 pm—Potluck and Special Presentation by climate activist Ken Ward

7-9 pm—Regular General Meeting, featuring **STATE SENATOR MICHAEL DEMBROW**, Chair of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee & Co-Chair of the Joint Carbon Reduction Committee

The regular January General Meeting of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association will focus on climate change and what we all can do to minimize it.

Prior to the meeting, starting at 6:00 pm, there will be a potluck and a special presentation by Ken Ward, whose climate change activism was featured in the documentary film “The Reluctant Radical.”

Presentations will also be made by Bernadette Robinson and Advisor Michelle Nicola of the Grant High School Environmental Club, and Officer Bob Boylan of the Portland Police Neighborhood Response Team.

The keynote speaker for the meeting will be State Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee and Co-Chair of the Joint Carbon Reduction Committee, who has represented State District 23 since 2008.

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

Parking will be available in the German American Society lot across NE Alameda.

*Parking may also be available in the Our Lady of La Vang Church lot directly west of the German American Society building; check for a sign at the curb. **This lot will be locked at 9:30 pm.***

CITY CODE - UPDATE

As you may recall from the Midsummer Special Digital edition of the *Review*, there has been a great deal of discussion over the past several months about proposed changes to the City Code and the prospect of reduced funding of neighborhood associations.

After cancelling several presentation of the resolution to the City Council, Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, its primary sponsor, announced postponement of the introduction until after a multi-bureau process has revisited it.

We will keep you updated.

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

By TAMARA DERIDDER, RCPNA Chair



I sit here comfortable with a mug of hot tea in a home warmed by natural gas. It is the time of year when I take measure of what happened over the past year and where I want to be by this time

next year. There is so very much that needs to get done at home and in our community but what having cancer has taught me is that, as airplane hostesses say for emergencies, first I need to secure the air mask over my face before I can do the same for others. It is my hope that this year my work with the neighborhood association will focus on pursuing equity and equality in all we say and do.

Equity is different from equality and they can be used together as strategies to help produce fairness. Equity is giving everyone what they need to be successful. Equality is treating everyone the same. I would love to live in a world where this type of harmony could exist, so I tend to surround myself with like-minded friends who I find easy access to physically, by mail or social media, but it takes added effort for me to make sure I travel a different route every day, where my path may cross others from different ways of life. I am learning that it is healthy for me not to become too comfortable or sedentary in my body or mind.

When I joined the RCPNA Board over 10 years ago, I became the second of only two women serving on the 10-member Board; the other was the Secretary. Our Board currently has 14 members (it can have up to 21) and almost half are women but I know we still do not fully represent the RCPNA population.

My question to each of you is: *What can the Board do to make itself and our neighborhood association more inclusive and representative of the entire neighborhood population?*

Your ideas need to come with skin in the game, as all of us are volunteers and many of us on the Board end up shouldering part of the load.

As we reach into our imaginations and search our resources on how to better our inclusion, I think it is also important for all of us to remember

that the majority of us are not Native Americans and are extremely lucky to be on the land that we now share.

We are but visitors during this place and time. Walking daily with humility and gratitude for the Ancestors that have shared this same sacred ground is an important part of my daily mindfulness.

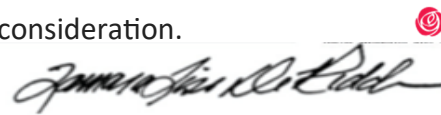
From the Office of Community and Civic Life I share the following information. "The facts below cast a dark shadow on the Portland of today:

- Oregon passed exclusion laws as early as 1844 to prevent African Americans from residing in Oregon. Language in Oregon's Constitution prohibiting African Americans from living in the state was removed only recently: in 2001.
- Oregon once had the largest Ku Klux Klan, *per capita*, in the nation.
- It was not until 1951 that Oregon repealed its law prohibiting interracial marriages.
- As late as the 1960s, cities and towns throughout our state had 'sundown laws,' which prevented African Americans and Asians from staying overnight.
- Before 1988, the majority of the rental housing was 'no children allowed.'"

We who are planning for the next several generations hope you will be mindful in your actions as we work together to address climate change. Equity and equality will be challenged, likely on a daily basis, as a new Dust Bowl emerges in America's Heartland. With scarcity we are often challenged by the reptilian side of our brain. It can easily take over creating an us-versus-them mentality that makes it harder to stay calm and build consensus. But, together, we can take actions that plan for tomorrow, like building a community garden and donating to upgrades to Rose City Park Playground.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peace.



There is a vacancy on the **RCPNA Board of Directors**. Renters and members of other historically under-represented populations are especially welcome. Email editor@rcpna.org.

The **RCPNA Events Committee** seeks volunteers and local businesses interested in being involved with RCPNA social events, and Community Partner associated events. Email events@rcpna.org.

The **Rose City Park Playground Project** is in need of a grant writer. Email rosecityparkplaygroundproject@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



Friends of Trees—Rose City Park Neighborhood Tree Planting

Saturday, January 18, 8:45 am-1:00 pm

Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda

For more information, visit Friends of Trees at <https://friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar>, or contact Jenny, Pablo or Casey at (503) 595-0213 or by email to volunteer@friendsoftrees.org.



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. A GoFundMe account has been established to help the displaced families, and its first payout was made in October.



Groundwater 101

Saturday, January 25, 8:45 am-1:00 pm

McKinstry Company, 10690 NE Mason

A FREE educational workshop about groundwater's basics, including local geology and hydrology, the role groundwater plays in our drinking water system, and what we can do to protect this important resource that lies beneath the cities of Portland, Gresham and Fairview. An interactive workshop with a mix of hands-on and classroom-style teaching, appropriate for adults and high school students aged 17 and up. Light refreshment will be provided. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, visit <https://columbiaslough.org/events/71/> or contact Autumn Lindseth at (503) 281-1132 or by emailing autumn.lindseth@columbiaslough.org.



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ROSE CITY PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT (RCPPP)



Project Continues To Move Forward!

BY JOE SARACENO, RCPNP CHAIR

The Rose City Park Playground Project (RCPPP) has made positive strides toward its goal of installing a new playground structure in Rose City Park. On Tuesday, December 3, the RCPNA voted to donate a \$1,500 matching contribution towards the RCPNP playground fund. That same week, the RCPNP hosted a successful holiday event at the Rose City Golf Course, generously sponsored by concessionaires Hank & H.J. Childs, which raised an additional \$2,000. That, combined with the generous matching contribution, helped raise a total of \$3,500 in just two days. The RCPNP committee is grateful to the neighborhood association, RCP Golf Course, and the residents of Rose City Park for their generous contributions and support.



Pictured, left to right: Ben Dudley, Shalyce Childers, Rachel Gitner, Randy Gragg, Joe Saraceno, Ellen Davis

In other news, Randy Gragg, Executive Director of the Portland Parks Foundation, has become an ally of the Project and is working with the RCPNP team to help them navigate the process with Portland Parks and Recreation. The Foundation is working with PPR to get a total cost estimate for this project, which is estimated to be in the low six-figures. Due to budget constraints at PPR, this project will require private donations to achieve our goal.

If you're interested in contributing to the RCPNP fund, getting involved, or have general questions, email Ben and Joe at rosecityparkplaygroundproject@gmail.com.

You can also go online to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/rose-city-park-playground-project> to make a contribution via our GoFundMe page.

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

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- ◆ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rcppplaygroundproject>



LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

By KELLY DAVIS

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 January 16, February 20 and March 19. Agendas are posted on Nextdoor, on the RCPNA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/rcpna>) and at www.RCPNA.org. Interested? Please attend!

TRACKING NEIGHBORHOOD LU&T PROJECTS

Residential Infill Project (RIP)

Council hearing for the RIP is scheduled for January 15; public testimony is being accepted.

1435 NE 62nd

A three-story mixed use building with three units is proposed, reportedly to be 7,500 sq.ft. Information on parking and other details of the project are not yet known.

5024 NE Fremont

Proposal is for an apartment complex of 18 650-sq.ft. apartments in two three-story buildings, including an outdoor courtyard with lined rainwater planter, waste-recycling room and bike parking. No on-site parking is included (or required).

60th Avenue MAX Station Area Improvements - NE Halsey St (47th-60th); NE 60th Ave (Halsey-Glisan)

PBOT design progress is at 30%, with a July 2020 completion. The Committee prefers a bike route on 60th or 62nd to PBOT's proposed route on 61st (Snake Hill). On December 3, the RCPNA Board voted to formally oppose the proposed bike route on 61st (Snake Hill), with the recommendation that other routes, including those identified by the Committee, also be reviewed and considered.

Our Lady of LaVang Parish - NE Alameda between 54th and 57th

The church has announced its purchase of a larger facility and it expects to have completed its relocation by sometime this summer. RCPNA will stay in touch with the Archdiocese to understand the future plans for the current property.

Sandy 51 Apartments - 51st Ave. and Sandy Blvd.

Construction is underway, with completion estimated in late 2020.

Thompson 6 – Townhouses - 4932 NE Thompson

Project is in for a building permit.

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

Construction is underway for a six-story, mixed-use building with 112 living units above ground-floor retail tenant space, bike/vehicle parking, mechanical and trash rooms; completion date has not been announced. 📞

ABOUT RCPNA

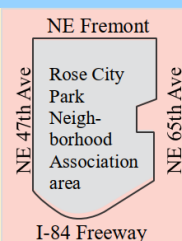
Our Mission -

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 information about the wider North-east Portland areas, check out www.cnncoalition.org.



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There is also a collection of RCPNA-related public documents online at <http://www.rcpna.org/documents>.

OTHER CITY ISSUES

Residential Infill Project—Update


The Residential Infill Project is updating Portland's single-dwelling zoning rules to better meet the changing housing needs of current and future residents. The project addresses increasing the range of available housing options while limiting the size of buildings and improving building design. For more information visit the project website at: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill.

City Council will be holding two public hearings in January: January 15 at 2 pm and January 16 at 5 pm. Oral testimony will be accepted, limited to 2 minutes per person. Both hearings will be located in Council Chambers, 1221 SW 4th Avenue. Written testimony will be accepted prior to the meetings; it must be received by the time of the hearing and must include your name and address.

For more information, visit the website or contact Morgan Tracy, at (503) 823-6879 or by email to Morgan.Tracy@portlandoregon.gov. 

City Council OKs Portland Street Response

In November, the Portland City Council unanimously voted to implement a pilot program, which will dispatch two-person teams staffed by civilians—a medic from the Fire Bureau and a crisis worker—rather than police, to 911 calls that are not specifically medical, such as reports of people lying in the street, yelling in a park or suspected of using drugs, camping on private property, or who need help accessing social services.

The first trial of the program will begin in the spring, in Fire District 11, which covers much of the Lents neighborhood, where calls to 911 have risen 20% over the last few years (compared to 11% citywide). In addition, the Lents neighborhood is geographically small yet diverse. The City hopes to add a second team later in the year; additional locations have not yet been announced. **Continue to use One Point of Contact:** reportpdx@portlandoregon.gov. 

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). Paid ads are also welcome from any businesses operating in or for the benefit of the Rose City Park neighborhood (contact advertising@rcpna.org).

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Tamara DeRidder

RCPNA Community Partners are organizations and businesses wanting to make a positive impact in their neighborhood through ongoing support. Their contributions help fund RCPNA events such as the summer concerts, and make this publication possible, as well as providing space for our annual clean-up event and places to hold our meetings.

Partnerships are available at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, which provide the donors with increasing benefits commensurate with their level of contribution.

For more information, visit the [Community Partners](#) section of our website or email communitypartners@rcpna.org.



OPENHOUSES

Thursday, January 30
Monday, February 3

6:00-8:00 pm

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RCPNA General Meeting

◆ **Theme: Climate Change** ◆

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020

The German American Society - 5626 NE Alameda Blvd.

Please bring potluck foods and beverages to share

Pre-Meeting Potluck and Discussion with Ken Ward,

local climate activist featured in "The Reluctant Radical" documentary film,
and screening of an interview with him (<https://youtu.be/vdTBfqY3rao>)

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting

7:00 - 9:00 pm

7:00 – Welcome and Preview of the proceedings - Tamara DeRidder, RCPNA Chair

7:05 – New Business & Public Comment

7:15 – **Guest: Officer Bob Boylan**, from the Portland Police Neighborhood Response Team - Update

7:25 – Committee Updates

- ◆ Budget – Richard Crockett, Treasurer
- ◆ Communications – Lynn Della, Interim Chair
- ◆ RCP Playground Project – Joe Saraceno, Chair
- ◆ Land Use & Transportation Committee – Kelly Davis, Co-Chair

7:40 – **Guests:** Student Bernadette Robinson and Advisor Michelle Nicola, of the Grant High School Environmental Club

8:10 – **Guest Speaker: State Senator Michael Dembrow** - Chair of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee and Co-Chair of the Joint Carbon Reduction Committee.

8:55 – Next Steps - Tamara DeRidder, Chair

9:00 – Adjournment

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RCPNA CALENDAR

TBD (late Dec/early Jan), 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee
Basics Market, NE 50th Avenue & Sandy Boulevard

January 7, 7-9 pm, Board of Directors—Special Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda Street

January 16, 7-9 pm, Land Use & Transportation Committee
Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52nd Avenue

January 28, 7-9 pm, RCPNA GENERAL MEETING
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda Street

February 3, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee
Basics Market, NE 50th Avenue & Sandy Boulevard

February 4, 7-9 pm, Board of Directors
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda Street

February 20, 7-9 pm, Land Use & Transportation Committee
Head Start at Owen Black School, 909 NE 52nd Avenue