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## Fall General Membership Meeting

### ***Voting Decisions in November - Neighbors Ask The Questions!***

**In-Person October 25th from 7:00-9:00 pm at the  
German American Society located at 5626 NE Alameda St.**

Please join us as we get answers from the candidates to questions submitted by the RCPNA Board Members **and you!** This is a great opportunity to learn more about candidates' beliefs and priorities. Attendees can write out their questions for a candidate and submit it for the RCPNA Vice Chair to read to the candidate during the Q&A session. What do you *really* want to know? Here's your chance!

There are two candidate races of interest in November and one ballot measure making up the pool of voting choices covered in this General Membership meeting.

- ✓ **City Council Seat #3 - Jo Ann Hardesty (or spokesperson) and Rene Gonzales**
- ✓ **Multnomah County Chairperson - Jessica Vega Pederson and Sharon Meieran**
- ✓ **Portland Charter Reform, Measure 26-228**  
**In support: Portland United for Change, Sol Mora**  
**In opposition: Partnership for Common Sense Government, Stephen Kafoury**

The General Meeting Agenda is on the last page of this Newsletter.



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## CHAIR'S CORNER

BY ZACHARY LAURITZEN, RCPNA VICE CHAIR



Hello neighbors! I'd like to start by acknowledging and appreciating Tamara DeRidder, our former chair, for her service to our neighborhood. She led throughout the pandemic, in what was a difficult time for everyone. Thank you, Tamara.

With her resignation, I am honored to step in and serve.

Something the last two years laid plain is the critical importance of relationships and social interaction. In serving our neighborhood, I strive to be part of the building of a socially strong neighborhood, where people know and feel connected to one another. If you're willing to join me, I ask you to take a walk, sit on the stoop, spend time in the park, and come to events. Together we are happier and healthier.

Speaking of connecting, a lot has happened in the last few months and I hope you have had a chance to join some of the action. There's been the concert in the park, our neighborhood yard sale, the mulching of trees in Frazier park, the community event at Rose City Park Golf Course, ebike rides with neighbors, confirmation that new play equipment is coming to Rose City Park, a candidate forum for the primary election, the magnificent and ongoing efforts of our neighbors as they rehabilitate the bluff, and many robust and meaningful conversations among the various neighborhood association committees.

As our board reflects on these activities, we are curious: What do you want from your neighborhood association? Please take a moment to visit our website—[www.rcpna.org](http://www.rcpna.org)—and complete a short survey giving us feedback about what we can do to improve our community.

Here's to a magnificent fall! Wishing you all the best. Be well! Thank you!

*Zachary Lauritzen*



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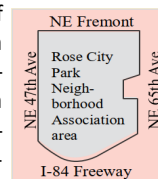
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Membership in RCPNA is open to all persons of voting age who reside, own property or operate a business, government agency or non-profit organization within the boundaries of the neighborhood area (NE Fremont St. to I-84 and NE 47th to NE 65th Avenues). There are no dues or other requirements preventing a neighbor from being a member.



RCPNA is governed by a board of directors, unpaid volunteers who are elected annually at a general membership meeting, and it operates under the aegis of Central Northeast Neighbors, one of several area coalition offices that provide support to Portland's 95 neighborhood associations. Learn more at [www.rcpna.org](http://www.rcpna.org) and social media. For info about partner Coalition members, check out [www.cnncoalition.org](http://www.cnncoalition.org).



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# GROWING FOR THE BLUFF!

BY SUZANNE BRIGGS, ROSE CITY BLUFF

What an exciting year on the Rose City Bluff! Last Spring, volunteer Margaret Kuhn initiated the **Growing for the Bluff Native Plant Seed Project**. In May, she distributed 13 varieties of native plant and grass seeds to nine Rose City Bluff neighbors. The seed varieties included Western Yarrow, Blue Wildrye Grass, Oregon Sunshine, Roemer's Fescue, Prairie Junegrass, River Lupine, and Western Buttercup. By September, these green thumb neighbors had a grand total of **491 starts** for the upcoming Rose City Bluff's Annual Native Planting Day in November!

We welcome volunteers to help us prepare four planting sites at the Oregon White Oak (62<sup>nd</sup> Street), Rose Hill (64<sup>th</sup> Street), Meadow and Bench Bluff (both at 65<sup>th</sup> Street). These sites are already wood chipped; we just need to clear the remaining scattered non-natives. Our **Prep Work Parties**, are Sundays, October 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

November 6<sup>th</sup> is our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Native Planting Day**, the grand finale to our very productive year. Come and catch the spirit of this evolving, rewarding neighborhood project. All Rose City Bluff Restoration events begin at 9:30 a.m. We meet at NE 62<sup>nd</sup> and Sacramento. Contact [RoseCityBluff@gmail.com](mailto:RoseCityBluff@gmail.com) to RSVP for these events and we will share more details including what tools to bring.

Our Rose City Bluff GoFundMe campaign (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/rose-city-bluff-restoration>) will allow us to purchase additional large plants for the planting day. Please consider a donation.



## Land Use and Transportation Projects

BY KELLY DAVIS, CO-CHAIR LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (LU&TC)

*The LU&T Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 7-9 p.m. To join the Zoom meeting, see details on [rcpna.org](https://rcpna.org). The next meetings will be October 20 and November 17. They are open to the public.*

### Hollywood HUB Housing at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street MAX Station

At the July LU&TC meeting, Tri-Met and Bridge Housing presented the latest design for the Hollywood HUB Housing. The original project, presented in July 2021, was for 201 units in a 13-story building. The revised plans include 12 stories with 234 units, 40 parking spaces, and a central courtyard. Bus routes for the 66 and 75 lines will share a pullout in front of the building. They are in the advanced concept phase and will return when more design work is completed.

### Slow Streets

At 64<sup>th</sup> and Brazee, Ben Joy and Sharron Fuchs distributed flyers showing the most recent design for that intersection. PBOT proposed to replace the existing candlesticks with 13 round concrete planters. Neighbors were encouraged to vote on whether to accept this design. There was low response resulting in a tie (six in favor and six against). The Committee encouraged PBOT to come up with an alternate design that had fewer planters (7-9). Also, at 64<sup>th</sup> and Sacramento, PBOT began installing two bollards with signs atop. The Committee asked PBOT to place the signs at the curbside, but the design had progressed too far and could not be changed.

### Completing Sidewalk Infrastructure

Neighbor Raymond Saul had crafted a letter to Adena Long, Portland Parks Director, and the Portland City Commissioners to address the unimproved streets along Rose City and Normandale parks. Some Committee members stressed that neighbors affected by adding sidewalks be notified of our informational communications and potentially invited to a future meeting.

### Traffic Changes at Sandy/Alameda/57th

Scott Coehn from PBOT attended the May LU&TC meeting to share the latest plan to change Alameda at 57<sup>th</sup> & Sandy to a one-way, westbound street. The topic was further discussed at our June and July meetings. Although Committee members and neighbors were not pleased with the plan, Scott Coehn said it should be completed this summer and any feedback from the Committee would not affect the installation.



# MFS CASH OREGON VOLUNTEERS

BY AMANDA GLAZER, METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICE - CASH OREGON

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## E-BIKE RIDES RECAP

This summer, RCPNA partnered with Biketown Bikeshare to host two electric-assist bicycle rides in our neighborhood. Led by Zachary Lauritzen with a total of seven participants, the events were small, but meaningful! Zachary gave a talk about the advantages of e-bikes, how to check in/out the bikes, and some instructions about starting and riding the bikes. Before long, every rider was comfortable enough to ride down the ridge and then pedal back up a relatively steep incline! "I had such an enjoyable time that I'm now seriously considering purchasing one myself!", said rider Sheri Gorman. Look for more events in the future to support transportation options in our neighborhood!



# THE PORTLAND HORSE PROJECT LIVES ON

BY MICHELE HEILE, RCPNA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Walking around the neighborhood, I see a beautiful painted horse, and then another, and another. Every horse I pass is unique, beautiful, and makes me smile. I wonder who is painting these fun works of art? It's our resident artist and neighbor, or should I say "neigh-bor", Derek O'Bannon. It's been around since the mid-2000s. There's a lot of history and photos online and Derek is adding his own colorful spin to a long-running art exhibit.



Derek O'Bannon installs one of his painted horses

I met with Derek to learn more about his art and his painted horses. What a talented and amazing artist he is. Here's what he shared.

## What inspired you to bring the Portland Horse Project to our neighborhood?

*"It was one free horse that I found someone was giving away. I thought it would look neat outside and look really neat painted. People were really responsive to it, especially the kids in the neighborhood. I started finding more and giving them away. The horses are usually plastic, all sizes, but mostly around 2 feet tall with manes and tails."*

## How many have you painted and shared with your neighbors?

*"I've been painting the horses since 2019, so probably close to 100. A lot are little horses. I make boxes and put them out for anyone to take. I like to know where the big horses are going. I don't want them to be stuck inside, or in a backyard. As art, I want them out for everyone to enjoy. I love public art! It's always been one of my favorite things."*

## Where do you find your horses?

*"I find them at Goodwill. Some are donated by people around the neighborhood."*

## What is your favorite thing about doing this?

*"It's the joy it gives people in having a horse. A lot of people say they don't have kids, or a historical horse ring in their curb, but that's OK. I say, put them out and kids will come, horses are for everyone, and everyone enjoys them. I love painting and sharing them."*



I agree! I just got a horse of my own and couldn't be more excited and prouder to display him. Derek installed this painted beauty in my front yard (see photo). The horses can be found all around the NE Sacramento blocks. See how many you can find!

If you are interested in a horse of your own or being part of the Horse Project, please contact Derek at [63HorsesPDX@gmail.com](mailto:63HorsesPDX@gmail.com).





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# WALKER AWARD

In honor of longtime RCPNA Chair George M. Walker and his wife Esther Walker, Rose City Park Neighborhood Association honors members of our community that demonstrate outstanding participation, involvement, and advocacy in and for activities impacting the neighborhood.

The **WALKER Award** is being given to **Kieu-Oanh Nguyen**. She has a long history of service to her community. For years, she tirelessly supported immigrants as they transitioned to Portland and needed assistance navigating processes such as citizenship, school, health care, etc. Kieu-Oanh served on the RCPNA Board for nearly a decade and was a leader in disaster preparedness, trained in emergency response, and on the Neighborhood Emergency Team. More recently, she supported her vulnerable neighbors during the pandemic, helping them navigate the vaccination process, especially in the early months of distribution. Thank you, Kieu-Oanh, for your energy, effort, and service in support of others.



## OUR HISTORY ON DISPLAY



Knowing a community's history connects us to our land and to each other. Here in our vicinity, Rocky Butte was a volcano 285,000 years ago. Though volcanoes shaped the land, it was the Missoula Flood that carved the Alameda Ridge and provided the flat land for the Rose City Golf Course. Eleven thousand years ago the first Native Americans began calling this land their home. In the early 1900's, Portland Country Club and Livestock Association built a racetrack and a grandstand for 8,000 people to attend horse, motorcycle, and car races. In 1909, the third national airshow ever highlighted a biplane racing a 1909 Buick down the racetrack.

All of this history is on display at the Rose City Golf Clubhouse. The clubhouse itself was built in 1932 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The

Register is the official federal list of properties that are significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, and engineering. Inside the clubhouse is the Rose City Grill, which is open to the public for breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Plan a visit and learn more about the 285,000 years of this land we now call home. The Clubhouse is open every day, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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# RCPNA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 - 7:00-9:00 pm

In-Person Public Meeting (opens at 6:45 pm)

Location: [German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda Street](#)

## PROGRAM

- 7:00 pm Welcome, Announcements, Walker Award
- 7:15 pm General Election Introduction
  - City Council Seat, Position #3
  - Multnomah County Chairperson
  - Portland Charter Reform
- 8:45 pm Committee Reports
- 9:00 pm Adjournment

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



## RCPNA CALENDAR

All RCPNA meetings are open to the public. Meetings are 7-9 pm unless otherwise noted.

Oct 20, Land Use & Transportation Committee	Dec 6, Board of Directors
Oct 25, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Dec 15, Land Use & Transportation Committee
Oct 31, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee	Dec 16, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee
Nov 1, Board of Directors	Jan 3, 2023, Board of Directors
Nov 17, Land Use & Transportation Committee	Jan 19, Land Use & Transportation Committee
Nov 28, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee	Jan 30, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee

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