

Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) Land Use and Transportation Committee Meeting Notes

September 15, 2022 – ZOOM Call

From – Kelly Davis

Meeting Items:

- 1. Welcome & Introductions – Kelly Davis**
- 2. Attendees – see attendee list below**
- 3. Land Acknowledgement Statement – deferred**
- 4. RCPNA Mission Statement - deferred**
- 5. Neighborhood Agreements - deferred**
- 6. Agenda – Approved**

Sharron: Add 57th and Alameda (was left off)

Terry adding “new speed bumps near 62nd between Halsey and Broadway” to agenda. I watch school buses bounce over them.

Ben: 1200 cars a day flow through that area.

Jenny: That’s in the area where I live. I have heard so much positive feedback from the people on my block. People nearby are excited about new speed bumps, 10 to 12 people are super excited about the new speed bumps.

Ben: they are more important in that area

Terry: thinks they make cars too busy

Jules: looks like speed bumps coming to Alameda

Terry: I have seen those markings as well

Kelly: Moving along

1. Minutes – June 16, 2022, LU & T meeting

Kelly: edit from Nick for Andrew Purkey

Sharon: Jenny’s comment from minutes regarding notification of agenda item

New Business

- **Replacement for Tamara**

Kelly: Replacement for Tamara. We discussed in July. No one stepped up to chair in August so there was no meeting. Anyone want to be co-chair?

Terry: I would if it was in-person. "Winging it on Zoom"

Kelly: Can anyone be an emergency back-up? Asked CNN about equip training for hybrid.

Ben: Zachary reached out to me—message was delayed by a week. At my church we have the capability. We could do hybrid if we brought a laptop.

Jenny: I have tried hybrid meetings. Some people calling in, some in person. I don't think it works with just laptop. Speakers aren't really heard. Additional technology would be needed. It's really hard with just a laptop.

Ben: I can provide an interface...

Jenny: It's the audio, not the video that's the problem

Ben: we can plug in outside mikes into laptop. Requires someone else to manage tech. Too much for me to handle. Could plug in a camera and different mike. It's not super simple. Must be in the room where the meeting is,

Kelly: we are holding off on hybrid until further notice.

Sharron: meetings and covid are hit and miss. I will feel more comfortable in person after my next booster. Are we streaming on Youtube?

Kelly: Correct.

Kelly: I will send out poll to LUPC members to see if we are comfortable with in person meeting.

Ben: I walked in yesterday to Credena(?) at 5050 Hoyt by Providence. Got the new shot, no waiting.

Sharron: Thank you. LeCare is walk-in as well

Kelly: I still need a co-chair. I need a back-up. Otherwise, I will make Sharron do it (ha ha).

- **Guest Speaker for October?**

Kelly: I think we invite a guest speaker to our November meeting. Any suggestions?

Terry: I heard something about PBOT requiring e-charging with new apartments and on streets. My feeling is that there should be parking required with new buildings. It's another issue that will affect us. May be too early to talk about it.

Sharron: Tree canopy? Bluff restoration? Water bureau?

Kelly: Something relevant to LUTC

Jenny: Fire gave a presentation on fire safety—sort of falls under land use. Addresses safety awareness. Was presented at CNN

Terry: I don't remember a fire bureau presentation

- **New Items from Committee Members**

Ben: I would love to know how Glenview manages to have a walking path and nice restaurant. How can we do that at our _____ golf course

Terry: there is a study to create a golf course path

Ben: would like to know where that is at

Terry: There would be access points at various locations. I heard about it several months ago.

Ben: We should have a vision of this wonderful resource. For families and others. We could come up with a vision. When things come up we could see if that is where we want to go.

Kelly: can you coordinate that presentation?

Ben: I'm at peak of work season right now

Kelly: doesn't have to happen right away. Terry, who would we ask?

Terry: I have email of person who planned community day and he probably knows about path plan

I believe study is funded by Metro but is being done by Portland Parks. There were going to discuss it more at Community day...

Ben: I will reach out to Metro

Kelly: sounds great. Any other new business items?

Unimproved Streets in RCP – Draft Letters to Parks Director and Commissioners

Kelly: Moving on to unimproved streets project. Raymond is frustrated but has conflict. Zachary made some adjustments to letter Raymond put together for parks bureau. I was unable to access the redrafted letters because of Google issues. Are we actually going to send these letters? If we have letters that don't reference neighbor's properties and only address parks bureau?

Sharron: Can we see the letters first before we hold a vote?

Kelly: yes.

Sharron: That's what we discussed several months ago.

Kelly: Last letters still had references to routes to parks. I will work with Zachary to redraft letters—to get rid of references to routes to parks.

Safe Routes to School – Sacramento and 64th – Candlesticks vs. Concrete Planters New layout from PBOT – ADA Access

Kelly: On to 64th and Sacramento...(Kelly is sharing screen of revised PBOT draft plan)

PBOT has proceeded with 7 bollard layout. Scott says he does not have final approval from chief engineer. I am intrigued, it seems not as intrusive. It changes from 13 planters to 7.

Terry: It's not as intrusive. The one concern I have with this drawing is that it seems like the bollards at each end need to come in a little so drivers don't come into the protected area—so drivers don't come into the crosswalk.

I suggested the 3 bollards set back into the yellow paint to keep cars out. I'm for this new change—it's much less intrusive. But his looks a whole lot better.

Sharron: what is the circle B?

...Something not sent along with drawing...

Kelly: What do we do now?

Sharron: Should go back to Board

Kelly: How should we inform neighbors and if it's worth taking another poll?

Ben: I don't think we will get a new answer.

Sharron: I don't know if we need a poll but they need to be informed. If we go back to the board for a vote I'm happy to pass out fliers.

Terry: The next (October) Board meeting is a general board meeting. So next actual board meeting is in November.

Sharron: I have a problem with lack of accessibility—the southernmost curb—there is not a ramp on Brazee at 64th. One of the people who volunteered to take care of plants has accessibility issues. And people cut through. They don't always go up onto the sidewalk.

Ben: It's funny. I'm not even going to vote on this. I drove home last night with a friend here. He was completely confused about what to do. This is horrible. I want to hold PBOT accountable to making something that accomplishes safe crossing and safe driving. None of this does any of that.

The data they have on speeding is from 2017. They won't take measurements for another year. I watch idiots speed down this street everyday. I hope we push to truly slow this down and make it safe for kids.

Susan: The way to make it safe for kids is to direct them down Brazee.

Ben: I agree. And it would be less expensive. And a traffic circle would have stopped it.

Sharron: I learned from the newspaper that Brazee is a safe routes. Be that as it may, I would like to send this back to the board for a vote. I would like to request that the ADA ramp be put in.

Kelly: I will ask Scott Cohen about the ramp at Brazee/64th even though that might be outside of PBOT's jurisdiction. We will bring this to the board meeting for them to vote on. Sharron will distribute fliers for the November meeting.

Andrew: what is our action? I thought our role is to recommend an action.

Kelly: Correct. We are recommending that this layout be taken to the board for their decision.

Terry: Usually when we send something to the board we make a recommendation.

Sharron: I make a motion that this draft with 7 planters is acceptable to LUTC with a recommendation for an ADA accessible ramp on North side of Brazee at 64th is acceptable. And go back to Board for review and vote.

Terry: I second

Jenny: Do we need to say that we approve this, or we recommend that you vote on it?

Kelly: We recommended that you approve. Motion is approved.

Concrete bollards and signage at 64th / Slow Streets – Concrete Bollards/Signage Latest Information from PBOT

Kelly: Recap for those not at Board meeting. At 64th back in April, Scott was here—we asked if signage (in bollards) can be moved backed to curb. He wasn't willing to go back and re-engineer the solution—would only consider signage at 62nd.

I had led attendees of a previous LUTC meeting to believe that Scott had agreed to move the signage to the curbside which was essentially not true. So, Tamara said she would go to City Council to get the issue of signage overturned. Tamara said she would talk to Scott's boss, Chris Warner, Director of PBOT.

I reached out to Scott to see if we could move these signs to the curbside or another location? Scott said no.

Then I pointed out the challenge with the view corridor. Scott—conducted a sight visit from 64th and Brazee—from the corner the signs do not block view of Mt. Hood. See snipped image from 1991 ordinance. Kelly is sharing 3 photographs from Scott Cohen. Scott says placement follows 1991 ordinance. We (PBOT) are not planning on moving the signs.

Kelly is sharing 3 view photos from Scott.

Terry: It's my understanding that the houses on Sacramento are paying extra in taxes for the view corridor but if the view corridor is blocked they shouldn't be paying that extra tax.

Kelly: I don't think there is much we can do at this point.

Sharron: A viewpoint may be a general location. For him to state that one is on the south side he doesn't know that—he's making that up. From my view it's at the tip of the triangular shaped lot. We'd have to go back and look at some other things. I can look for the information that was used to select this particular area.

Terry: if we want to challenge this we should go straight to the top not that she is going to respond if we do that I wouldn't mention Scott's name. Say this violates the view corridor.

Ben: PBOT is not going to listen

Terry: They don't listen to anyone.

Sharron: We'll have to do the research.

Ben: The purpose was to slow traffic, I agree with that. PBOT took measurements (in 2017) but never did again. There is no data. I can only say that from walking, biking, driving I don't see any change to speeders. We should push them to solve the problem of speeders.

Susan: I see that it's a dangerous thing for LUTC to approve this because this does not solve the problem. I feel passionately about this. I think it is ridiculous.

Sharron: You're talking about this new draft with the 7 planters?

Susan: yes

Sharron: Your view would be to paint a cross walk and get rid of the bollards?

Susan: No planters and get rid of the yellow paint. It's hideous.

Ben: I would put the crosswalk right down Brazee. Put in a traffic circle.

Terry: If you look at 102nd and Pacific where PBOT has put in a traffic circle. It does make more sense. But to get PBOT to that is difficult. They like to waste money.

Ben: I would rather have the LUTC hold PBOT to account for slowing down traffic with a new plan.

Sharron: They said they would do a traffic study in a year.

Kelly: I can ask Scott if they are taking measurements in a year. I'll have to check on the timeline.

Ben: Scott and I went back and forth on this. I will forward the email. He told me a year. Drivers are going too fast on the speed bumps. We want our streets to be safe and our streets to be beautiful.

Sharron: At that intersection we have multiple projects. The crosswalk with candlesticks and you have the slow streets project.

Kelly: They are two different projects.

Sharron: Exactly. The speeding issue is an overall issue everywhere in Portland. People are concerned about that. This diagram is only in regard to the crosswalk. My personal understanding is that PBOT will not remove that crosswalk. Will not remove without placing a physical barrier. It is my understanding that PBOT will not remove the paint.

Kelly: I think you are right.

Sharron: We have two choices: Leave as it is (crosswalk/yellow paint/candlesticks) or accept some modification which is currently the 7 planters in the diagram.

Ben: But that doesn't mean that we have to accept that.

Susan: I think it's a mistake for the LUTC to make an approval of that.

Ben: We should demand more.

Sharron: If we don't accept the modification now then we are accepting it as it is.

Ben: It looks like hell either way.

Sharron: We are only talking about a crosswalk and protecting people crossing the street. That's it. We are not talking about the barriers, not talking about the slow streets project.

Terry: That's why I accepted the change in planters. There are two issues—the crosswalk and speeding on Sacramento. If the speeding continues, we can bring it up again. Then we can hit them with not creating safe streets.

Ben: The goals are the right ones. Getting kids to school safe. Slowing people down. But we should hold them accountable to do the right things. I don't accept it.

Terry: Sharron is right if we don't accept the change then we get what's there.

Ben: Tell them to remove all that mess and we want a traffic circle.

Sharron: I believed that one of your neighbors asked for a traffic circle and Scott said no. If you want to write PBOT and ask again I would be fine with that.

Ben: We should ask for what we want regardless of what PBOT says.

Kelly: All we've heard is there is not money for what we would like. We are looking for an interim solution now. The planters can be moved.

Ben: Whatever the committee wants to do. I'll keep pushing and sending emails to Scott.

Terry: My hope is that the current Commissioner of PBOT gets voted out.

Ben: You don't know if the new commissioner will listen anymore either.

Terry: Mingus would listen.

Andrew: Maybe can we do both—can we recommend to the Board that what is offered is better but we will continue to push for a traffic circle?

Terry: Do you want to make that a motion?

Andrew: Yes.

Ben: That is a good idea.

Terry: We will write a letter that the planters are okay for now but are not the long term solution.

Jenny: I doubt you could put a traffic circle in there. You need to allow for large vehicles. Intersections that accommodate traffic circles are very large.

Sharron: It's a pretty big area there. Ideally someone would pay for a design. Shoulder extension paid for by neighbors. That was not a PBOT paid thing.

Ben: That is not my understanding. But it could be.

Crosstalk about property taxes...

Ben: Maybe we shouldn't say a traffic circle—the solution that is in place truly did not slow traffic, there has got to be a better way.

Susan: there are traffic circles at 53rd or 54th by the new deal café—they are on narrow streets (53rd)

Nick: Did you all see what happened with the Tillamook and 7th traffic circle? PBOT is proposing to remove it and the neighbors got upset last night.

Ben: That's a street with a yellow line in the middle. There's more traffic on that than Sacramento. Would like to know the data around that decision.

Nick: There was a comment that PBOT is moving away from Traffic circles.

Ben: I'll ask Scott Cohen about that.

Sharron: At that circle there was a bicyclist — the circle has vegetation in it — the bicyclist hit a car head on. The cyclist happens to be a judge. Broke his shoulder. It's actually 7th and Russell.

Andrew: Should I revise my motion?

Kelly: We are concerned whether a traffic circle is a viable solution but something more permanent is what everybody would like.

Andrew: Something permanent like a traffic circle is what my motion would be about.

Andrew: I will rescind my motion if someone would like to make a (more clear) motion.

Ben: If we want to say go ahead with the new bollards and tag on to it that there will need to be a review of how effective they are.

Andrew: A review and proposal?

Ben: I'm apprehensive to give a proposal. From the start I thought there should have been options with pros and cons, costs. Come up with something that fits the neighborhood. What they've come up with fits the budget but does not solve the problem.

Sharron: can you restate that?

Ben: We would be okay with the revised bollards but we would like to review the goals with the data— safer traffics, safe for kids—look like it fits in. If it does not meet the goals we want new options to review.

Sharron: and visual aesthetics.

Ben: yes I would like it to look better but some people take offense when we say that.

Sharron: I mean in regard to the designated viewpoint.

Ben: Yeah I would like it to look like it fits in. I don't want my block to look like it's in a Walmart.

Andrew: As residents I think that's all you can do.

Sharron: I second the motion.

Terry: What is the motion?

Ben: I make the motion that we approve the new planters—the 7—and we want data that traffic has been calmed and the crosswalk is safer. If it has not met the goals, we want alternatives that fit the aesthetics of the neighborhood and makes it safe.

Kelly: The motion carries. (no one opposed)

Sharron: Did we get rid of the initial motion—include ADA and view corridor?

Terry: One piggybacks the other.

Sharron: So the ADA change for the sidewalk will be in there? And the acknowledgement of the scenic viewpoint? (include in the above motion by Ben)

Broadway and 47th

Kelly: We did not take any action.

At 47th and Broadway one of our interns, Joe Anderson suggested we ask for a light or crosswalk be added because it is not safe — we discussed what we would do about it and did not take action. Tamara found out that that intersection was designated as a safe crossing(?).

Sharron: Didn't we vote to ask for a crosswalk?

Kelly: We discussed writing a letter.

Terry: One person (chair of Hollywood Assoc.) said change not needed. Do we want to use the view triangle for this intersection?

Sharron: Jenny was at that meeting and there would be no parking removed. We voted to add a crosswalk and no one objected. If no letter has been written I propose that we write a letter. I make a motion to ask PBOT to add a crosswalk at 47th and Broadway.

Nick: Seconded.

Jenny: Abstaining, lost track.

Ben: I will walk through there everyday when I am in the office. I will vote for it.

Kelly: I am going to figure out who to write the letter to.

Jenny: Would the crosswalk be on Broadway or 47th?

Kelly : across 47th

Jenny: would an eastbound bus come around that corner?

Terry: if you put it on the north side the bus would be turning down Broadway. Maybe the motion should suggest putting it on the north side only.

Alameda/57th/Sandy

Kelly: Alameda at 57th. The way we left this is that PBOT is proceeding. Scott said work will begin this weekend regardless of the negative input. He has promised to monitor the situation at several locations. It's one more thing that PBOT is shoving down our throats.

Terry: The thing that is ridiculous is that this is that you still you have the bicycle lights.

Nick: The stated purpose of greenways (Alameda is a greenway) is to create safer paths of travel for people not in cars.

Terry: PBOT only listens to cyclists.

Other Items

Kelly: Those are all the agenda items for tonight. Any others?

Jules: We'll see how construction progresses as stated by Scott. Not optimistic. It's good to be informed.

Jenny: The conversation about adding crosswalks at 47 and Broadway. How do we add items to the agenda? How can we add crosswalks to Halsey? Between 60th and 74th.

Terry: Lots of people from Providence walk through this neighborhood.

Kelly: will add to agenda for next meeting.

Sharron: items can be added at beginning of Meetings.

Terry: Let's also add vision triangles.

Kelly: Entertain motion to terminate meeting.

Sharron: second

Jenny: third

- **Motion to adjourn – next meeting October 20**

In attendance:

Kelly Davis	LU&T Committee Member
Terry Parker	LU&T Committee Member
Ben Joy	LU&T Committee Member
Sharron Fuchs	LU&T Committee Member
Andrew Duchon	LU&T Committee Member
Jenny Lyman	LU&T Committee Member
Susan Ferguson	Neighbor

Chella Fedota

Neighbor

Jules Fedota

Neighbor