Rose City Park Neighborhood Association

Thursday October 20, 2022 - Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC) Meeting - DRAFT

Meeting Held Via Zoom (recorded on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLHrKoLVEvQ)

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**

Kelly, Zachary, Jenny, Sanjeev, Sharron, Terry in attendance.

Agenda

Additions approved

Minutes

Minutes accepted

NEW BUSINESS

- Co-Chair and/or Back-up for Kelly
    - Terry to serve as back-up co-chair for in-person meetings
- Guest Speaker for November?
    - Glendoveer Walking Path – Rose City Golf Course
- Crosswalks/Vision Triangles on Halsey - Jenny
- New Items from Committee Members
    - LUTC List Serve

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

- Safe Routes to School – Sacramento and 64th –
    - To Board in November - ADA Access
- Slow Streets – Concrete Bollards/Signage
    - Update from Merrill?
- Red Lane Pilot Project – Sandy-57th-Alameda
    - Comments from PBOT
- Intersections and Impaired Sight Lines – Broadway and NE 47th – Letter to PBOT?
- Check In: Member Issues of Concern

Accepted

Guest Speaker for November

Golf course walking path? Someone to present? – Ben/Terry

Sharron: person involved in restoration of bluff—Daniel Soebbing-- is an environmental planner with City, coordinates testimony for e-zoning of golf course. He is very knowledgeable about bluff restoration. Says we should transition into drought resistant planting. Sharron will reach out to him. Either Nov 17 or Dec 15.

Zachary suggests a follow up from someone from Metro or similar agency

Kelly: Ben has talked to Paul Slimon of Metro on Oct 13. Metro manages Glendoveer Park and that Path. Portland Parks manages the golf course. Paul does not have visibility of projects pending for the Course. Paul would be willing to talk to Portland Parks if we have a contact.

Terry: Metro is funding study for a path—that's all Terry knows from his contact Vincent

Resolution: Sharon to reach out to Daniel Soebbing of PBOT with follow up guest from Metro (Kelly to contact?)

Speed Bumps on 62nd/Halsey

On 62nd Halsey to Thompson, then to Tillamook

Terry: wants committee to tell PBOT we want to know about these projects before they happen

Curve rails are coming to 58th and 59th too that they didn't tell us about. I don't have a problem with the ramps but want to be informed.

Who Should receive LUTC emails

Kelly: only committee members or anyone who requests?

Zachary: The emails are for sharing information ahead of meetings I assume—so there should be no harm in sharing information. What is the concern with sharing?

Sharron and Ed Gorman share history, origin of LUTC email list.

Motion (by Kelly) that LUPC list is only for LUTC committee members.

Sharron: second

Discussion about who is on list, withholding information, sharing, who decides.

Kelly and Ed will clean up current list.

Zachary: I struggle with the idea of withholding information. I suggest we allow people to stay on list if we know who they are. We can revisit who that is.

Kelly: For anyone who expresses interest?

Zachary: yes

Kelly: who decides?

Zachary: They could go through the chair to make a request to be on list and we let everyone on committee know.

Kelly: We have a motion to restrict list to LUTC members and board members. And then we can vote on Zachary's suggestion.

Vote is tied to restrict list to committee members. 3 to 3.

Jenny: Abstaining, I would like to hear more—I can see points from both sides.

Terry: Somebody might send an email to their list for political or similar purposes.

Resolution: Move topic to November. In meantime will take people off list who have never been members.

Email from Neighbor

Email from neighbor Nick Gross: "this past spring I attended a land use meeting. Prior to the meeting I replied to the email thread with my thoughts on one of the agenda topics. My reply was to the rcpna email list. During the meeting it was firmly and explicitly explained to me that the rcpna and the land use email list discussions were not to be used to voice personal thoughts or opinions on subject matter to be discussed at meetings. I raised this concern because I constantly see people voicing their personal and biased opinions that do not represent rcpna and often are filled with misinformation. I kindly request that you remind people that the email list is intended for the board to share information to interested neighbors and not a forum to allow people to spread misinformation."

No action taken.

In-person meetings

Suggestion to hold November meeting in-person at Owen Blank Head Start. We do not have hybrid capability yet.

Perception of Conflict of Interest

Kelly reading comments from Merrill regarding draft of letters—Merrill claims Zachary has a conflict of interest as a staff member of Oregon Walks.

Because Nick Gross was copied on this item we have comments from Nick Gross: "regarding the latest email from Merrell and the idea that Zachary has a conflict of interest because he promotes walkability—this made my stomach turn—doesn't our neighborhood support walkability?— we should be celebrating the fact that we have someone who is devoting their time to help increase access for people and children to walk, particularly to parks and schools. The city constructs sidewalk infra projects all the time, it does not come at a cost to all property owners."

Discussion ensues with Kelly, Nick P, Jenny not seeing a conflict. Sharon and Terry have concerns that there is a potential appearance for conflict of interest.

Zachary: Shares Oregon statute that the conflict of interest is based on — it's ORS-244.020.

An actual conflict of interest means any action or decision or recommendation by a person acting in a capacity as a public official, the effect of which would be the private pecuniary benefit or detriment of the person or the person's relative or any business with which the person or relative of the person is associated unless the pecuniary benefit or detriment arises out of circumstances described in some subsections below…

I have absolutely no pecuniary benefit personally, I have no familial peculinary benefits. I have zero conflict of interest as a result there's no financial gain for me. When I look at the actual law not just our feelings about the law but the actual law it's pretty clear.

Sharron: We need to look at CNN conflict of interest forms that we signed.

Zachary: I believe the CNN form is based on the state statute.

Sharron: The document we have signed says anything that appears as conflict of interest.

Kelly: Motion to not recognize a conflict of interest for this item.

3 yes's, 2 no's, 1 abstention

Letters regarding unimproved streets/sidewalks around neighborhood parks

Zach and Kelly have made second revision to letters after receiving LUTC feedback.

We told Raymond Saul (who requested we write letters) that the neighborhood land use committee is not going to take it up or the board is not going to take it up and that he solicit neighbors to procure this and put it forth himself and that we not take a position on it at all.

Raymond's response via email: "I am disappointed by the level of opposition and animosity my proposals have provoked from the committee members — letters to commissioner Potter C and director Long that Kelly and Zach have drafted no longer reflect my views (when I approached LUTC in January) and I do not want to be associated with them."

It is unlikely Raymond is interested in pursuing this at all further, not as a private citizen with groups of similarly interested people.

Kelly: There's been expression of interest around sidewalks in the parks—how can we help you or is there any interest in the Parks Bureau doing this. The letter that I edited takes out all references to side streets or anything else.

Concern is expressed that we should not disregard the topic but also not make property owners vulnerable to liens.

Consider making this topic a lead story in the next newsletter so neighbors will have a head up to participate in the discussion.

In the meantime, we will research other avenues.

Safe route to school / Sacramento & 64th

ADA Ramp

Scott Cohen said no ADA ramp currently because they are only dealing in temporary materials.

Bollards

Kelly sent the latest concrete barriers visuals from Scot to Merrill. Has not heard back.

We are taking the revised Planters plan to the Board for approval in November

Red Lane pilot project at 72nd and Alameda

Ed Gorman: expressed some improvements that they could make for safety—the bike crossings are not yet coordinated. Events at Church used to attract many car drivers parking around neighborhood. Main campus has moved to Happy Valley. Attendees are used to exiting east bound to 57th.

Scott's reply: thank you for being solutions oriented—will get back to you regarding solutions

Ed suggests center curb at 54th and Sandy to deter left turners

Many comments here (document separately? Kelly mentioned to possibly forward to Scott Coen)

Final minutes of meeting

Kelly: Our time is almost up—we missed Jenny's crosswalk on Halsey topic

Need Back-ups to Terry to attend to CNN LUTC meetings. Sharron will be back up.