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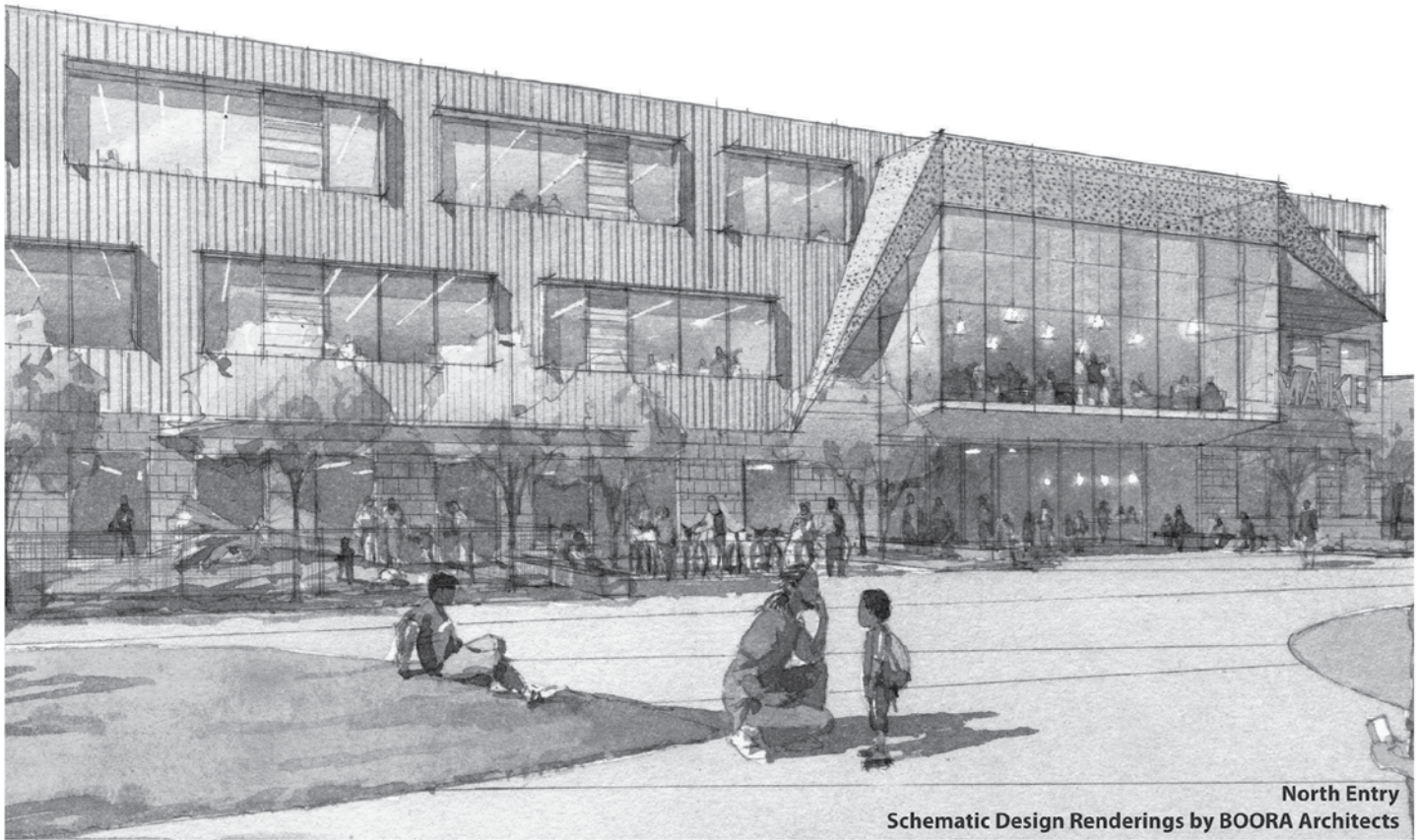
CONCORDIA NEWS

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Portland Public School Building Improvement Bond

Our Faubion, Our Future

The 3 to PhD™ Initiative with Concordia University



North Entry
Schematic Design Renderings by BOORA Architects

Portland Public Schools - Faubion Project Status

The Master Plan for the rebuilding of Faubion was approved by the PPS Board of Education in April 2014. The project is currently in the schematic design phase, which establishes the building layout, materials, and appearance. An Open House is scheduled for Dec.12 from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at Faubion School for the community to view the completed schematic design. For further information check the website

<http://FaubionBond.pps.net>.

Relocation to Tubman School during construction

Faubion PK-8 students will relocate to Tubman School 2231 N. Flint Ave. during construction of the new building. All Faubion students, teachers, and staff, in addition to Concordia’s student volunteers, will be at Tubman for two school years; 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. Yellow school bus service will transport all Faubion students to Tubman School during this time. Students will return to the new Faubion School in September 2017.

PPS/Concordia University partnership: a new model for education

Faubion PK- 8 will become the heartbeat of the neighborhood, offering wrap-around services to Faubion families. The new building will combine Faubion School, the Concordia University College of Education, an early childhood education center, a health and wellness center, and other services for the school community.

Project Funding

The PPS School Building Improvement Bond is funding \$29 million for the project. Concordia University will contribute land, resources and funding (between \$7.5 million and up to \$15.5 million).

3 to PhD™

“3 to PhD™” is the name you’ll hear describing this effort. It is a new concept and unique to the

Faubion partnership. The “3 to PhD™” initiative aims to create safer, healthier and more educated communities – from the earliest stages of life to Pursuing one’s highest Dreams (PhD). For more information visit www.3tophd.com.

Working together to improve student outcomes

Concordia and Faubion have been neighbors for 63 years. During this time, many Concordia education students have completed a part of their field experience at Faubion, including some current Faubion teachers. The partnership intensified seven years ago in order to support student learning at Faubion and Concordia.

Concordia provides 200+ student volunteers each semester helping to improve learning outcomes for Faubion students in reading, math and science and dramatically reducing playground discipline referrals.

Community involvement

Faubion’s Master Plan was developed in partnership with PPS, Concordia University, Faubion staff, BOORA Architects, families, students and community members. Throughout the Master Planning and Schematic Design process to date we have had 28 community engagement meetings, nine Design Advisory Group (DAG) meetings and two Open Houses to share this exciting process with the community.

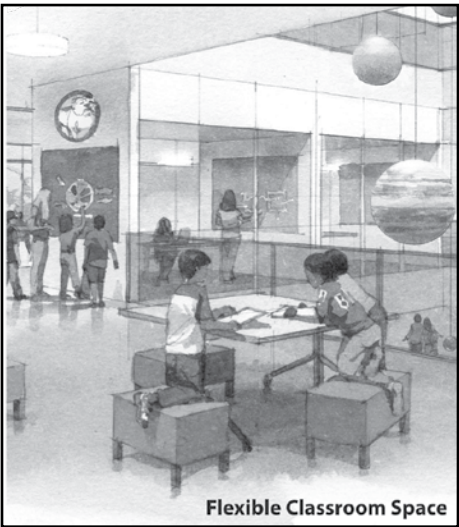
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Tuesday, November 4th
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**Come to the
CNA General
Meeting
Tues, Nov
18th
7 PM - 9 PM
CNA Board
Elections
Kennedy School
Community Room**



Your Invited

Please attend the schematic design open house Friday, December 12th from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Faubion cafeteria.

Get the Latest Updates

Sign up for Faubion updates:
faubionreplacement@pps.net
Faubion Rebuild website:
<http://FaubionBond.pps.net>
Faubion school website:
www.pps.net/schools/faubion/

Where we go from here:

FALL 2014 – SUMMER 2015
Planning, design and fundraising continues.

FALL 2015 – SPRING 2017
Faubion is rebuilt.
Students attend school on Tubman campus.

FALL 2017
Rebuilt Faubion opens.

Concordia Neighborhood Association

Meetings & Updates

Get the latest news at ConcordiaPdx.org

These committees have direct results on the Livability of our neighborhood- with your participation.

Board Meeting

Second Tuesday of the Month
November 11th @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
McMenamin's Kennedy School
Community Room

ANNUAL MEETING of General Membership

Board Elections, November 18
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
McMenamin's Kennedy School
Community Room

Finance Committee

For Meeting times and location visit our website or email: ContactCNABoard@yahoo.com

Policies/Procedures

Contact Katie Ugolini (Chair)
503-449-9690 for meeting time & place

Media Team

Newspaper and Website
Volunteer and join the media team as "Beat Reporter" or manage the CNA Wordpress website.
Email: ConcordiaNews@yahoo.com

Social Committee

If you are interested in helping to plan the Annual Holiday Party, please contact Katie Ugolini (Chair)
503-449-9690 for meeting time and location.

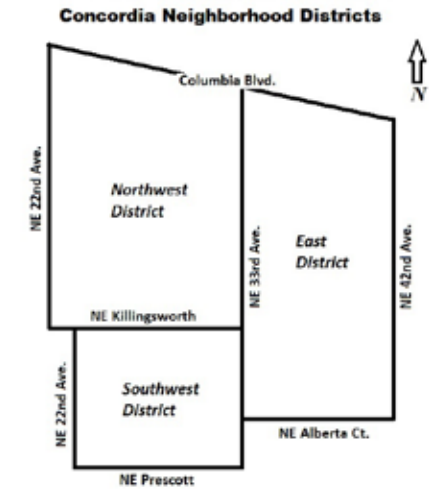
Land Use, Livability and Transportation Committee

Third Tuesday of the Month
October 20th at 7:00 pm
McMenamin's Kennedy School
Community Room

The land use committee grants approval for neighborhood projects.
To hear about and try to solve issues affecting quality of life in Concordia brought to us by community members.

Tree Team Meeting

First Thursday of Every Month
November 6th at 6 pm
Dining Area at New Seasons
www.concordiatreeteam.wordpress.com



CONCORDIA NEWS

Concordia News is a free monthly publication of the Concordia Neighborhood Association. Newspapers are delivered to all residences and many community locations in the Concordia Neighborhood.

Mission Statement

To connect Concordia residents and businesses- inform, educate, and report on activities, issues, and opportunities of the neighborhood.

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2014 CNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Current Board	Title
Daniel Greenstadt	Chair
Steve Elder	E 1
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Isham "Ike" Harris	NW 1
Katie Ugolini	NW 2
Luke Griffin	SW 1
Bill Leissner	SW 2
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Bob Martinek	At-Large #3
Isaac Quintero	At-Large #4
Tonda Liggett	At-Large #5
Truls Neal	At-Large #6
Tracy Braden	At-Large #7

CHAIR’S CORNER

Too Big, Too Small, Too Few, Too Many, Too Ugly.

Sometimes your neighborhood association has to go hunting for a hot topic. And sometimes the topic leaps out at us already on fire.

Such is the case with residential land use and construction issues in recent months. As you may have read in previous editions of the Concordia News, neighborhood worries surrounding residential demolitions and construction have not only been growing in scale, but have been multiplying across a range of distinct but overlapping areas of concern.

Why are houses being torn down? Why do they seem to reappear so often on steroids or, sometimes, as emaciated twins? And what happened to the garden? I could have sworn there was a big tree standing right where that skinny house seems to be. What does this all mean for density and affordability in our immediate neighborhood and how does it impact the city overall and the urban growth boundary? Surely there are rules and regulations governing this stuff but who’s in charge? Do we need an anti-ugly law? And isn’t the city in the middle of a Comprehensive Plan update that could change everything? It’s enough to make your head spin. So in addition to some of the more in depth discussion in this issue of Concordia News, here’s a very brief snapshot that I hope is useful.

First, you’ll read in Ken Forcier’s comments that CNA has agreed to help support a very specific legal challenge to the skinny house trend that has been attracting a lot of attention lately. It’s not a vote against skinny houses per se, but instead questions the legality of how their construction is being approved by the city.

Next, in Garlynn Woodsong’s comments you’ll read how CNA is asking the city, as part of the Comprehensive Plan update process, to consider an entirely new zoning idea that could allow for greater density along major transportation corridors, including some in Concordia.

You’ll also read in the piece by Damon Isiah Turner and Jessica Larson of NNNHA that CNA is supporting efforts to explore housing affordability in Concordia and beyond. Whether you’re a young family who can no longer afford to consider Concordia as a potential place to settle down or you’re already a long-time Concordia resident who can’t figure out how you’re going to be able to retire in your very own neighborhood, the affordability issue is starting to look critical.

Not yet addressed in any specific action by CNA is the issue of aesthetics. Let’s just imagine that we all figure out the perfect blend of big, small, dense, sparse, cheap and expensive housing for Concordia. What good will that do for neighborhood livability if it’s all just a mishmash of ghastly aesthetic blunders? Should neighbors have a voice in design choices? Doesn’t everybody adore Tudor mansions in shocking pink?

Daniel Greenstadt

Chair

Concordia Neighborhood Association

Beat Reports Needed

Do you have an interest in writing? Maybe you are a journalist at heart. The Concordia Newspaper is looking for Volunteer “Beat Reporters” to gather interesting content to share with our community.

Beat Reporters would need to either write or coordinate with others to write articles for the paper. Articles would be due each month on the 15th for the following month. Articles should be 300-500 words in length.

Topics/Sections include:

- Home & Garden
- Health & Wellness
- Pets & Nature
- Kids & Parenting
- Adults & Seniors
- Community & Business

Contact: Mary Wiley, Concordia News Editor, ConcordiaNews@yahoo.com

Neighborhood Community Room

Rent it for your next gathering, book club, celebrate a special occasion, birthday, baby or wedding shower?

CNA manages the rental space & benefits from the proceeds.

Non-Profit Organization for \$15 an hour

All others for \$25 an hour

CNAroomKennedy@gmail.com

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Skinny

Concordia Neighborhood Association conditionally approves a LUBA appeal.
By Ken Forcier, Guest Opinion

I want to thank all of the 55 or so neighbors who came to the CNA General meeting on October 7th and voted to challenge the legality of the City permitting the construction of homes which represent twice the allowable density of the R-5000 zoning overlay here in much of Concordia. I also want to emphasize that this “legal” challenge is certainly not intended as a personal assault on any of our neighbors, some of whom currently own or reside in an existing skinny home. The aim is to stop further non-conforming construction from continuing beyond this point of challenge. Anyone who chooses to live here in any style home, or own and operate a business with a local address, is a neighbor who’s opinion matters and can be heard by the Neighborhood Association, and is welcome in this paper.

The first business moving forward will be to consult with a land use attorney and to prepare for a test case to materialize which may then be challenged to the Land Use Board of Appeals in Salem as “Concordia Neighborhood Association v. the City of Portland.” Other neighborhoods have a stake in the outcome of this case and I will be approaching those neighborhoods to join us in funding the process as well as signing on as Amicus (friend) of the case. If the case does not appear to have merit to the consulting attorney, then the LUBA appeal will likely not be filed.

Skinny Houses

By Alexis Grant, Guest Opinion

As a relatively new resident of Concordia, I was disappointed to see the anti-density rhetoric put forth in last month’s front-page Concordia News article addressing zoning and “skinny houses”. While the zoning’s legality could be questionable, the long-term strategy of moderate densification in inner neighborhoods is good policy.

It helps keep our neighborhoods vibrant and affordable, offering the benefits of walkability and neighborhood character to both established citizens and new residents.

Appropriate densification also helps maintain the precious benefits of our compact land use patterns: lower transportation and infrastructure costs, reduced traffic congestion, and our valuable, irreplaceable forests and farmland, which the article treated so lightly.

These benefits have real value to everyone, both economic and intangible, and I hope most residents will value and preserve all these benefits as we consider the neighborhood’s future development.



In Support of Skinny

By Jason Maxfield, Guest Opinion (edited)

As a resident, home-owner and former business owner in Concordia, I have long enjoyed reading the Concordia News. It’s a great resource for community information and I appreciate reading the opinions of my neighbors. Recently, however, I’ve been disappointed to see my community newspaper seems dedicated to preventing urban development. It feels like the “voice of our community” has turned into a grumpy old man, grumbling about "change", and yelling at kids to keep off his lawn. This disappoints me because those views simply don’t represent my opinion, or those of many members of our community. I’ve taken the time to talk with my neighbors, and I know that there are many of us who enthusiastically embrace urban development.

I realize that our neighborhood is changing rapidly and that such change can be disconcerting to long-time residents. However, we all chose to live in a city and cities are, by design, places that constantly evolve to accommodate the needs and ideas of new residents. Infill development and “skinny houses” are simply another part of the evolution of our urban neighborhood. And, in my opinion, infill development should be embraced by our community because it provides more family-friendly housing and creates a more environmentally efficient community. Increasing housing density in our community also means more foot traffic for our business community and a bigger tax base to fund neighborhood improvement. Perhaps most importantly, encouraging housing density also reduces the need for urban sprawl, and means that we can preserve more of the farmland and forested wilderness that makes Oregon unique.

Frankly, a lot of the complaining I hear about skinny houses and infill development strikes me as hypocritical. We all live in houses that were once built on empty land and I’m sure the construction of each one “changed the character” of the neighborhood and annoyed some people who preferred things the way they used to be. There is no pure, ideal Concordia of the past that we are losing or should aspire to return to. The history of our neighborhood has been one of near constant change and this evolution is exactly what defines our community—what once was a working class, immigrant neighborhood with horse-drawn trollies running down Alberta Street is now an amazing arts and small business community with long lines for breakfast. I’m sure a decade from now it will be different still.

Oregon is full of hundreds of quaint, bucolic towns. Many of these towns are virtually unchanged from they way they looked generations ago. Life in a small town is a great option for those of us who prefer a slowly changing community and believe the single-family-home-with-a-yard is the ideal model for living. Portland on the other hand is a dynamic, living city and our neighborhood is on the forefront of that evolution. Many of us love it that way—we enjoy being part of a vibrant urban community and we are excited about the changes going on to our neighborhood. I hope that the Concordia News will make an effort to represent our opinions as well.

CNA Board Elections

NOVEMBER 18, 2014 @ 7PM
KENNEDY SCHOOL
COMMUNITY ROOM

The Nominating Committee of the Concordia Niegborhood Association Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following people have agreed to run for a seat on the Board –

Geographic Positions

- East – Steve Elder – Incumbent
- East – Mark Charlesworth – Incumbent
- Northwest – Ashley McKinley - Ashley and her family live on 29th. Ashley works as a Senior Marketing Manager of Revenue Strategy. She states – “ would love to lend my time in ensuring that our neighborhood has a voice and that the decisions made are in the best interest of our community.”
- Southwest – Bill Leissner - Incumbent

At Large Positions

- #2 - Esther Freeman – Incumbent
- #4 - Daniel Greenstadt – former Chair of the Board
- #7 – Tracy Braden – Tracy has served on the CNA Board for the last year as Secretary. She has been a resident of Concordia since 2003. She is an academic advisor at Portland State University and holds a master’s degree in Counseling. She loves the neighborhood and thinks that Portland is the best place on earth. She’s happy to continue serving in her current role.
- #5 – no nominee

Chair

- Isaac Quintero – “ The question for me is not why I want to run, but why I have to run for office. I was told one that when the call comes, one must rise to the occasion and for those with the abilities and skill sets required for such things as serving on a board then the call has an added obligation to use the gifts given to them. I do my best to keep to myself but know that the quality of my life and my community will be acceptable when I have invested myself in its future. Most important to me is what this neighborhood is going to look like 20 years from now when my grandkids will be deciding if this will continue to be a place they want to call home. Organizational leadership is something I also have lots of experience in from running large commercial real estate companies, Vice-principal of a large middle school, various board positions in the Chinese and Hispanic Communities to that as a neighborhood Chair in LO, Organizing fundraiser for the Obama election, and service in the USMC.”

NOMINATIONS ARE STILL OPEN!!!! If you would like to be put on the election ballot or have any questions contact Bob Martinek, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee at bmartinek@cu-portland.edu or pastorbob60@comcast.net or call him at 503-724-5596.

Nominations will be TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR the day of the election on Nov 18th.



WORLD AIDS DAY 2014

HIV Day Center 25th Anniversary Lunch & Community Prayer Vigil

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

You are invited to join us for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s HIV Day Center annual fundraising event.

This year, we celebrate 25 years of service as the only HIV drop-in center serving greater Portland’s most vulnerable, low-income, HIV-positive individuals.

■ As our guest, there is no charge to attend the lunch (*please note that this will be a lunch instead of breakfast, as in previous years*); donations will be solicited. All contributions go towards sustaining the HIV Day Center.

■ Special recognition will be given to HIV Day Center volunteer Jacqueline Dvorak, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Metropolitan Community Church.

■ Before the lunch event, you are welcome to join us for a Community Prayer Vigil to honor those lost and those living with HIV/AIDS at 11:30 a.m. at Ainsworth United Church of Christ, 2941 NE Ainsworth, Portland (three blocks from Concordia University).

If you can’t attend the event please consider making an online donation at www.emoregon.org (click “donations” and specify HIV Services).

Concordia University
Second Floor Hagen Center
2811 NE Holman St., Portland.
Limited parking at NE 27th & Holman.

Wednesday, December 3
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to EMO’s HIV Day Center by Nov. 26:
[email hivcenter@emoregon.org](mailto:hivcenter@emoregon.org)
phone (503) 460-3822
fax (503) 460-3933

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CNA Takes a Stand for Housing Affordability

At its Board meeting on October 14, the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) took a stand in support of increasing housing opportunity. CNA signed on to endorse a new grassroots group that is advocating for more affordable housing in North and Northeast Portland. The group is called North and Northeast Neighbors for Housing Affordability (NNNHA), and has been meeting since April. CNA also sent a letter to Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), calling for the coalition to adopt affordable housing as an advocacy campaign.

Decades of Federal disinvestment in housing programs have left states and local jurisdictions with grossly inadequate resources to address housing needs and prevent homelessness. In recent years, rising housing costs – spurred along by public and private investment – have forced thousands of residents out of inner Northeast Portland neighborhoods, including a disproportionate number of seniors, young people, and people of color. As Concordia and other neighborhoods have become more desirable places to live for many, housing prices have risen and housing has become less attainable for those who are unable to compete within the open market. Renters are particularly vulnerable to displacement, and many owners also face financial and cultural pressure to move, or find that they could no longer afford to purchase homes in their own neighborhood. When lower-income owners sell their homes, only higher-income households can afford to move in.

The Portland Metro area is estimated to grow in population by 200,000 by 2035. The need for affordable housing in Portland will continue to grow. However, Portland has limited tools to help create affordable housing. The current mechanism for funding affordable housing in Northeast Portland - the 30% set-aside of Urban Renewal Area funds - will diminish drastically over the next few years. And Oregon remains one of only two states in the U.S. (along with Texas) with a statewide ban on inclusionary zoning.

To address these issues, North and Northeast Neighbors for Housing Affordability (NNNHA) formed to focus on the continued displacement of lower-income households from the inner Northeast community. NNNHA’s mission is to educate the community about the need to expand the availability of affordable homes, and to advocate for resources and policies that would make housing more affordable throughout our neighborhoods. Specifically, NNNHA seeks to increase housing opportunity in our neighborhoods by expanding the availability of permanently affordable homes.

NNNHA is exploring various means of achieving this objective: policy advocacy, public education, community organizing, supporting the efforts of housing providers, and coalition building. Your assistance is needed in any way that you are able. Concordia residents have a major voice in the Northeast community. NNNHA meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the offices of Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (4815 NE 7th Ave).

For more information, please see our page at www.facebook.com/NeighborsforHousing or contact Cameron Herrington at cameron.herrington@neocolaition.org or 503-388-6100.



Proposal for Community Benefits

By Garlynn Woodsong, Chair of the CNA Land Use & Transportation committee

CNA Board Approves Letter to City

At its meeting on Tuesday, October 14th, 2014, the Board of the Concordia Neighborhood Association approved sending the following letter to the City of Portland’s Planning & Sustainability Commission. The letter was forwarded to the Board after being drafted as a result of a series of discussions by the CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee on how to respond to the home demolitions in our neighborhood. The letter will be considered testimony on the proposed update to the City’s Comprehensive Plan, which sets the framework for Portland’s growth and development over the next 20 years.

To Whom It May Concern,

The recent wave of home demolitions in the City of Portland has left many residents scratching their heads and looking for solutions. One concern often expressed is that many of the demolitions are simply to replace a smaller, older, more affordable home with a new, larger, more expensive home. For adjacent neighbors, it is difficult to understand what benefit is being received by anybody but the developer: no additional housing units are being created, so pressure on the Urban Growth Boundary is not reduced. The price of the unit in question is actually sharply increased, so the shortage of affordable housing units is actually made worse. In short, it's hard to see how this trend actually helps the city or the region achieve any of our broader planning goals, aside from raising revenue.

Based on a series of recent discussions, and acknowledging that the wave of home demolitions will not be stopped, it is the position of the Concordia Neighborhood Association's Board that the following solution should be implemented as a part of the Comprehensive Plan update process to ensure that at least some of the demolitions will be followed by projects that do actually contribute towards meeting some of our broader community planning goals:

Within walking distance of Frequent Service transit routes (however the City chooses to define this -- 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 or 1-mile crow-fly or network buffer of frequent service transit routes or stops), there should be a new overlay zone created that allows for a residential property containing up to 5 separate residential housing units in a structure that otherwise conforms to the building envelope and setback provisions of its zoning designation (i.e. in an R5 zone, one main dwelling structure per each 5,000 sq ft lot, with required front, side and rear setbacks). The intended purpose of this overlay would be to allow for new residential structures to

be constructed containing a number of "flats," i.e. 2-4 story residential structures that look like houses where each floor is a separate housing unit (or a variation where each floor has two units, one on the right and one on the left). This type of structure is the workhorse backbone residential product of places like San Francisco's Mission District, certain areas of Boston, London, and other successful world cities; indeed, Portland has examples of this type of structure in inner SE and the NW Alphabet District that were built in the late 19th and early 20th century.

The end result would be that, rather than a demolition to replace a \$250,000 home with a \$700,000 home, the replacement unit could potentially contain three flats averaging \$250,000 each. One affordable unit could thus be replaced by three affordable units, which would help to achieve goals for increasing the supply of affordable housing, and also reduce pressure on the Urban Growth Boundary. The overall cost would be somewhat higher, due to the need to provide additional kitchens, bathrooms, laundry and common facilities, in addition to the additional impact fees that the City would likely require. However, the price per unit would be significantly lower for the finished product.

We would propose that, because this overlay zone would only exist within areas served by high quality transit service, that automobile parking requirements should remain the same as if the structure were a single-family home; but that off-street parking should be provided for bicycles at a rate of a minimum of one secure off-street bicycle parking space per bedroom.

It's possible that some neighborhoods would not want to see this type of unit constructed within their boundaries; as such, perhaps this overlay zone is something that could be rejected within its boundaries by a vote of the board of a neighborhood association. That would allows neighborhoods such as Concordia to allow this type of development in the appropriate areas near high quality transit, while neighborhoods like Laurelhurst and Eastmoreland could vote to reject it in favor of preserving their historic single-family character.

While we would love to find ways to slow down the wave of home demolitions, this proposal would allow us to live with the demolitions with the peace of mind that the replacement structures are at least helping us to achieve our broader community planning goals, bringing in more residents to help support neighborhood businesses, providing for more affordable housing, and reducing pressure on the Urban Growth Boundary.

We recommend that this proposal be studied and that language to implement it be developed and included as a part of this Comprehensive Plan Update process.

Signed,
The Board of the Concordia Neighborhood Association



September, October, November...



...Eat, Drink, Support



Throughout the fall, food and drink purchases at Oregon Public House support the Community Grants program at Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods.

Help NECN fund grassroots projects in N/NE PDX!
Oregon Public House, 700 NE Dekum St.
oregonpublichouse.com | necoalition.org/grants

~ Community ~

New Crime Prevention Coordinator

MARY TOMPKINS, CRIME PREVENTION COORDINATOR FOR THE CONCORDIA NEIGHBORHOOD

The Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement’s Crime Prevention Program announced recently that it will be reassigning its staff and program areas, starting on October 13th.

For The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, which includes the CONCORDIA Neighborhood, this means that Mary Tompkins will be the designated Crime Prevention Coordinator for all 12 of the Coalition’s neighborhoods. In her eight years working as an ONI Crime Prevention Coordinator, Mary has partnered with neighbors to improve safety and livability in Northeast neighborhoods including Grant Park and Sullivan’s Gulch. “I enjoy working with communities and utilizing my conflict resolution skills of facilitation, mediation, forgiveness, and reconciliation,” Tompkins says.

Tompkins will serve as the main contact for all CONCORDIA neighbors concerned with problem locations or crime trends. She can be reached directly at mary.tompkins@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-4764. She’ll also be a regular participant in NECN’s Safety and Livability Team (SALT) meetings, held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Here’s who to contact about other safety and livability issues:

- Starting or revitalizing a Neighborhood Watch or a Community Foot Patrol:
Brad Taylor, brad.a.taylor@portlandoregon.gov, 503-823-2781.
- Newsletters, communications or in-person trainings on crime prevention topics:
Stefanie Adams, stefanie.adams@portlandoregon.gov, 503-823-3131.
- Enhanced Safety Properties, a program designed to encourage and support landlords and property managers to take measures to keep their properties safe and livable:
Mike Boyer, michael.boyer@portlandoregon.gov, 503-823-476345

Alberta Gives Back

Locally owned Radio Room will kickoff the fall/ winter season of “Eat for Alberta Street” a series of fundraising events that support Alberta Main Street, a volunteer-driven neighborhood nonprofit organization. Hungry philanthropists can head to Radio Room on Tuesday, November 4th between 5-9pm, to support the very street it stands on. Radio Room will be donating 15% of their proceeds back into the community. Yumm!

Heading into its fifth year of operation, Alberta Main Street advances efforts to develop Alberta Street as a vibrant, creative, equitable, and sustainable commercial district serving residents and visitors to our community. “Alberta Street is a great place to live, work, shop and play. All of the great things happening on Alberta Street don’t just happen; together we make them happen. Eat for Alberta Street is a simple (and tasty) way to support your street!” exclaims Sara Wittenberg, the executive director of Alberta Main Street. The generous donation will help the organization continue to address changing community needs, support a complete street and coordinate events like Trick-or-Treat Alberta Street, the Earth Day Clean-Up and the Alberta Street Fair.

For additional opportunities to donate or volunteer, please visit albertamainst.org and look for more “Eat for Alberta Street” updates in upcoming Concordia News editions!



Concordia Neighborhood Association Holiday Party

Come Join Us!
Tuesday, December 2nd
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
St. Mike's Fellowship Hall, Fireside Room & Community Kitchen
St. Michael's Lutheran Church
6700 NE 29th Ave
(corner of 29th & Dekum)

The CNA HOLIDAY PARTY is just around the corner on December 2nd, so please mark your calendars! St. Michael's Lutheran Church, has generously donated spaces in their Fellowship Hall, Fireside Room, and Community Kitchen for the second year for our holiday event. All residents and business owners of the Concordia Neighborhood are invited to the free holiday festivities! The holiday party is a great way to meet new neighbors and mix and mingle with friends, old and new, in a festive and family-friendly atmosphere. We will be serving a variety of culinary delights and plenty of nonalcoholic beverages. Festive holiday music will also be provided! Additionally, we will have a Cookie Decoration Station for the tykes so that they may create their own tasty treats. We hope to see you all there!

If you would like to help out with our annual event, please contact Katie at (503) 449-9690.

Faubion in Need of Coats

There are many children at Faubion School who do not have the proper clothing for our winter season.

This need came to the awareness of the people of St Michael’s Lutheran Church after their Pastor met with the principal of the School.

There is need for winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves and other warm clothing for these children who without our help may very well be cold this winter

The People of St Michael’s will act as a drop off point for anyone wishing to donate to this cause Winter attire is needed for children from pre-K through 8th grade.

You can drop off your donation anytime from 9-Noon Monday thru Friday at St Michael’s

At 29th Dekum right next door to Faubion

St Michael’s phone number is 503-493-6333

Jody Thurston NW Center for Children's Literature presents

Children's StoryTime

We invite all interested children and parents to join us for Children's StoryTime 2014-2015.

Join us each week for all the laughs of StoryTime and all the fun of discovering something new! All StoryTimes are drop-in; no registration is required (parents and children are welcome to join at any point). We hope you will attend every session and start building a foundation for success in future reading for your children. This new program will be held on Saturday mornings at 10:00am in the Jody Thurston NW Center for Children's Literature. The first meeting will be held on September 20, 2014.

Nina Kramer, Youth Librarian at Albina Library and Concordia staff will share some of our favorite books, sing songs, and tell interactive stories. Each StoryTime will last about 30 minutes. Special events will be announced throughout the year.

Thanks to a partnership with Multnomah County Library!!

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Community Cooking Group

Come Learn How to Make Chicken Pot Pie

WHEN: November 6, 2014
6:00-8:00 P.M.
WHERE: St. Mike's Community Kitchen
6700 NE 29th Ave

We will be having a communal meal of chicken pot pie and salad and will also be making chicken pot pies to take home for a later meal. Lettuce and salad dressings will be provided. Please feel free to bring an item to add to the communal salad. Chicken pot pie ingredients will be provided.

If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Rachel at st.mikes@kitchencommons.net so that we make sure to have enough food for everyone.

If you would like to take home a pot pie to cook for a later meal we ask that you bring your own pie plate if possible.

COST: \$5 suggested donation per participant.
RSVP: Rachel at st.mikes@kitchencommons.net to make sure we have enough food for everyone!

Questions? Contact Rachel at st.mikes@kitchencommons.net or 503-997-2003

Support Affordable Food in NE Portland

By St. Andrew Nativity School

St. Andrew Nativity School is developing a "Community Sustainable Meal Program", in which families sign up to purchase affordable, locally-sourced take-and-bake meals. Help organizers plan this new endeavor by taking a 4-question survey (**Check out this link to respond to the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/59C32P2?>**)

St. Andrew Nativity School is a tuition-free and Catholic middle school in the Jesuit tradition committed to serving young people of all faiths from low-income backgrounds. Nativity School cultivates in its students the spiritual, intellectual and personal strengths that empower them to continue their education toward college and career readiness and become people for others.

We are located on the corner of NE 9th and Alberta and directly serve 80 students and 219 graduates. 100% of Nativity's enrolled students come from low income families. 26% identify as African-American, 14% as African Immigrant/Refugee, 59% as Hispanic, and 1% as Asian. 48% of our families are Non-Catholic and 38% of our students come from single parent homes.

We are working on a new proposal to bring healthy, nutritious, affordable, and delicious food to our school's food program. This initiative is called The Nativity Nosh- a Community Kitchen. Borrowing from the Community Sustainable Agriculture model, we will introduce the Community Sustainable Meal Program. In addition to acting as our school's kitchen, The Nativity Nosh will allow our community to buy-in. Imagine paying, on an income based sliding scale, for pre-made, all you have to do is heat, meals that contain fresh, locally sourced, organic and awesome tasting food.

We are seeking support from our N/NE Portland neighbors and input on all things related to the kitchen. We need your help. Please take a few minutes to fill out the following questionnaire (see link above). Your comments and suggestions are integral in making our dreams a reality.



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