

**CONCORDIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (LUTC)**

Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2017, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
McMenamins Kennedy School, Community Room

Members Present: Garlynn Woodsong (Chair, CNA Board – SW1), Steve Elder (CNA Board – E2), Jay Fesler, Spencer Parsons (Volunteer LUTC legal advisor)

Members Absent: Tyler Bullen (Vice Chair, CNA Board – E1), Ben Earle (Secretary), Ali Novak (CNA Board – AL4), Sam Farber-Kaiser, Jeff Hilber, Kirk Paulsen/

Also Present: Alex Boetzel, Kelvin Hall.

Welcome & Introductions, Quorum Check, Member Attendance Check, Agenda Review

Garlynn welcomed everyone, opened the meeting, established quorum, and reviewed the agenda.

LUTC Operations

- Approved May 2017 meeting minutes.

Public Comments

- Alex Boetzel and Kelvin Hall, both residents in the NW corner of the neighborhood, attended to raise their concerns about two traffic matters.
- The first issue is that residents are using NE 22nd as a high speed cut through to/from Lombard and Dekum Streets.
- The second issue is their concern over rumors that the city may be proposing to connect NE Morgan Street to Lombard near NE 27th Ave.
- Alex inquired about the possibility of closing NE 22nd at Lombard to eliminate the high speed thru-traffic. Garlynn stated that under the new comp plan, the city's preference is to calm traffic rather than close off streets.
- Kelvin raised the concern that the Dekum Court Apartments is on the city's radar for redevelopment to achieve the connection of Morgan to Lombard. He would prefer it to be made into a park.
- Lengthy discussion ensued about Neighborhood representation with the City. Kelvin worked on single-member districts (in lieu of at-large districts) to better represent underserved areas of the city. With the City Auditor recently gaining independence, Kelvin would like to see audits of "risk management" performed in select neighborhoods and in general, push for auditor to have a presence at the monthly meetings of neighborhood associations throughout the city.
- There is a potential benefit for LUTC to act as an intermediary between residents and the auditor - Neighborhood citizens bring concerns to LUTC. LUTC could assist with efforts to formally bring concerns to the City Auditor.
- Garlynn requested that Kelvin present his findings on single-member districts at a future CNA meeting.
- Alex will return next month where Lombard & NE 22nd traffic calming will be the first issue on the agenda.

Demolitions, Developments & Land Use Notices

- Concordia Design Initiative. No meeting was held in May. Jay will set up a meeting in the coming weeks.

Neighborhood Sustainability Policy

- How is this document to be used? There is potential for this to be included in a "Developer's Packet" along with the CNDI Guidelines document.
- Garlynn will send email to LUTC membership requesting review and feedback of where Policy currently stands.
- July 2017 LUTC meeting will have an agenda item to further discussion.

Land Use Oversight & Policies

- Better Housing by Design - Postponed to future meeting

Transportation Updates

- CNA Board has decided to alter their meeting schedule to not conflict with regularly occurring "Race Forums".
- Street Safety - CNA Board approved Highway 30 letter. Need small cleanups prior to sending to Chris for signature & distribution.
- Bus Lines - LUTC missed the deadline to get letter to Metro in support of Line 24's extension.

- Parking - Neighborhood parking issues may be taken up at next General Meeting in September.
- Spencer asked if the auditor (Mary Hull Caballero) is proactive and independent, should we begin to CC: her on all our official letters.

Good Neighbor Agreements

- The CNA Board has delegated all GNA's to be the responsibility of the "Safety & Livability Committee" (SLC).
- LUTC would like to create a GNA Wish list specific to Concordia University
- Spencer stated that we already had a list of wants from CU (e.g. CU requested a regular slot in the Concordia Newspaper)
- LUTC has already stated their desire to have a CU representative attend LUTC meetings, participate in the Neighborhood Design standards discussions, and address on-street parking issues particularly along Holman Street and NE 27th Ave.
- LUTC may want to clearly write up their GNA wish list and then pass this on to SLC.

Diversion as Urban Form on Bikeways

- This issue has stalled, but we will continue to collaborate with <Bike PDX ???>.

Grant Program

- There are grant programs that already exist to improve intersections.
- Umpqua Bank, Advantis Credit Union, and NECN are examples of sources.
- LUTC needs to develop the "ask" and then make the "ask" to the CNA Board.

Adjourn - 9:00pm