

CONCORDIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (LUTC)

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2016, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Community Room at McMenamins Kennedy School.

APPROVED: November 16, 2016

Members: Tyler Bullen (Vice Chair), Ben Earle (Secretary), Jay Fesler, Garlynn Woodsong (Chair, CNA Board – SW1)

Absent: Sam Farber-Kaiser, Steve Elder (CNA Board – E1), Jeff Hilber, Kirk Paulsen, Ali Novak (CNA Board – AL4)

Neighbors: None.

7:10 pm Welcome & Introductions

7:10 pm Quorum Check (3)

- 4 Members attending = Quorum.

7:10 pm LUTC Operations

- Meeting Minutes
 - July, August, September: APPROVED (4-0-0)
- LUTC Recording Secretary
 - MOTION PASSED (4-0-0): Recommend that the CNA Board approves funds for a part-time paid LUTC “Recording Secretary” for 2016 to assist the Secretary and Chair with generating LUTC Minutes.

7:15 pm Public Comments

- No neighbors were in attendance.

7:15 pm CNA Letters

- Fossil Fuel Terminal Zoning Amendments *(Climate Policy: ACTION)*
 - The Board approved LUTC’s recommendation that Garlynn draft a CNA letter to be signed & sent before the City Council hearing slated for early November. Board Member Daniel Greenstadt will provide assistance.
- NE Lombard / N PDX Hwy (US 30): Bicyclist & pedestrian safety *(Transportation: ACTION)*
 - The Board approved LUTC’s recommendation that Garlynn draft a CNA letter to be submitted in November.
- Speed limits *(Transportation: PENDING ACTION)*
 - Alberta, Killingsworth
 - Because these streets cross neighborhood boundaries and the City has rejected multiple CNA requests for speed limit reductions, Garlynn has put this on the Oct. 26 NECN LUTC Co-Chair Agenda
- Diversion as Urban Form on Bikeways *(Transportation: PENDING ACTION)*
 - Garlynn will put draft proposal on Google Docs for LUTC review prior to submitting to the Board, no timetable yet.
- Neighborhood Sustainability Policy *(Climate Policy: PENDING ACTION)*

Garlynn asked for comments on the Boise NA’s Sustainability Policy, which we initially discussed at the July LUTC meeting, towards developing a 1st Draft of a CNA Sustainability Policy for LUTC review in January, with a target of submitting to the Board in February. During the resulting brainstorming session, we agreed it would be best to modify the Boise template by using each of its bullet items as major area headers for a list of implementation strategies. Though not intended to be complete, we identified the following to be included.

General:

- A neighborhood sustainability policy should be a living document, adopted with the understanding it will naturally evolve over time.
- Its existence and the opportunity for neighbors to provide input to it should be regularly communicated to the entire neighborhood.
- It should be coordinated with sustainability polices of other neighborhoods and coalitions

Environment:

- Drip irrigation
- Energy efficiency
- Greywater systems
- Rainwater harvesting
- Stormwater management
- Solar panels
- Social sustainability
- Tree Preservation & Proliferation
- Urban greening
- Water conservation

Economy:

- Business-Environment Relationship:
 - Air Quality
 - Effluent
- Locally-owned & operated businesses

Transportation:

- Pedestrian encouragement
 - Clearing sidewalks of debris
 - Curb ramps
 - Filling in missing sidewalks
 - Pedestrian network completion
- Encouragement of bicycling
 - Bicycle network completion
 - Implementing bicycle facilities
- Alleys
 - "Higher" & better use of these spaces

Equity:

- Affordability

- 8:00 pm Call for Intersection Repair Projects, Establishment of Grant Program (*Transportation: PENDING ACTION*)
- MOTION PASSED (4-0-0)
Recommend to the Board that CNA establish and fund a grant program neighbors can apply to for the purpose of intersection improvement projects. CNA will apply for a NECN \$2K Grant to match CNA funds.
 - Garlynn suggests we ask the Board to approve LUTC applying for a NECN \$2K Small Grant, matched by CNA funds, to fund 4 intersection projects, to include painting, adding objects to corners like a bench, "cobb", etc. Along with appearance & usage improvement, an important auxiliary goal is to get drivers to slow down.
 - Applications are available Dec. 1, deadline to apply is Feb. 28.
 - Neighbor groups will be asked to apply to CNA for their respective intersections.
 - Neighbors should be asked / encouraged (required?) to contribute funds to toward covering CNA's contribution to the program.
 - We agree to discuss the idea further at the LUTC November meeting.
- 8:15 pm Sewer Project: Street closures impacts & road improvement options (*Transportation: DISCUSSION*)
- TABLED to the November meeting.
- 8:15 pm Comprehensive Plan (*Land Use: STATUS, PENDING ACTION*)
- Residential Infill Project:
Garlynn reported on the final RIPSAC meeting last night where BPS staff presented their Revised Report incorporating input received during the summer long public comment period. The report included an Economics Report, a Report on Re-use of Existing Structures, and a Summary of Public Feedback received.
 - A new concept, the Housing Opportunity Overlay Zone (HOOZ) was created, with slightly adjusted geographic boundaries from the earlier project maps.
 - The Economics Report was promoted a FAR lowered so significantly that it would reduce development / result in fewer units being produced in relation to a high percentage of 1-1 single home replacement. The Staff proposal for 1-2 replacement drops the baseline price from \$750K to \$430K. However, the SAC agreed that as \$430K still isn't affordable for the average Portland household, alternative solutions are needed, with most members agreeing that "dividing" the lot size into larger # of units -- aka the Missing Middle -- being so far the best approach.

- The LUTC generated CNA comment letter was submitted to the City Council, which will hold public comment hearings in November, with a final adoption vote slated for early-mid December
- The NECN Board will consider at its Nov. 25 meeting submitting a NECN LUTC letter that is comparable to CNA's.
- Garlynn is arranging "1-1" meetings with City Council members to review the CNA recommendations.

8:35 pm Land Use Updates: (Land Use: UPDATES, PENDING ACTION)

- Residential
 - Developments
 - a) 36th+37th & Killingsworth
There has been no post-demo development activity on either site.
 - Demos
 - a) 3580 NE Simpson (11/2) & 2306 NE Ainsworth (11/3)
We have not received any neighbor input or assistance request for either of these impending demos.
- Mixed Use: Bighouse (30th & Killingsworth)
 - Garlynn reported that the meeting with Brian Spencer, also attended by Michelle Reeves, went well. See the LUTC Update in the Sept. CNews for a brief summary of what resulted.
- LUBA Rule Changes: State & City Legal Services Funding for Citizens
 - TABLED to November meeting when Spencer Parsons will hopefully be available to report on the recommendations he made to LUBA (as a private citizen, not on behalf of LUTC or CNA).
- Concordia University GNA
 - Ben reports Spencer Parsons says there has been no further progress in re-establishing communications with CU CFO Denny Stoecklin.
 - We agreed to discuss an "action plan" at the November meeting if nothing new has happened by then.

8:50 pm Concordia Design Standards (LUTC Ops: PENDING ACTION)

- We agreed it would be best to push out scheduling the Design Team launch for January.

8:55 pm LUTC "Retreat" Planning (LUTC Ops: PENDING ACTION)

- We agreed it would be best to revisit this in January, with goal of scheduling it sometime later in the 1st Quarter.

9:00 pm Adjourn

Pending Items: To be addressed either "offline" and/or at a future meeting:

Transportation

- Bikeways Faubion "through route"
- Traffic Safety Speed Limits: Ainsworth, 33rd Ave., 42nd Ave.

Climate Policy:

- Carbon Tax
- Solar panel neighborhood purchase program

Miscellaneous

- Alley Naming: Revive project
- Fernhill Community Center: Possible development of PPS + PP&R site at SE corner of Fernhill Park (NE 42nd & Killingsworth)
- SLC: Work with Board to revive *Safety & Livability Committee*