

**Concordia Neighborhood Association**  
**Land Use, Livability & Transportation Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES – DRAFT #2**

**When:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm, Tuesday April 21, 2015  
**Where:** Community Room, McMennamins Kennedy School (SE corner of the building)

**Attending:**

**Chair:** Garlynn Woodsong [landuse@concordiapdx.org](mailto:landuse@concordiapdx.org)  
**Secretary:** Ben Earle  
**CNA Board:** Alessandra “Ali” Novak [a14@concordiapdx.org](mailto:a14@concordiapdx.org)  
**CNA Neighbors:** Ken Forcier, Gwen Forcier, {????} Jeff Hilber, {????} Symes, Suzinn Weisz, {????} Williams  
**Guests:** Cheryl Leontina, Alley Allies Project Lead ([leontina@pdx.edu](mailto:leontina@pdx.edu))  
Rich Newlands, Bikeways Project Manager, Portland Bureau of Transportation  
([rich.newlands@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:rich.newlands@portlandoregon.gov))

- 1) Update on the *Alley Allies Project* (Cheryl Leontina)
  - A) Cheryl is contract intern lead through PSU for the project, shared by CNA & Boise NA; been on the job 1 month.
    - She informed us that “Boise” apparently a person’s name & correct pronunciation is “Boice” or “Bois”.
      - Post-meeting, from the [BNA website](#): “Reuben Patrick Boise was a Portland school board member in the 1850s. He went on to become a circuit judge and then a member of the Oregon Supreme Court. See [Blog post: "How Do You Pronounce Boise?"](#) for more background.”
  - B) Cheryl handed out the (terrific!) AAP brochure that she put together .
    - Support & “toolkit” info is available for any “alley group” that wants to get together with their respective shared alley “stakeholders” (aka property owners). She can facilitate these discussion(s) & process upon request.
  - C) She also informed us about the (“what do you want to do with your alley”) Survey & Alley Naming Contest for for all CNA residents to participate in.
    - Survey
      - Accessible online & also printed version available.
      - Collection will be ongoing (ie no end date set) but hoping to get lots of incoming in coming 1-2 months => she’ll report status at May 19 LUC Meeting.
    - Naming Contest
      - Some Qs / concerns about how this will actually work and any results not being imposed on any particular alley. She said it’s a bit of a work in process and assured us that the intent is not to have names imposed, rather to help inspire folks to think about their alleys & how they might work together with their neighbors, and any “alley group” will be able to do their own naming, or not, as they wish.
      - Unclear whether there would be any support from city re signage and/or issues re restrictive regulations,
- 2) Down-zoning of Alberta to Killingsworth portion of neighborhood from R2.5 to R5
  - A) Ken Forcier reported that what he was originally told about the City moving this forward is not the case.
  - B) Long discussion about: zoning & lots; value / effectiveness or not of “flats” vs downzoning; affordability & density vs maintaining neighborhood character; demolitions; skinny & “McMansion” buildings; the United Neighbors for Reform (UNR) influenced City push (aka Mayor Hales, “perhaps” inspired by election coming up) to spend \$ for 1-1.5 yr Bureau of Sustainability to review infill issues to mitigate neighborhood concerns re new building height, setbacks, “appropriate” neighborhood character design, etc.; <and more>
    - Motion Passed: 8 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain  
“The LUC recommends that the CNA Board communicate to the City, by the current comment deadline, the neighbors’ request to downzone the Alberta-to-Killingsworth portion of neighborhood from R2.5 to R5”.
- 3) 20s Bikeway
  - A) Rich Newlands, PBOT project manager, presented update.
  - B) Intersection of 33rd & Prescott: Need to add left turn pockets on 33rd?
- 4) [Concordia U Master Plan – report / update on “Round 2” 4/7 & 8 public review & input sessions](#)
- 5) [United Neighborhoods for Reform - Demolition/Development Summit IV on 4/9](#)
- 6) Dozer Construction “skinny house” development at 5626 NE 30<sup>th</sup> (see [“Dozer Construction Demolishing Concordia”](#) for what they did with property at 5212 NE 28<sup>th</sup> last fall.)
- 7) City Comprehensive Plan update (if there is any new info)