

CONCORDIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC) Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2015 (Approved 8/18/15)

Attending 8 Neighbors, 2 Guests

LUTC Chair Garlynn Woodsong landuse@concordiapdx.org

LUTC Secretary Ben Earle ben.earle@comcast.net

CNA Board Steve Elder, East 1

Neighbors Tricia Elder
Ken Forcier
Jeff Hilber
Kirk Paulson
Suzinn Weiss

Guests [Cheryl Leontina](#), PSU Sustainability Intern – [Boise & Concordia Neighborhood Alley Allies Project](#)
[Rich Newlands](#), Project Manager – PDX Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)

Attachments: CNA Committees Bylaws Proposal – 2nd Draft
20s Bikeway: Concordia Traffic Diversion Data (7-21-15)
CNA Going Street Greenway draft letter to Commissioner Novick

1) Welcome & Introductions

7:05 pm

A) LUTC Charter, Organization, Operations (Garlynn Woodsong)

- CNA Committees Bylaws Proposal – 2nd Draft

Garlynn reviewed key provisions and there was fair amount of discussion & good suggestions made.

- ⇒ Target approval at 9/8 Board Meeting for submittal to 11/3 General Membership Annual Meeting
- ⇒ Once approved, update to CNA Charter with State may to take up to 3~ months.

- Specific suggestion that a *Summary of Key Provisions* be added:

- ⇒ Delegated Authority to Act
- ⇒ Committee Membership & Leadership
- ⇒ Notification & Documentation Requirements

B) LUTC Meeting Minutes (Ben Earle)

- 4/21, 5/19, & 6/20
- Ben to finish & submit along, with 7/21 Minutes of course, for approval at 8/18 LUTC Meeting.

2) Bikeways

8:00 pm

A) [20s Bikeway Project](#) (Rich Newlands, PBOT Project Manager)

Rich presented:

- Results of *Concordia Diversion Traffic Data*, with map & graphs of traffic volumes by hour of day showing changes from 2006-07 thru 2010/12/14 for NE 32nd & NE 33rd between Prescott, Killingsworth, & Holman plus Regents & Shaver.
- Update on plans for diverters, curb extensions, speed bumps, and “minimum” # of new stops => design is close to 100% done, the project going to bid early / late Fall with construction planned for Jan / Feb to be completed May / June.
- As diversion can be controversial, an explanatory Open House would be held as well as notice sent to residents on affected streets.

B) [Going Street](#) (Garlynn Woodsong)

- **A Motion to Support the proposed CNA letter to City Council was Approved by a vote of 8-0-0.**
The LUTC supports the proposed CNA letter sent to City Council in support of changes made for greater bike safety along the *NE Going Greenway*, plus a few “hotspots” in the King and Sabin Neighborhoods, in hopes that NECN will endorse it in time for construction to start before school begins.

C)

D) [Faubion School](#): Adding a Rosa Parks ⇔ Dekum Bikeway (Garlynn Woodsong)

- Incorporating a 32nd Ave. to 32nd Pl. route was provisionally agreed to at follow-up meetings Garlynn and Jeff Hilber had with Erick Gerding, PPS' Faubion Project Director and CNA neighbor.
- We're now waiting for official PPS & PBOT response confirming this agreement.

3) **Alley Allies** (Cheryl Leontina)

8:30 pm

A) **Survey Update**

- 20 surveys received so far but they include lots of good suggestions & diverse input and these “early adopter” submitters are considered as a type core group to build on.

B) **Naming Contest**

- The Contest will run through August
 - Suggestion was made to ensure that people understand there is no requirement for any alley to be named and what the process / procedure is if some neighbors do not want an alley named that is being proposed for naming.

C) **Clean Ups**

- The [Goats-in-the-Alleys](#) day was well-received and there will be plans to do again.
- [August 29th is the next Concordia Alley Clean-Up](#), with 85~ Lewis & Clark College volunteers.

4) **Demolitions & Developments** (Ben Earle)

8:45 pm

A) **Residential**

- 5626 NE 30th Ave.
 - [60 Day Demolition Delay Extension Appeal](#)
The Hearing did not proceed because the Hearings Officer over-ruled BDS’ acceptance of the Appeal Application after their official deadline (their notice to affected neighbors indicating a later date).
 - [Deconstruction](#)
The Neighbors’ attempt to convince Dozer Construction to use deconstruction rather than bulldozer to demo the house is not over but unlikely to succeed.
 - Demolition
Expected to commence any day this week. Documents provided by the City indicates some official asbestos abatement (required) has been done but lead abatement status (not required) is unknown.
 - Neighbor – Developer Relations
Despite contentious and unpredictable communications with the developer, Ben will continue to try to facilitate as minimally negative an impact as possible for the immediately affected neighbors.
- *Demo Tool Kit Advisory Group (DTKAG)*
 - Ben and Garlynn were invited to join this ad hoc group formed by Maryhelen Kincaid, [DRAC – Development Review Advisory Committee](#) Chair & [DRAG – Deconstruction Advisory Group](#) Co-Chair, and [ReStore Oregon](#)’s Brandon Spencer-Hartle. The goal is to provide specific guidelines to assist neighborhood associations in responding proactively and optimally when Demolition Delay situations arise for properties that warrant preservation. The 1st of their bi-weekly meetings was 7/16.
- [Residential Infill Stakeholders Advisory Committee \(SAC\)](#)
Established by the [Bureau of Planning and Sustainability \(BPS\)](#), this 18 month project supplementing the [Comprehensive Plan](#) starting mid-September will focus on the scale, narrow lot development, & alternative housing options in single-dwelling neighborhoods with [25 members](#) representing a wide variety of perspectives, from architects & builders to property owners, neighborhoods, & non-profit organizations serving these communities. Neighborhood Associations & Coalitions may nominate a single individual.
 - As Co-Chair of the [NECN’s LUTC](#), Garlynn will be NECN’s applicant to the SAC.

B) **Mixed Use**

- *NE 30th & Killingsworth*
 - Ben is still waiting to hear from [The Mackenzie Group](#) architects working with potential buyer / developer Union Construction as to whether Concordia University is going go ahead as a partner signing 20 year master lease for the proposed 4 story 45 foot max mixed use building (per the current CS zoning; 1st floor mixed use retail / office, top 3 with 30 1 -2 bedroom residences). Since CU has already committed to the NE 15th project, they may not be ready to commit further resources.
- *NE 15th & Killingsworth*
 - Unclear what the construction / completion timeframe is but developer [Colas Construction](#) has fenced off the property and put up their signs and their website indicates this is a Concordia U project.
 - Some anecdotal neighbor reaction has shown up on the NextDoor site, some concerned and some positive. There does not appear to be any notable opposition.
- [Mixed Use Zoning Project](#)
 - As the MUZP is mid-process in “refining” proposed new zones for the MUZ portion of the Comprehensive Plan, we agreed to invite Nan Stark, *BPS NE District Liaison*, to the 8/18 LUTC Meeting to find out how we can make input into the assignments planned for MU areas in Concordia.