

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 21, 2016, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Community Room at McMenamins Kennedy School.**

**Members:** Tyler Bullen (Vice Chair), Steve Elder (CNA Board – E1), Ben Earle (Secretary), Sam Farber-Kaiser, Jeff Hilber, Kirk Paulsen, Ali Novak (CNA Board – AL4), Garlynn Woodsong (Chair, CNA Board – SW1)

**Absent:** Jay Fesler

**Neighbors:** Spencer Parsons (CNA “pro bono” land use legal advisor); Linda Bly, Jim Male

**Guests:** Jessica Horning, ODOT

7:05 pm Welcome & Introductions

7:10 pm Quorum Check, Member Attendance Check, Agenda Review

7:14 pm Public Comments: None

7:15 pm Minutes

- August: Draft handed out
- July: “90%” draft handed out last month

7:20 pm Fossil Fuel Terminal Zoning Amendments: Submit CNA comments (Climate Policy: POSSIBLE ACTION)

- MOTION passed (7-1-0)  
Recommend to the Board at October 2016 meeting that a CNA submit at letter to City Council supporting Options 1-A, 2-C, and 3-B and require BDS to dedicate sufficient staff and resources to meet the required regulatory oversight and enforcement.
  - Al: Garlynn will do his best to send draft to LUTC Members for review

7:45 pm Jessica Horning, ODOT: Discuss roadway improvement options (Transportation: POSSIBLE ACTIONS)

- NE Lombard / N PDX Hwy (US 30): Bicyclist & pedestrian safety  
There is now funding for strategically located “Safety and Active Transportation Enhancements” along the entire length of US 30, from where it comes off the St. Johns Bridge to NE 162nd Ave. These improvements at key intersections include signal upgrades, lane reshaping and restriping, ADA ramps,
- 42nd Ave. overpass  
The Bridge supports “pinch” the bike lane forcing bikes to merge into traffic. Unfortunately this situation resulted in tragic death in November 2015.
  - East-bound: Construction of ramp outside guard rail to get bicyclists up and off the roadway begins first week November, estimated completion TBD based on weather etc.
  - West-bound: Still assessing best solution for: widening lane too costly due to issues with water drainage.
  - Long-term: Is to move “freight route” from Lombard to Columbia, but don’t know how long it will take two RR bridges get reconstructed
  - Concordia residents have a real sense of urgency to do what can be done “short term” to minimize risk of more deaths suggestions for west-bound:
    - a) Insert road diet(s) to “save lives”, eg SE Foster =>
    - b) Install “Warning: Bicyclists” signs => current signs did not prevent death.
    - c) Add illumination: flashing lights ...
    - d) Lower speed limit from 45 mph to 35 or 40 mph =>
  - State review of speed limits: speed cameras ...
- NE 33rd Ave.
  - There are some issues with driveways etc. emptying on bike lane, etc. As there are no improvements on project map (which is still a late draft and subject to change) => Ben suggested assess possible things could be done.
- CNA action proposed: write letter to Rick Watanabe, ODOT mucky muck, to express urgency for ODOT to take action ASAP to minimize pedestrian & bicyclist risk along Concordia stretch of Hwy 30 corridor.
  - Al: Garlynn will do his best to send draft to LUTC Members for review.

- 8:20 pm Speed Limit Reductions *(Transportation: STATUS REPORT)*
- Killingsworth
    - Garlynn has City's rejection of CNA's request for Killingsworth reduction from 30 to 25 mph on NECN LUTC Agenda for discussion & possible action at their meeting next Wednesday (Sept. 28).
  - Alberta: NA
  - Ainsworth: NA
  - 33rd Ave.: NA
  - 42nd Ave.: NA
- 8:05 pm Diversion as Urban Form on Bikeways: Submit CNA letter of support *(Transportation: POSSIBLE ACTION)*
- Linda Bly Qs: 37th is an identified bikeway but not an "official" greenway because it's "incomplete", ie lacking adequate "infrastructure".
  - As a formal CNA letter isn't likely to gain any further traction with the City at this point and what they really want is for "the community" to provide them with a preliminary "Policy".
  - MOTION passed (8-0-0)  
Recommend to the Board that a CNA submit at letter to City Council in support of a preliminary Policy.
    - AI: Garlynn will work with Kirk & Sam to flesh out a draft for LUTC review.
- 8:10 pm Call for Intersection Repair Projects, Establishment of Grant Program *(Transportation: POSSIBLE ACTION)*
- Tabled.
- 8:15 pm Neighborhood Sustainability Policy: Draft CNA Policy proposal *(Climate Policy: PENDING ACTION)*
- Tabled.
- 8:30 pm Zoning (Comp Plan Early Implementation): City Council — Oct 13 deadline *(Land Use: POSSIBLE ACTION)*
- Residential Zoning: Killingsworth – Jarrett from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 33<sup>rd</sup> corridor rezone from R5 to R2.5.
  - Mixed Use Zoning: CM2 v CM1 zoning – NE 30th & K, NE 33rd & K, NE 42nd & K, NE 42nd, NE Alberta
    - Ben noted that on the current Zoning Map, BPS had changed the proposed Comprehensive Plan zoning for the NE 30 & Killingsworth "mini-business" corner to CM2 (45 ft / 4 stories height maximum) from the CM1 (35 ft / 3 stories maximum) designation they gave it response to the LUTC's specific input. Public comments are due by the City Council's review & action hearing slated for Oct. 13.
    - MOTION failed (2-5-1): Recommend to the Board that CNA send a letter in support of returning the proposed Comprehensive zoning of the corner at NE 30th & Killingsworth from CM2 back to CM1.
- 8:45 pm Land Use Updates: *(Land Use: UPDATES, PENDING ACTION)*
- Residential: 36th + 37th & Killingsworth
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  - Mixed Use: Bighouse Site (30th & Killingsworth)
    - The Board approved Garlynn to as the sole authorized CNA representative for any possible subsequent discussions with Bighouse developer Brian Spencer.
  - LUBA Rule Changes: State & City Legal Services Funding for Citizens
    - Spencer incorporated input the LUTC provided our August meeting in the recommendations he submitted to LUBA. Even though they're in an "open submission" period for public comments, there's unfortunately no timetable for them to report or act on the comments they receive.
    - AI: Spencer will send a copy of his letter to the LUTC.
  - Concordia University GNA
    - Spencer reports that he has not heard back from CU CFO Denny Stoecklin since the last July 23 email from him saying he would likely not be able to proceed with possible GNA discussions until "sometime in September" after the school's fall term was underway.
    - AI: Spencer will reach out to Denny again.
- 8:50 pm Concordia Design Standards: Schedule Design Team launch *(LUTC Ops: PENDING ACTION)*
- AI: Sam will send out Doodle schedule request for October.
- 8:55 pm LUTC "Retreat" Planning: Schedule meeting for October or November *(LUTC Ops: PENDING ACTION)*
- AI: Ben or Garlynn will send out Doodle schedule request for a possible November get together.
- 9:00 pm Adjourn

**Pending Items:** To be addressed either “offline” and/or at a future meeting:

*Transportation*

- Bikeways: Faubion “through route”
- Road Safety: Left Turn Lanes: 33rd & Prescott

*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 42<sup>nd</sup> & Killingsworth)
- Safety & Livability Committee: Work with Board to revive SLC