

Land Use and Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes 9/16/2020
Meeting held via Zoom

Garlynn Woodsong: LUTC Chair, CNA Board - SW1	present
Ali Novak: CNA Board - SW2	present
Astrid Furstner: CNA Chair	present
Steve Elder: CNA Board - E2	present
Erik Van Hagen	present
Peter Keller	present
Brent Furstner	present
Jack Slocum	present
Damon Motz-Storey	present
Rebecca Ocken	present
Jonathan Trutt - Home Forward	present
Julie Livingston - Home Forward	present
Pamela Kamber - Home Forward	present
Chandra Robinson - Home Forward	present
Art Pearce - PBOT	present
Deah Partak	absent

7:05 Welcome and Introductions, Member and Quorum check, Agenda review

Woodsong called meeting to order

7:10 LUTC Operations

Woodsong moved to add Damon Mortz-Storey as a member of the Committee

Ali Novak seconded the motion

Motion passed

7:20 Land Use, Demolitions, Developments

[Home Forward: Dekum Court Project](#)

Jonathan Trutt gave context for those present about the project.

It will provide 40 units of affordable housing. The project looks to redevelop existing property and units. The unit closest to Saratoga Street will get replacement units, then assist moving current residents to new units while redevelopment continues. The group plans to reach out to the community at large to inform them of pending construction and for feedback. Julie Livingston introduced the development plan and process. Currently, the team plans to apply for permit in February 2021 with construction starting in late summer 2021. Pamela Kamer has assembled an advisory committee. This Community Advisory Committee is looking into questions such as: What will the community look like and how will it welcome everyone? How will it change as it grows? How will the lives of children be enriched?

The new plans include: Head Start, 5.3 acres, a community center, bike and pedestrian paths throughout, short & long term bike storage. The redevelopment plan intends to leave trees and gardens intact, protect views, and include a land bank of 1 acre for future growth. The development prioritized access by designing flat level homes instead of 2-story townhomes. Currently, they intend to reuse the same curb cuts rather than create more disruption.

In discussion, Jack Slocum asked what types of bikes the committee had planned for and reminded them to include recumbent, adaptive and rechargeable bikes. Peter Keller asked for more details about the community outreach as the close neighbors had not been informed about these plans. Kamer responded that residents in a half-mile radius will be receiving a mailer about an informational meeting. Livingston clarified that there will be 75 parking spots inside the community and acknowledged the impact of additional traffic and parking. The location has a fantastic transit system. There are not enough units to merit a traffic study. Many small units are and will be car free.

7:43 Transportation and Bicycle Network - 42nd and Killingsworth

The Bureau is looking for wider sidewalks and not seeing this as the tie to expand the bike network which would be a bigger project and removing the parking. Erik Van Hagen asked if there are other treatments being considered other than widening sidewalks. Ali Novak asks for further ideas to help residents move safely through the city using bikes. Art Pearce welcomes ideas such as Fernhill if they are low cost endeavors. He identified that if there is not a zone change to an area, a review of options will not be triggered. Overall, the desire is to ensure a safe bike network especially with more units being planned. Pearce was asked if the 1-block fix of 41st

and 42nd could be achieved. He directed these ideas to “Missing Links - Small Capitals” and connect with Roger Geller (Bicycle Coordinator at PBOT). Woodsong will return to this and find the deadlines and expectations.

8:00 Transportation/Justice

Alberta Street Repavement and adding bike parking lockers. Slocum suggests this may help make parking a bike for actual year round use as they would be covered. Art Pearce suggests funneling this idea to the Bike Parking Team to operationalize. Slocum asked if any traffic calming measures could be used on Alberta Street. Pearce responded that it is tricky to balance the traffic calming and maintaining the integrity of the street for fire response. Slocum also suggested speed limits and reductions on Alberta. Woodsong added that Killingsworth (west of Fremont) could be reduced from 30mph to 20mph to aid in accident reduction.

Woodsong opened to comments. Ali Novak raised the concern of how bike/pedestrian safety become a consistent concern in creation/redesigning of roads and regulations rather than afterthought to be fixed.

Astrid Furstner asked the group for a representative to attend the Clean Air Cooperative PDX Air Summit. Furstner will attend the next meeting of this Summit and those present agreed to swap off attending on a monthly basis.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:36pm