

CNA – LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting
April 20th, 2022
Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Chair CNA – Peter Keller	Present
Ben Taylor - At Large 5, LUTC Chair	Present

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Committee Chair, Ben Taylor, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and a quorum was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

LUTC OPERATIONS:

Call for new members. No nominees at this time.

HOMELESS CAMPS AT 33RD & DEKUM/LOMBARD:

Presenters: Matt Caldwell, Concordia Neighbor

An overview of the 4 different camps at the intersection of 33rd & Dekum/Lombard was presented. Info for various locations was shown, ownership of various parcels, neighbors' interaction with the City, and top concerns were noted. Skler Bocker-Knapp, of the Mayor's Office, attended the meeting to speak on the City's current Impact Reduction Response efforts. Notes below:

- Camps at 33rd & Dekum/Lombard have existed for approximately 2 years. Nearby neighbors have been continually referred to various websites and bureaus regarding the status of camps.
- Peter Keller - Board Report
 - Attended a listening session on 4/19 with City to learn more about clean-up efforts. The Mayor's office discussed a neighborhood liaison program that would work with the Mayor's office on targeted clean-up efforts within neighborhoods.
- Skye Bocker-Knapp (Mayor's Office)
 - Impact Reduction Metric lowered from 65-50, due to lifting pandemic protocols.
 - Sites A/B/C currently score 58 and are expected to be removed within 6 weeks.
 - Site D is located on Union Pacific Railway property and is not under City jurisdiction.
 - 100's of camps throughout the City above 50
 - People not accepting shelter even though offered.
- Urban Camping Impact Reduction Metrics
 - https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2021/revised-covid-19-protocols-may-2021.pdf
 - Untreated Sewage
 - Public Health Risk/Biohazardous Materials

- Fire Risk
- Verified Reports of violence
- ADA access is blocked
- Impeding operations at schools
- Bureau Responsibilities
 - Responsibilities of Dan Ryan's office vs. Mayor's Office discussed.
 - Commissioner Ryan - Focused on housing & SRV response
 - Mayor's Office/Sam Adams - Leading Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program
- Neighborhood District Leaders - New program proposed by the Mayor's Office. 1 point of contact for neighborhoods to the City regarding reporting areas.

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Campsite Reporting Website

<https://pdxreporter.org>

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Aurora Clair Eklund - How firm is the City's commitment? Trees being cut down. Crime and drugs are prevalent.
- Rebecca Lange - Resident at the camps. Agree with some of the neighbors' viewpoints. Trash collection was approved by 501c. Feels infantilized by the current shelter model. Does not allow pets.
- Heater Gramp - Concerns over safety. Accosted with a machete. Car was lit on fire, with ammo inside the car. Biggest concern is danger.
- Keri Handalay - Beaumont Wilshire volunteer for Hamlett 33rd camp.
- Meredith Caldwell - Teacher at Faubian. Concerns over proximity to Faubian School.
- Barbara - What happens when there is a sweep of a camp? Where will people go?
- Ben Heinhaus - How can the neighborhood help out with tasks?
- Joe Jursczak - Inquired about the City's Point in time count of homeless population. Concerns about cost and time. What is the clean-up timeline?
- Peter Keller - CNA Neighborhood Clean-up is an opportunity to get involved.
- Daryn Murphy - Concordia Neighborhood long time resident. What is the City's policy when people refuse services?

MEETING ADJOURNED

The LUTC Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on May 25th, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Taylor, CNA AL5, LUTC Chair

