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
Secretary: Ben Earle
CNA Board: Alessandra “Ali” Novak  al4@concordiapdx.org
CNA Neighbors: Ken Forcier, Gwen Forcier, (????) Jeff Hilber, (????) Symes, Suzinn Weisz, (????) Williams
Guests: Cheryl Leontina, Bikeways Project Manager, Portland Bureau of Transportation (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 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 30th (see “Dozer Construction Demolishing Concordia" for what they did with property at 5212 NE 28th last fall.)

7) City Comprehensive Plan update (if there is any new info)