

## CONCORDIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (LUTC) Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2016

**Chair:** Garlynn Woodsong ([landuse@concordiapdx.org](mailto:landuse@concordiapdx.org))  
**Secretary:** Ben Earle ([ben.earle@comcast.net](mailto:ben.earle@comcast.net))  
**Neighbors:** Sam Farber-Kaiser, Ali Novak, Kirk Paulson, Spencer Parsons

**Attachments:** *LUTC Charter (Current Draft)*  
*Alley Naming Vote Results*  
*CNA's Alberta & Killingsworth Speed Limit Lowering Request to PBOT*  
*CNA Letter to Developers (1<sup>st</sup> Draft)*  
*Bighouse Project: Status Summary*

- 1) **Welcome, Introductions, & Agenda Review** (*Garlynn Woodsong, Chair*) **7:00 pm**  
2) **LUTC Operations** **7:10 pm**

A) *Minutes (Ben Earle)*

- **September & October 2015 (tabled from 11/18/15): Approved 4-0-1**
  - As 5 of the 6 current attendees constituted a quorum of those at each of these Meetings (Spencer being the exception), and no corrections to or comments on them have been received to date, we agreed to vote.
- **November 2015: Tabled**
  - With only 2 current attendees from the 7 at the 11/18/15 Meeting, we agreed to table consideration to the 2/17/16 Meeting.
- *April, May, June 2015*
  - Drafts of Minutes from these Meetings are still pending.

B) *Charter (Garlynn Woodsong)*

- *Membership*
  - **Slate of Candidates for referral to the Board: Approved 6-0-0**  
Seven of the nine people recommended at the 11/18/15 Meeting accepted the invitation to be on the *Slate of Candidates* for approval at the 2/9/16 Board Meeting as the first official LUTC Members, per the new Charter.
    - a) **Accepting Invitees**  
**Ben Earle, Steve Elder, Sam Farber-Kaiser, Ken Forcier, Ali Novak, Kirk Paulsen, and Garlynn Woodsong** accepted.
    - b) *Declining Invitees*
      - i) Though Jeff Hilber would like to accept, he declined for now for health reasons.
      - ii) Dave Skilton declined.
      - iii) We agreed to leave the two remaining Member slots open until Jeff, Dave, or other people wish to be considered as candidate in the future.
- *Charter Document*
  - **AI: Garlynn will remove the “Delegated Authority” references in Section 2b + Footnotes 1 & 2.**
- *CNA Policies & Procedures Committee*
  - The Board appointed Chris Lopez as Chair and Garlynn to serve on the Committee.
  - Scheduling of the first meeting is TBD.

c) *External Communications (Garlynn Woodsong)*

- *Land Use*
  - *ONI*
    - a) **Garlynn has asked ONI to ensure that both mailed and emailed copies of all LU related notices from the City get sent to the official CNA addresses of not just the CNA Chair but also to the LUTC Chair, starting no later than Feb 1 2016.**
  - *NECN* (Garlynn is the LUTC Co-Chair)
    - a) Nothing new to report but should have something for Feb 17 meeting as their next meeting is Jan 27.
  - *Citywide Land Use Group Committee (CWLUG)*
    - a) **AI: Garlynn will find out if Ken Forcier and/or Jeff Hilber have attended any recent meetings.**
- *Transportation*
  - *Bicycles*
    - a) *City of Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)* (Kirk Paulson is an Alternate Member)
  - *Transit*
    - a) There is no City Transit AC since Tri-Met is run by Metro.
      - i) We agreed to discuss at Feb 17 meeting if there are any feasible groups to connect with.

- 3) **Transportation** **7:30 pm**

A) *20s Bikeways (Garlynn Woodsong)*

- *Traffic Calming Diversion*
  - Despite Kirk & Garlynn taking it “all the way up the chain of command”, PBOT says their regular guidelines won’t allow proceeding with the TCD requests they initially agreed to grant. They recommend we put our advocacy “on hold” until the Bureau assignment “dust settles” after the new Mayor and Council Members are elected later in the year.
  - A possible alternate intermediary step would be to paint all the intersections.
    - a) As this would require getting all affected neighbors to buy-in, Garlynn will bring idea to the Board since full CNA support would be key to achieving this.
- *Bicyclist Fatality*

A bicyclist was hit by a car Dec. 12 heading eastbound on N. Portland Highway at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. bridge.

  - We discussed possible solutions to recommend to ODOT: more lighting, moving the bike routes at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. & 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. bridges, adding “Road Diets” (center bi-directional turn lane), buffering bike lanes, and 2-way left turn lanes.
    - a) **AI: Kirk will look into the feasibility of possible RDs, which involves researching traffic volume capacity, and report findings by the Feb. 17 Meeting.**
- *Faubion Through-Route*
  - b) Jeff Hilber & Kirk measured length distances for future through-route paths to use in calculating cement costs, etc.

B) *Vehicle Traffic (Garlynn Woodsong)*

- *Speed Limit Decreases: Ainsworth, Alberta, Killingsworth*
  - The Board approved asking PBOT to study possible decrease of Alberta to 20 mph & Killingsworth to 25 mph.
    - a) Garlynn reports PBOT will add CNA to list of prior requesters that has already resulted in a traffic study.
    - b) **AI: Garlynn will ask NECN to also submit official request to PBOT.**
    - c) **AI: Garlynn will write article for the February CNA Newsletter.**
  - Kirk suggests also requesting Ainsworth decrease from 30 to 25mph – this would match the 5 blocks E of 33<sup>rd</sup> which are already 25mph. This is partly driven by recent NextDoor site reports by Ainsworth residents complaining about parked cars (especially door mirrors) being side-swiped. There are also increased concerns about both pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
    - a) We agree this is worth looking into but decided see how the Alberta & Killingsworth requests proceed.
- *Left Turn Lanes: 33<sup>rd</sup> at Prescott*
  - Kirk said there is some interest in possibly requesting PBOT put left turn lanes on NE 33<sup>rd</sup> at Prescott.
    - a) **AI: Kirk will report status at the Feb. 17 Meeting.**

4) *Concordia Tree Team (Garlynn Woodsong)*

8:25 pm

A) *LUTC “reach-out” to Concordia Tree Team (CTT)*

- **AI: Garlynn will follow up with Jeff Hilber to find out what’s happening with this.**

5) *Alley Project (Garlynn Woodsong)*

8:25 pm

A) *Alley Naming*

- With 10 of the 15 alleys having “No name / do not name” as the vote winner – along with some concern there may have been possible “ballot stuffing” toward this result since the NN totals were all 15, 17, or 19 – Garlynn recommends we consider re-vote / run-offs for those alleys.
  - Lots of good discussion about Naming objectives / benefits, how current ally conditions may affect people’s feelings / thoughts about voting, many people may just need more information, education /; awareness, and time to consider to participate.
  - **AI: Garlynn will draft of suggested approach to doing a re-vote for the “No name” alleys for LUTC feedback and then write an article for April CNA News reporting results and that this approach will be presented at an upcoming General Meeting for community feedback.**

6) *Land Use*

8:45 pm

A) *[Residential Infill Stakeholders Advisory Committee \(RIPSAC\)](#) (Garlynn Woodsong is NECN’s representative)*

- Garlynn will have more to report next month as the day-long session tomorrow is the first opportunity for them to (hopefully!) start getting some “real work” done.

B) *[PortlandMaps](#) (Ben Earle)*

- The current Beta version will become the official site on Feb. 2.
- Ben will report at the Feb. 17 Meeting about the *Bureau of Technical Services* (BTS) training he attended Jan. 14.

C) *Land Use Actions*

- Parking & Traffic
    - Disallow Parking on NE 27<sup>th</sup> South of Holman
      - a) In response to the Nov. 4, 2015 demolition notice for the house at 6305 NE 27<sup>th</sup> Ave., a nearby CU neighbor who rents her home from CU has raised concern about the negative impact from increased parking and traffic that will likely result from the planned for new student housing on NE 27<sup>th</sup>. Specifically, she asks that there be no CU parking on 27<sup>th</sup> St. south from Holman to Ainsworth, which would match no the precedent setting existing no CU parking on 28<sup>th</sup>.
        - i) **AI: Garlynn will look into what would be involved in re-opening the established GNA CNA has with CU to make this request.**
- Note: We discussed this pending demolition at the Nov. 18 Meeting and took no action since no neighbors had contacted LUTC by then and the replacement of the CU owned homes on NE 27<sup>th</sup> with student housing is part of the [CU Master Plan](#).
- Street Repair
    - NE Holman & 27<sup>th</sup>
      - a) Kirk says the concrete on Holman approaching 27<sup>th</sup> is in bad shape and given the steady traffic usage really needs to be fixed.
        - i) **AI: Kirk will submit a repair request to PDX Report**
  - Residential
    - Demolitions
      - a) 5433 NE 32<sup>nd</sup> Pl. & Killingsworth
        - i) **The original Permit application originally dated Dec. 2, 2015 was not re-issued on Jan. 15, 2016 as incorrectly stated in the Agenda and the standard 35 day Demo Delay period ended Jan. 6. The building was removed sometime between Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> and Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.**
    - b) 5030 NE 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Permit notice 12/30/15 => 35 day Delay ends 2/2/16)
      - i) **The original Permit application originally dated Dec. 7, 2015 was not re-issued on Dec. 30, 2015 as incorrectly stated in the Agenda and the standard 35 day Demo Delay period ended Jan. 11. The building was removed**
    - c) 4907 NE 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Permit notice 12/28/15 => 35 day Delay ends 1/31/16)
      - i) The Board approved supporting a group of neighbors submitting a Demo Delay App, designating Tricia Elder as CNA's authorized Appellant if they decide to proceed.
        - o Ben has provided Demo Delay Tool Kit and related docs to Tricia & husband Steve Elder and has also offered to answer questions, etc. as they go through the process.
  - CNA "Letter to Developers"
    - a) **We tabled review of first draft that Jeff Hilber (and Ken Forcier?) produced to the Feb. 17 Meeting.**
  - Accessory Structures Project – Zoning Update Recommended Draft
    - a) Garlynn reports that the Council adopted the recommended draft.

- [Mixed Use](#) (Ben Earle)
  - [3009 NE Killingsworth](#) (aka “Bighouse Project”: 4 stories w/1<sup>st</sup> retail, #2-4 = 30 1&2 BR units)
    - a) City Council declined downzoning 30<sup>th</sup> & Killingsworth from current [CS](#) to [Comp. Plan recommended CM1](#).
      - i) See Ben’s attached report.
    - b) The sale closed Jan. 13.
    - c) The Board approved LUTC inviting the new owner / developer [Ascend Holdings](#) to present the building and project plans at the March 8 CNA General Meeting.
      - i) AI: Ben will extend the invitation.**
      - ii) We briefly discussed prep actions such as possibly arranging for meeting facilitator, drafting a Good Neighbor Agreement to negotiate with Ascend, etc.
        - i) AI: Ben will draft prep etc. recommendations for discussion at the Feb. 17 Meeting.**
        - ii) AI: Ben will contact NW Resolutions for facilitators to assist at March Gen. Meeting.**
- [Comprehensive Plan](#) (includes [Campus Zoning](#), [Employment Zoning](#), [Mixed Use Zoning](#), [Transportation & Parking](#))
  - [Commissioner sponsored Amendments](#) will be discussed in Council work sessions 1/26, 2/2, and 2/23. Once an Amendments package is published, an additional Public Hearing will be 4/14.

**The Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm.**