

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 20, 2016, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

*Community Room at McMenemy's Kennedy School*

**Members Attending**

Steve Elder (CNA Board – E1), Ben Earle (Secretary), Sam Farber-Kaiser, Tyler Bullen (Vice Chair), Garlynn Woodsong (Chair, CNA Board – SW1)

**Members Absent**

Jeff Hilber, Ken Forcier, Ali Novak (6 weeks travel in Europe),

**Neighbors**

Susan Milhauser, Spencer Parsons (CNA “pro bono” land use legal advisor)

**Guest**

Terry Dublinski-Milton, Vice Chair – SE Uplift

7:10~ pm Welcome & Introductions

- Quorum Check & Member Attendance Check
  - Ken Forcier has resigned from the LUTC due to his moving to Rainier WA.

7:10 pm Public Comments

- None.

7:15 pm Demolitions & Development (*Land Use – Residential & Commercial: UPDATES, PENDING ACTIONS*)

- Residential
  - NE 37th & Killingsworth: No new news.
- Mixed Use
  - Bighouse
    - a) City Council letters of support for Redesign Recommendations to Brian Spencer
      - ~ With CNA Board direction to have the request come from the LUTC, Scty. Ben worked with Matt Grumm, Sr. Policy Manager & BDS Liaison for Commissioner Saltzman, starting on 7/4 to get a letter sent by Saltzman on 7/12.
    - b) POST MEETING
      - ~ With the help of an intro from Matt to Mayor Hales’ Policy Advisor & BPS Liaison Michelle Trummer, a letter from Hales was sent 7/28.
      - ~ With these letters in hand, Commissioner Novick’s Katie Shriver Policy Director & PBOT Liaison arranged for a letter from Novick to be sent 8/5.
      - ~ Ben, Spencer Parsons, and Garlynn then collaborated to write a CNA follow-up letter to Mr. Spencer, signed by CNA Chair Isaac Quintero and sent 8/6, with cc’s to all the main “BH development players” – including Makenzie architects and Concordia U – and to all the 30th & K building owners and business owners.
- CNA LUTC “Letter to Developers”: Review latest draft, establish implementation plan (TABLED)
  - Neither Ben or anyone else has been able to make the time to produce a next draft, so this remains TBD until a revised version can be done.

7:30 pm Design Review (*Land Use – Residential: ACTION ITEM?*)

- 4920 NE 22nd Ave. – Type II Review: No action.

7:35 pm Neighborhood Sustainability Policy (*Livability*: POSSIBLE ACTION)

Garlynn asked that we go around the table so everyone can share their initial reactions.

- Ben:
  - Basically good idea, but needs to be tied to specific, substantive, practical guidelines & actions to be truly meaningful.
  - Needs proper communication, “vetting”, & discussion throughout the community, not just CNA LUTC & Board.
  - Big Q about how a decision on adopting it is fairly, equitably, and effectively done. Challenges & issues encountered with the Alley Naming decision making process are a cautionary tale.
- Tyler:
  - Actually “says something” & “do something”
  - Parking, grey water, bicycle, sidewalks, etc.
- Steve Elder
  - <Sorry, didn’t capture his comments => Steve to fill in please!>
- Terry Dublinski-Milton:
  - Trees
  - Ban on plastics (polymers), etc.
- Sam Farber
  - Not get too specific: “sounded like a good idea but not really when details looked at” => balance between generalities & specifics => “these are what we’d like but these are not exactly what you need to do” => similar to Design Guidelines without specifying exactly what should be implemented
- Spencer Parsons:
  - Would like to see sub-bullets to flesh out what’s really meant & desired
  - Next to last bullet is too broad
  - Socio-economic considerations is current “hot” PDX issue => city is majority white, under-privileged whites are being forced to go elsewhere, don’t want to lose people by trying to include everyone.
  - Economic opty: what do we want to do about it?
  - Preservation: what do we want to do to preserve these attributes
  - Add: natural habitat & ecosystems => never able to really restore but should think about things like wildlife corridors, etc.
  - Consider stronger language, recommendations
  - Want to hear diverse voices, don’t want people to feel like they’re being muscled out by the majority, not be intimidated / are encouraged to participate & speak up.
- Garlynn:
  - Would be 1<sup>st</sup> policy CNA neighborhood would adopt beyond Bylaws & Charter and LUTC Charter.
  - Would be policy to guide direction, actions, pro-actions, expenditures, etc. by Association.
  - AI: Will set up & EM the LUTC a Google Doc version for further comments & inputs.

8:00 pm LUBA Rule Changes (*Land Use*: PRESENTATION – Spencer Parsons, PC; POSSIBLE ACTION)

- LUTC may want to submit some sort of comment(s) in “general realm” => they have to read & consider all input, even if has nothing to do with what they’re specifically asking for comment on.
- Spencer gave an example: Asking for funding for legal support for petitioners & defendants who do not have resources to participate fairly & effectively.
- MOTION PASSED (5-0-0)
  - CNA Board to submit comment in support of Spencer’s request to LUBA that funding for “indigents” be provided by appropriate state, county, and municipal governments.
- We also agreed that once CNA support is in place, the LUTC should recommend that other NAs & the coalitions should do the same.

8:05 pm Concordia Design Standards: launch Design Team (*Land Use – Development*: PENDING ACTION)

- Repliers to G’s EM: Jason Buerkle, Ben Earle, Sam Farber-Kaiser, Jeff Hilber, Spencer Parsons, Kaylie Wilson, Garlynn Woodson
  - Garlynn will reach out Jayson & others who have expressed interest.
- Sam will coordinate scheduling first meeting.

- 8:00 pm    Transportation
- NE Lombard / N PDX Hwy (US 30): Bicycle & pedestrian safety (PENDING ACTIONS)
    - Jessica / ODOT may come to Aug LUTC to discuss our safety concerns and “specific future potential actions”
    - Qs about state employee legal constraints for participating in / commenting at public meetings such as LUTC => Sam & Spencer = ??
    - Sam: state will probably have to rebuild 42nd Ave overpass => we need a state legislative champion.
    - Vision Zero: Sam – “V0 is almost laughable => engineers can’t account for everything that people do that will result in inevitable failure rate.” (Traffic deaths = zero)
    - Ben: will ask Lew Frederick
    - Sam: we should start looking at 33rd overpass issues, which are unique.
  - 20s Bikeway (UPDATE)
    - No new news.
  - Call for Intersection Repair Projects, Establishment of Grant Program to fund? (POSSIBLE ACTION)
    - No action.
  - (8:25pm) *Diversion as Urban Form on Bikeways* (PRESENTATION – Terry Dublinski-Milton, Vice Chair – SE Uplift)
    - Goal is to create “comfort zone” for bicyclists approaching intersections.
    - Terry asks for CNA support “sooner than later” => LUTC will take up at Aug & Sept meetings => to CNA Board Sept / Oct?
- 8:50 pm    Residential Infill Project (*Land Use – Residential*: UPDATE, POSSIBLE ACTION)
- Garlynn: Goal to be relevant to city-wide discussion is for CNA to submit comments by October Board Meeting => earliest for LUTC to decide would be August meeting.
    - Current RIP proposals are for City Council concept “term sheets” => Hales wants “something” to adopt by end of the year => subsequent Council will be constrained by TS parameters, task will be to
  - Steve
    - 1/4 mile = concern about developers having “free reign” to build what they want.
    - Front garages: skinny house prohibition not needed.
    - Steve paid \$2K for parking area on setback of his skinny house.
  - Susan
    - Lot division Qs
    - Transit frequency Qs
  - Sam
    -
- 9:30 pm    Miscellaneous
- Comprehensive Plan: MUZP comments; various upcoming comment periods & meetings (*Land Use – Zoning*: UPDATE)
  - Concordia University: CU LUTC Liaison; GNA (*LUTC Operations – Community Relations*: PENDING ACTION)
  - CNA Safety & Livability Committee (SALC): launch (*LUTC Operations*: PENDING ACTION)
  - Committee Planning Retreat (*LUTC Operations – 2016 Goals*: PENDING ACTION)
- 9:45 pm    Adjourn

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

*Transportation*

- Bikeways: Faubion “through route”
- Parking: “My ZipCar” proposal
- Road Safety: Traffic Calming: Speed Limits - Alberta & Killingsworth; Ainsworth; 42nd Ave; N.Portland Hwy / US 30  
 Left Turn Lanes:            33rd & Prescott

*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)