

SULLIVAN'S GULCH LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Holladay Park Plaza Community Room

6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 26, 2018

Members: DJ Heffernan, Connie Cleaton, Andrea Meyer, Jack Frewing, Julie Hoffinger, Bob Leopold, David Peterson

Guests: Lynne Coward

1. June minutes were approved unanimously. (Andrea moved, Jack seconded)
2. Development news:
 - The Pepsi development had its first design review presentation and was very well-received.
 - 28th & Halsey is looking at beginning construction in October. There is one last detail to be approved: a utility penthouse on the roof.
3. Broadway/Weidler corridor study:
 - This discussion took up most of the meeting. We reviewed the goals we established in May. Then we began to identify where we want improvements like pedestrian-activated lights and crosswalks. DJ marked them on a map and will take it to the SGNA Board before presenting it to the City study group. These are the near-term fixes that we can identify and work on now.
 - We don't know if it is possible to time the pedestrian activated crossing signals so that they synchronize with the traffic lights. If they could, that would facilitate having more crossings without tying up traffic. We are aiming at crossings about every two blocks.
 - The existing corridor plan says that the City wants to encourage active business areas along the route, but all they have done is try to improve traffic movement through the corridor. We want to focus on local activity centers and on making them work better. The streets should be friendly toward residents as well as the businesses located along them.
 - The node at 15th and Broadway might serve as a model of the development we want to encourage at other intersections.
 - Decoupling of Broadway and Weidler is our major long-term goal, but it may take maybe 10-15 years to implement even with agreement from all stake holders.
 - PBOT has said the couplet was created to handle traffic volume, not for safety or other issues. However, current traffic volume is less than was forecast for 1970 when Lloyd Center opened, so the streets can handle the load.
 - We should focus on asking the City to show us why decoupling won't work from an engineering standpoint as a first step.
 - We did not come to a clear resolution of where it should transition from a couplet to separate 2-way streets.
 - We did not take a stand on whether we want a streetcar on Broadway; but if there is one, we want it designed so that it fits with the decoupled streets.
 - Bikeways were also discussed at length. We definitely want to move bikes off Broadway. We had discussed Halsey as a bike greenway, but that would involve bikes cutting through the Axxcess apartments courtyard. The City is improving the Tillamook greenway just north of Broadway so we weren't sure another bike

greenway was needed so close. Multnomah already has bike lanes and with all the new apartments will be a very pedestrian-oriented street, so that seemed the best place to focus on for a bike greenway.

- We also discussed north-south bike routes. 26th is the designated bike route, but many use 21st and 28th. Extending bike lanes on 21st would require removing parking in front of residential buildings and that did not seem like a good idea.
4. Grace Memorial Church is planning to build a seven-story L-shaped building providing low-cost housing on the south and west sides of the block. They are concerned that they won't be able to host the many activities that use their building now during construction, so they might be interested in buying the big white house on the corner of 16th and Halsey. That would preserve the house, which is something the neighborhood would like to see.
 5. Community Engagement Rules:
 - The City is revising the requirement for community notification on developments projects. They would not need to notify the neighborhood if the development is under 10,000 square feet. Between 10,000 and 45,000 square feet they would talk to the neighborhood association but not be required to hold a meeting. Over 45,000 square feet they would have to hold a meeting.
 - We felt that the baseline for working with the neighborhood was way too high. We will ask for anything over 20,000 square feet to trigger neighborhood involvement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Next meeting is Thursday, August 23.