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July Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Meeting Day, Date & Time: Tuesday July 12, 2016

Attendance of Members of the Board of Directors – Quorum of 14: All present

Andrea Meyer; Chris Tanner; Deb Bridges; Dave Brook; Dan Lerch-Walters, Daniel Pirofsky; Jack Frewing; Julie Hoffinger; Kathy Hansen; Kari LaForge; Michael Brown; Michelle Johnson; Marty Rowe; Stepan Simek

Absences: none

Note: All votes were completed by show of hands.

Old Business:

- Motion to approve agenda as amended DBrooks, seconded MRowe. Unanimously approved.
- Approval of minutes, incl. redraft of PPPs. Section A Appointment of Committees, strike sub-clause on affirmation of committee members by Board. Move to approve JFrewing, seconded DBrook. Vote to approve: 12 yes. 2 abstain (JHollinger and Meyer) abstain. Move general meeting minutes, SSimek, seconded DBrook. Unanimously approved.
- Continued review of practices and procedures.
 - Add period, last sentence Finance Committee section C.
 - Committee procedures and reports, section A: Committee Procedures – question why no quorum needed. AMeyer add “committee” to clarify quorum of committee needed, not of larger board.
 - Committee reports, insert “written”
 - Question JHoffinger: why reports needed 7 days in advance of meeting? DPirofsky: agendas also due 7 days in advance. Allows board to prepare. DBridges: Also allow efficient use of board time, allowing more time for new business. Language amendment: “Absent approval of the Chair” on reports. “Any recommendations for action,” replaces “pending,” DBrook move to accept PPPs on committee procedures and reports AMeyer second. Unanimously approved.
 - Section E. Comments and/or corrections to Meeting Minutes must be in writing. MBrown motion to strike, DBrook seconded. KLaFarge: motion was for good reason. Unanimously approved.
 - Section G. Discussion of current practice of affirming general election vote by board in subsequent meeting as outlined in bylaws. DBrooks citation of relevant section of bylaws which cites need to vote for officers, but language includes Directors at Large in



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listing of officers. DPirofsky: process feels redundant. MBrown: address bylaws at next general meeting. CTanner: Strike proposed language pending bylaw revision? MBrown: move to strike G1, DPirofsky. seconded. Approved: 13. MRowe (abstain/absent).

- H. Review after each election. Keep in – do not strike from PPP. No vote needed.
 - AMeyer: (communications committee) should ensure that language and formatting standardized throughout PPP doc.
- Three LUTC members resigned, Kathy Hansen has agreed to serve as committee chair in interim. Committee has two board members and two neighbors currently active. CTanner: need to identify possibly interested neighbors to volunteer in addition to additional board members to join. ONI and NECN need to be notified to redirect to chair if not already being sent. DPirofsky concerned about what the pending issues are. Striping on 21st? Other issues? KHansen: Community outreach on Central City Plan (design overlay). Otherwise, watching the development approval processes for 16th and Multnomah, 21st and Multnomah. Also 28th and Weidler development as well as PBOT 28th and Weidler/Broadway intersection (for which Carol submitted request for study). DPirofsky: which issues need digesting by committee and which can be absorbed by Board directly? KH – none currently, need digesting although Central City Plan and infill in neighborhoods issue may need more attention. DBrook – all board members should be on committee, therefore if any not on a committee, LUTC is a good one to consider. KHansen: Hope to work out committee schedule and composition at retreat. Also identification of items to prioritize. AMeyer endorses Chris' suggestion to take time to build committee. Feel there is nothing pressing to review. CTanner: anyone interested in serving? JFrewing, yes, but when will it be scheduled? AMeyer also willing to serve. DPirosky – also volunteering. And JHoffinger. MBrown: need to aim to have range of perspectives in committee – ability to offer majority and minority reports. AMeyer: need to put together document outlining roles and responsibilities of committee members. Maybe have them apply to participate with Chair to oversee. CTanner: looking for representation from across neighborhood, residents, business property owners, renters.
 - SSimek: requests clarification of status of 26th greenway crossing at Broadway. DBrook offers to follow up and report back.
 - KHansen: 21st bikeway plan appears to be proceeding by city apace. KHansen strongly suggests all board members read nextportland.com which addresses all issues before development board each week.
 - CTanner: LUTC recruitment can be finalized at Board retreat after further discussion. At retreat, also address vision/mission/goals as board, how we will operate as a board, and how we interact. Hope to come out with philosophical statements as well as expectations of committee work, focusing LUTC.



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New Business

- Election of Officers. Nominations for secretary. MJohnson nominated by MBrown, seconded DBridges. Unanimous approval.
- Broadway-Weidler Alliance, SGNA participation. Purpose of Alliance, speak with one voice on behalf of all neighborhoods bordering Broadway from river through Hollywood. Other than traffic lights and ped xings - not much agreement of voices. JFrewing - no report to be issued of charrette? CTannerv- Their next meeting to address goals of organization and strategic plan. Have asked for input from neighborhoods. DPirofsky has concerns about bylaws and focus on single voice, which is not realistic. CTanner many concerned about one-voice focus. Motion to table discussion about BWA until after retreat DPirofsky, MB second. Unanimously approved.
- Retreat Agenda: CTanner: invite speakers from ONI and Nan Stark from City to address what makes a good association and what our responsibilities are focusing on best practices. MBrown wants clarity on advocacy responsibility in particular and how this works. Also, a speaker from a really functional association. DPirofsky: Nan Stark is City District Planner for this part of city. Her charter is Land Use specific. CTanner: also suggestion to take pre-retreat walk around neighborhood. DBrook: perhaps invite neighbors for walk around neighborhood another time. MB to lead. CTanner: After speakers, goals of retreat outline what we talk about. Set framework for bylaws changes. How do we work together as board? How we want to interact with one another, address disagreements, etc. Any topics we are not addressing sufficiently i.e. getting along with homeless in neighborhood. DBrook: also need to address how communication committee gets word out and gets word back to board. AMeyer: address scope of work and challenges of each committee. If using time blocks, use actual times, not minute blocks for better tracking.
- DPirofsky: Central City Plan is part of larger Comprehensive Plan and affects us - Central City comes to 16th Ave and borders SGNA. August 9 is last opportunity to provide input to city during comment period. Largest issue is building height. Proposal allows buildings to be 150 feet, plus bonuses of up to additional 75 feet. Initial Quadrant plan recommended step down of building height so that border (mostly along Broadway) have step down transitioning to lower heights. This pertains to Irvington and Eliot but Sullivan's Gulch was excluded from plan. Comment period is opportunity to express concern about building height and also possible lack of setback affecting sun, shade, views, etc. Could request same transition step-down as Eliot and Irvington plan. MBrown: could Sullivan's Gulch exclusion be related to the existence of high sky scrapers already? MJohnson: does it make a greater difference to comment individually or as an association? DPirofsky: Nan Stark has indicated that while individual comments are good, they value hearing from associations. SSimek wary of focusing overly on height given the broader components of development planning. MRowe agrees. AMeyer: we are only neighborhood that doesn't already have a step down in plan. DBrook, motion SGNA to write letter to Portland sustainability commission requesting



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step down of allowable building heights along 16th Ave be adjusted to be similar to those adjacent to Eliot and Irvington neighborhoods. 8 in favor 3 opposed 3 abstained. Opposition votes represent concern with taking opposition to building height in exclusion of other related and important development considerations. DPirofsky to share draft by email in advance or retreat.

- Upcoming events:
 - SSimek asks to confirm date of Gulchorama. Will begin working on planning. Getting volunteers, talking to artists. Ping Pong tournament. Food. Will reach out to businesses.
 - CTanner - Garage sale needs help with advertising and requests communication committee help in posting of signs.
 - National Night Out - August 2, Holiday park, vendors, food. In past, SGNA contribution to event was to cover insurance for the event. AMeyer move to authorize CTanner to cover expenses of up to \$100 without additional approval, DPirofsky second. Unanimously approved

- Committee Reports:
 - CTanner, in future, committee reports to be submitted in advance in writing.
 - JFrewing assisted tree inventory in Lents recently. City doing inventory of last 10 neighborhoods this summer.
 - Communications committee to be trained next week on website posting at 7pm Dave Brook's house. All welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned, 9:00pm