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MINUTES:

Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association
Land Use and Transportation Committee
Holladay Park Plaza
April 26, 2018

Attendance: David Peterson, Julie Hoffinger, DJ Heffernan, Kathy Hansen, David Galaty, Andrea Meyer

Motion to approve March 2018 Minutes: Kathy moved, Julie seconded and motion passed (unanimously)

Board Updates: We discussed the letter DJ is authorized to draft for proposed SGNA comments on changes to the City's community engagement rules related to new development proposals. DJ hasn't received an update about Board's discussion and vote. We discussed some of the issues that arose during Board discussion but the consensus was that DJ should probably draft letter consistent with the details around the proposed rule changes, taking into account the Board discussion and then return to Board to provide more clarity with draft letter.

Chair's Report

Parking District Status Update: Irvington would like to join SGNA's proposed Parking District. City wants to decide if area between 16th – 21st meets occupancy threshold and if it does we may be selected for the demonstration project under expanded rules for residential districts. The City will consider whether or not to add Irvington (approximately 15th-21st/Schuyler and Hancock). Dave Brook sent the City a picture of "no parking" in Lloyd Cinemas lot because there is a concern that the current occupancy analysis may not capture what we anticipate will be increased parking in the neighborhood as a result of the reduced off-street parking options.

Kathy & DJ met with Grant Park and Go Lloyd to talk about sharing information for better communication.

Pedestrian Plan Update: nothing new but DJ will keep us apprised of upcoming meetings where we will be invited to testify.

Development Updates

CE John & Emerick Architects are both moving forward with developments at 33rd & Broadway and both have been receptive to our outreach. Emerick will be addressing LUTC meeting in May re: the Gordon's Fireplace Store renovation.

2018 Work Plan - Discussion

DJ reviewed the survey results and his analysis (attachment circulated to committee): 11 respondents out of 30 board and committee members. LUTC

members submitted about half of the responses. Discussion: some of the issues we face are time sensitive, some are ongoing responsibilities within our purview, and others are more optional. Issues were rated based on responses where a lower score reflects better rating. Better-rated issues scored above the mean at between 15-23 points. Should these receive most of our attention?

Members discussed the various options and considerations. We didn't come to a final determination but the following factors were discussed.

- The consensus was not to divide into two committees but rather prioritize the work as one committee and continue to grow membership.
- Broadway-Weidler Corridor Plan: this seemed to be an important area of consideration, allowing us to focus in on a number of factors including pedestrian safety, access to businesses, and transportation issues around the Broadway/Weidler couplet. We need to determine what the work could look like, identify resources, stakeholders and evaluate feasibility that our work would move the issue(s).
- Pedestrian Enhancement Plan & Funding Strategy – complex issue because to attract city investment we may need to contribute funds.
- Design Development Guidelines – same, complex and up to us if we do this.
- Business District Vitality: seems like an easy issue and may only require one person communicating with NEBA. It might just be a question of better coordination. Can we get a business person to join the LUTC?
- Parking districts being handled by board.

What should we really focus on: only issues that are time sensitive and under our purview or should we aspire to more? Portland Pedestrian Plan Update is time sensitive and within our purview. Same with Development Review; we can be a good forum to hear what developers are doing and provide feedback. DJ agreed to put together a summary of the issues polling results and options for the Board.

The discussion shifted to Broadway-Weidler. If a goal is to make Broadway a safer street, what contributes to that? The challenge with Broadway/Weidler decoupling is where to push for that to happen? Should we focus within our neighborhood or where it may make more sense, further down near Grand, which involves a lot more stakeholders. Many of our projects cross over the borders of our neighborhood and must have cooperation with other neighborhood associations. We will have more information about the Broadway/Weidler corridor after the SGNA General Meeting discussion. We decided it would make sense to build on the May 2 General Meeting discussion of Broadway/Weidler corridor. If it makes sense we will invite folks to attend to have brain-storming strategy discussion at our May committee meeting to decide on possible actions and focus for further work.