

Members: DJ Heffernan, Connie Cleaton, Julie Hoffinger, David Peterson, Jack Frewing  
Guests: Melanie Raies, Shabina Shariff (TriMet Community Affairs Specialist)

1. Board meeting:

- The Board supported Grace Memorial's application to vacate the street that's currently part of their parking lot. It's a small part of their redevelopment project.
- The parking district should start as small as possible because once they are established other areas can easily be annexed. Apartments are a problem because it's hard to contact the residents, and anyone who doesn't vote on forming the district is counted as a "no."

2. Chair's report:

- DJ is working on the MURP (PSU student workshop) proposal. They will compare business districts on one-way couplets with similar ones on two-way streets. It could support an economic argument for decoupling Broadway and Weidler if it shows much higher property (and property tax) values on two-way streets.

3. TriMet report on bus stop location (Shabina Shariff):

- The City said they might not construct the crosswalk across NE 21<sup>st</sup> at Clackamas if TriMet closed the stop there, so they're looking at ways to keep that stop but still improve efficiency in the area. Their standard for spacing is between 750-1200 feet between stops. They're closer to 500 feet apart in our area.
- They try to locate stops where there is room for people to get on and off the bus comfortably. The stop on the northwest corner of 21<sup>st</sup> and Weidler is really deficient, very hard for handicapped people to use. The stop on the southeast corner also has many limitations and they are thinking of eliminating this one too. The stop on Weidler would stay.
- The stop at 24<sup>th</sup> and Weidler would be shifted west to 22<sup>nd</sup> to make transfers easier. There is also more space there to provide paved "landing pads" and perhaps a shelter.
- David and Melanie brought up several concerns about accessibility and ease of transfers for people who cannot walk too far. Shabina worked with them to identify how transfers would work and how much it would affect accessibility.
- At Clackamas, some parking would be removed to allow the bus room to move into the bus stop.
- Jack asked if street trees could be planted as part of this project. Shabina said the City decides on that. DJ thought we might have some money to help pay for planting some. The trees should be planted where they will not block the bus driver's view of people waiting at the stop.
- DJ asked about moving the stop at 21<sup>st</sup> and Multnomah west to 19<sup>th</sup>. It would be closer to the stop on the south side of the street and would help ease congestion at that intersection. We also want a painted crosswalk at 19<sup>th</sup>. Shabina said they would have to look at the site.
- Another problem at 21<sup>st</sup> and Multnomah is that eastbound cars pull right up to the intersection instead of waiting at the line. Southbound buses turning from 21<sup>st</sup> to Multnomah often have to wait through several light cycles before they have room to make the turn, backing up traffic on 21<sup>st</sup>. The City could help by making it clearer that cars are not supposed to pull up to the intersection. Perhaps an orange box for TriMet, like the green ones for bikes?

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

