

Land Use And Transportation Committee Report

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Committee Meeting

The LUTC met on November 17, 2016 chaired by DJ Heffernan. Members present were: Julie Hoffinger, Connie Cleaton, David Galaty, Debra Galaty, Kelly François, Jack Frewing, Daniel Pirofsky, and Kathy Hansen. Miles Crumley attended with the intent to become a member, which was agreed to.

Guests in attendance were: Bart Jackson, Joe Squires, David Peterson, Chris Tanner, Melanie Roies.

Topics discussed included:

- LUTC History – the discussion reviewed how and why the Committee revamped in the summer of 2016 and what needed to be done within the Committee and between the Committee and the Board.
- Squires Electric Land use application – Joe Squires presented his company's proposal to lease part of his building on NE 21st Avenue to Gabriel's Bakery and answered questions. A solution to concerns re: bike and ped safety on NE 21st was hashed out.
- Neighborhood Plan Update – Committee members and guests had a wide ranging discussion about issues to cover for updating the 1987 plan. Topics of interest included trees and open space – where is our park – decoupling Broadway/Weidler, transportation safety, cars and parking, noise (highway and rail), neighborhood identity, climate change, and housing. These issues will be integrated into an outline for a plan update to be circulated to discussion in December.
- Upcoming Hearings – the Committee discussed positions that we should be taking at upcoming hearings on the Comp Plan. Topics included early implementation of the Comp Plan and parking minimums for apartments, Residential Infill and Redevelopment policy, and a hearing related to the tree code changes.
- Committee members signed up to monitor development projects that have been or are in the process of being reviewed by the City. The aim is to spread the monitoring load.
- The Committee agreed to meet in December on the 4th Thursday (12/22/16).
- The meeting adjourned on time at 8:00 PM.

Broadway-Weidler Alliance (BWA) Meeting

Kathy Hansen and DJ Heffernan attend the BWA meeting on 11/28/16, at which Dan Bower presented information about the status of work to expand the street car system. Broadway/Weidler to Hollywood is in the mix. Advantages include relatively low cost/mile and local support. Disadvantages include difficult linkage to the Hollywood transit center, concerns about construction impacts on existing businesses, and redevelopment impacts in adjacent neighborhoods. Dan noted that the I-5 lid project would complicate the connection to the corridor from the existing network. DJ asked that Portland Street Car include an alternative analysis that decouples Broadway and Weidler as part of their design review; decoupling has

been a formal priority of SGNA since 1987. Grant Park agreed to send Dan a letter of support for the project. Others in attendance (Go Lloyd, Lloyd Eco, Irvington, SGNA) agreed to take the question of support for moving forward with system expansion in the B-W Corridor to their boards. Portland Street Car likely will seek funding for detailed design in one or two corridors starting next biennium and seek funding to build thereafter. Construction could begin within a few years if federal funding is available.

Other corridors under consideration include:

- Sandy Blvd to Hollywood – its advantage is greater redevelopment potential than the other corridors but it is disadvantaged by lack of visible support from property owners, relatively high construction costs, long travel time/connectivity problems until the Burnside Bridge is reconstructed, and design/cost complexities related to adding bike lanes with the fixed guide system on Sandy.
- MLK – advantages include straightforward design but disadvantages include fewer local financing options, displacement concerns, and traffic impacts.
- Northwest to Montgomery Park – complex layout, high cost, and local circulation impacts.
- SW Macadam / John's Landing – complexities with the alignment and whether or not to use private roads make the cost of this option uncertain.

Pre-Application Meeting

Kathy Hansen agreed to attend a pre-application conference for redevelopment of the Lloyd Center Sears Building on December 8.

Nan Stark Meeting

DJ Heffernan had a meeting with Nan Stark, the City Planning Bureau's Northeast neighborhoods planning liaison, on December 2. Topics discussed included a review of the Street Car presentation to the Broadway-Weidler Alliance, the Comp Plan designation amendments for NE Weidler, SGNA's support for intra-neighborhood dialog with neighborhood adjacent to the Central City on homeless, parking and traffic, noise, and our proposition to update the neighborhood plan. Nan liked the plan update idea and said she would talk with her superior about how BPS might be able to support the work.