

# SULLIVAN'S GULCH LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Holladay Park Plaza Community Room

6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2017

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Members: DJ Heffernan, Connie Cleaton, Kathy Hansen, Bob Leopold, Daniel Pirofsky, David Galaty, Debra Galaty, Julie Hoffinger, Jack Frewing

Guests: Chris Tanner, David Peterson, Melanie Roies, Bart Jackson

1. We will approve the minutes of the Feb. 23 meeting next month.
2. Chairman's report:
  - DJ's meeting with Nan Stark was postponed until tomorrow. He is hoping to get intern help and get the City engaged in the neighborhood plan revision. Starting on transportation and parks first makes sense because other elements will require more data collection.
  - Chris Tanner and DJ started reaching out to other inner-eastside neighborhood groups so we can work together on problems we share.
  - Lynn Coward met with Rick Potestio. He will present ideas on design at a future meeting, focusing on where density should go and how to design it.
  - Since the City is going to stop doing design review on smaller projects it's critical that we get good standards in the multifamily code revisions. It will be the only real guide to smaller projects. Julie will attend their April 19 meeting. At their last meeting, DJ felt that it was clear that they were more interested in getting people to agree with their view rather than reaching out for meaningful input.
3. Development projects:
  - Lloyd cinema/Sears lot: Nothing is solid yet. They want the north side of Multnomah to connect to the neighborhood more, but how they want to do that is not clear. The link to the blog about Lloyd development and history is very good:  
<https://placesvertime.wordpress.com/2017/03/13/lloyd-district-version-4-1/>
  - Broadway/Weidler Alliance and others are working with PSU students to survey residents on how to make the whole Lloyd district more connected and welcoming. The link will be posted on the SGNA website so everyone can participate in the survey.
  - Nothing is happening on the trolley expansion. One concern is whether the 77 bus would be rerouted. It's a valuable connection all the way from NW Portland to Troutdale. DJ referenced a Politico article on streetcars that discusses issues many cities are running into:  
<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/12/a-streetcar-not-desired-113804>
  - The hawk signal and 26<sup>th</sup> & Broadway will be activated next month.
  - Holladay Park East: Three complaints about damage have been filed by neighbors but the City inspectors don't seem to care. Shaking was felt a block away on January 25—like an earthquake—and at least seven houses have plaster cracks. There have also been complaints about them working outside the hours in their “good neighbor” agreement, blocking Clackamas St., employee parking on Wasco and Clackamas instead of in the Safeway spaces they rented, and stacking pallets on the Fontaine's lawn.
4. Website
  - Daniel has reworked the website entirely. He is trying to build it so that you can navigate easily through the pages using a navigation bar rather than clicking through layers of submenus. The goal is to make all our information easily accessible to everyone.
  - It will serve as a permanent record of development issues, a kind of “institutional memory.”
  - He is still trying to figure out how to show work in progress on the neighborhood plan, which is also an important means of outreach to the residents.
  - Workload is a big issue as we try to make this comprehensive, attractive, and easy to use. How to

keep it going is a big question.

- Send Daniel any comments or ideas on how to manage all this.

#### 5. Pedestrian problems survey

- The City prioritizes spending on places where there are big gaps, like in East Portland; but they also want to put it in places where there is the potential to increase pedestrian use and solve safety problems. By identifying problems and opportunities we can fit into the second category.
- DJ developed a worksheet that volunteers can use to survey pedestrian issues in the neighborhood. It gives people a simple way to record where problems are: broken sidewalk, slippery conditions, poor lighting, etc. He will expand it to include things like street crossings and blind spots.
- We will sign up 6-12 volunteers to go out during one week to record problems, photographing them as needed. They will have to go out twice, once during the day and once after dark, to see all the problems.
- The results will probably be mapped. Urban forestry has a mapping program that Jack used, and planning may have something that would work, too.
- We also need information on where accidents involving pedestrians and bicycles have occurred.

#### 6. Primary pedestrian paths

- NE 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. is a barrier between the two halves of the neighborhood. We need to identify priority paths where we want protected crossings to connect the neighborhood.

Halsey:

- It is wide and has potential for bioswales or other green spaces that would make it attractive to pedestrians.
- There is a light at 15<sup>th</sup> and the Fred Meyer park at 28th, but the crossing on the s-curve there is dangerous.
- The pedestrian way could continue through the Lloyd district. There's room for green spaces along Halsey in that area, too.

Clackamas:

- It is half way between the traffic lights on 21<sup>st</sup> at Multnomah and Weidler.
- There is a crosswalk near it on 15<sup>th</sup>.

Wasco:

- Already has a crosswalk at 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Kelly could put the intersection street painting at the end of the pedestrian route.
- We need to know where we want crossings on 15<sup>th</sup> before they start redeveloping the Sears parking lot.
- Having crossings every two blocks on all busy streets is a good standard.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., HPP Community Room

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.