

Homestead Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, February 6, 2018

OHSU – CDRC 707 SW Gaines, Portland, OR

Meeting called to order at 7:00 sharp. Introductions. Minutes (Dec 2017) approved; no changes.

Agenda: Approved, with regular reports at end.

Presentation: *Bob Johnson, Terwilliger Plaza CEO: Terwilliger Plaza Expansion Plans*

First: on back (west side) of TP, they have faced continual issues with rocks falling off cliff: worsening in recent years. Planning for more permanent fix: Contracted with "Rock Supremacy" - \$2M project to stabilize whole cliff, which also will help with earthquake preparedness - and had geotech engineering done by a company in Seattle. Permits finally approved, hoping for PBOT buy-in too. By now, the vegetation has been removed, and next the cliff will be stabilized with dowels, drains, and fasteners/fencing. It will be noisy when building proceeds, but this should all happen during the daytime hours. Jackie suggests putting a notice in the SWNI news so that local community knows what is happening. No anticipated traffic impacts.

Second, TP purchased the block immediately to the East (the full city block, which currently has a strip mall), with a concept to make it into a multi-story apartment block for independent-living seniors (~100 units / 150 new residents); "The Parkview". Bob emphasized that this is currently just a concept - no concrete plans, but they will start pre-selling units in July 2018, and Bob brings nice architectural drawings/images. Ideally with a skybridge to the main plaza. They are also even considering (in the more distant future) expanding an assisted living to the North. Milt asks: does it include parking? Yes- 1.5 stories underground parking ~140 spaces (more than enough for the new units). Bob also mentioned that they will be incentivizing car pooling and alt transit for employees to try to reduce traffic impacts. Eric asked about whether the city has thought about improving traffic, and TP residents note continuous gridlock and lament a lack of enforcement, but they have not contacted PBOT yet. One question: can there just be more enforcement? Michael has had a couple of conversations with PBOT about improving flow and hasn't made much progress. Bob mentioned that perhaps the biggest sticking point at the moment is the skybridge, which the city is not enthusiastic about, but TP really wants it to avoid having residents walk on street level.

Old Business:

Condor Lane Peds Safety: Following up on the dangerous walking conditions for peds commuters on Condor Lane. Letter written by Ed in late 2017, got no reply. Ed re-wrote his email in Dec 2017, and got responses from a few commissioners and Mike Abbate (parks). Amanda Fritz finally helped nudge things forward, with one of the Parks folks, who finally wrote back, and is looking into who manages the road. Anton notes that FoT wrote a letter requesting whether the road could be closed, per the original Marquam Hill Plan, but which would have traffic flow impacts. No response: Ed will follow up with the city. Some discussion re: possible one-way option, or anything to nudge the city into making a safer route for pedestrians.

New Business:

ReachNow cars: Taking all of the parking spots in Terwilliger Parkway (so few/now available for park visitors), and they are being used by commuters to circumvent the parking rules on Marquam Hill. This is exactly what happened with car2go a few years ago. Eric will find all old communications and forward them to the board, as well as how it was resolved.

Regular Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Aaron Clemons. No changes: balance is \$792

Land Use: Milt Jones. Residential Infill Project AND Better Housing by Design Projects: please comment that the projects are NOT considering **parking and traffic**. Two projects in neighborhood: a developer has proposed to put 39 apartment units on top of the old parking structure behind plaid pantry, but only add 6 additional parking spaces (this is allowed by rights, as the city encourages this). Second project: in the triangle area across from Plaid Pantry, they are proposing hotel/apartment structure ~24 units, targeting visiting patients, family, etc. Also very little parking proposed. Ed asks whether there is a limit to the number of residential parking permits... the answer was no. Anton notes that in some neighborhoods, certain buildings can be excluded from access to the residential parking- this could be decided by the neighborhood.

SWNI Board Notes: Jackie Phillips. ONI has cut the "graffiti abatement" program and "elders in action" program administration. Transportation Committee looking to SWIM program to find projects for funding. They also have found that SWNI residents paid for almost 45% of all local development funds "LTICs", but which are not being spent in the quadrant, so letter was written to ask that the city spend some of the funds in the neighborhood.

Public Safety: Steve Gramstad. Been working with the city to help monitor traffic near Duniway Park. Also monitoring the guardrails on Barbur. Steve also monitoring homelessness and enforcement- states that there isn't enough current enforcement.

Membership/Outreach: Susan Egnor. Planting party for Anton's horseshoe: March 16

Parks: Susan Egnor Portland_Parks budget is being cut. Thanks for putting in requests for priority projects those who did.

Transportation: Ed Fischer. Points already covered by Jackie (above)

OHSU Liaison: Michael Harrison. Demolition of dental school well underway. Casey eye expansion is being planned into that area. He asks: do we want a presentation re: the new plans? Sounds like yes: next mtg. Re: SWIM: do we want to revisit our priorities list, so that he can present it at the next SWIM meeting at which they will discuss priorities? They were still talking about evaluation criteria at the last meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:03pm

Respectfully submitted

Eric Schnell