

Minutes for Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

Call to Order

A Board of Director's meeting of The Hillsdale Neighborhood Association was held on November 6th, 2019 at 6245 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland. It began at 6:45pm and was presided over by Marie Tyvoll, with William Reese as secretary and Bre Wende taking the minutes.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Don Baack, Glenn Bridger, Tatiana Lifshitz, Will Reese, Chuck Stilson, Marie Tyvol, Bre Wende, and Eric Wilhelm.

Total number of Guests in attendance: 11 additional guests.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda by Glenn Bridger was seconded and approved.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes had not yet been posted to the site. They will be posted for approval at the December meeting.

Officers' Reports

The President's Report was presented by Marie Tyvoll.

- Meeting space for HNA at Remax. Request to add a board member to any advertised meeting flyers.
- Time allotted to Aslan Newson, President of Black Student Union at Wilson High School. Program: No Place for Hate. Anti-bias training for juniors and seniors to mentor sophomores. Peer education begins in December 2019. AWARE, Allied Wilson Advocates for Equity, has been formed to create policy change and create a climate that supports all students at Wilson. Needs: support, presence at community outreach events.

The Vice President's Report was presented by Glenn Bridger.

- Committee request for long range equity and inclusion efforts. Glen is seeking a leader for the group committee. Attendee, Samina, suggested an expansion of Aslin's above efforts into other local public schools for equity and inclusion efforts.

The Secretary's Report was presented by William Reese.

- No new updates as this time.

The Treasure's Report was presented by Rick Meigs.

- Not present.

Other Reports

1. Nick, resident of Hillsdale, brought forth to the HNA a request to formally support the addition of speedbumps on Boundary Street and 26th. Eric supplied relevant information and offered to help connect Nick with someone at PBOT and support Nick in writing a letter in support of speed mitigation efforts.
2. Update on accomplishment list.
Excel version provided for sorting ease and reference use to the committee for a larger letter effort in the new year.
3. Eric Wilhelm—discussion of an initiative to educate the community on the benefits of ranked-choice voting, or STAR: "Score Then Automatic Run-Off". Rather than a single vote, all elections would be tallied

by automatic run off based on the rank of votes. Preference between candidates is valued in this system. Request for the HNA or SWNI to host an information session to learn about election reform.

Regarding the Transportation Committee:

- SWIM (southwest in motion) at City Council Dec 5th.
- SWNI transportation committee voted in support of a letter about SW 45th (recently repaved), asking for a network-level analysis and mitigation of the traffic volume/speed and crossing safety.

4. Equity and Inclusion Training. Marie discussed plans for a joint Hillsdale/South Burlingame Neighborhood Association Equity Training with Emma Dugan, a retired teacher and equity advocate. The workshop would address things you community members can do personally to help end racism. The classes will be limited to 14 people.

Available Dates

Saturday's - 9-12 or 12-3pm:

Nov. 16

Nov. 23

Dec. 7

Sunday's - 1-4pm:

Nov. 17

Nov 24

Dec 1

Dec 8

Dec 15

5. Wilson High School master plan.
Don provided an update on the Vision for Wilson High School—as part of his participation in the planning committee for long term facility needs. The swimming pool on site has become a focus of attention. The pool is owned and managed by Portland Public Parks. Don has been pressing to the committee to prioritize remodeling the school buildings but keeping the pool. The next step will be to price out the expenses for the updates and present to PPS. Next meeting will be on 11/19/19 at Wilson High School.

Marie Tyvoll suggested that Aslan encourage students to join at the next meeting and offered insight on Maker Spaces.
6. Overview of renewed activity on development of lands on SW 13th Drive.
Land use proposal for building of nine new residences on SW 13th drive (behind Fred Meyer). Developer will need a waiver for space between street and building, setbacks. There will be garages, but no parking area in front of the garage. If built, the street will narrow to fifteen feet. Members expressed concerned about space for emergency vehicles.

Motions

Motion 1: Moved by Don Baack and seconded by Eric Wilhelm that the HNA write a letter to SWNI requesting SWNI to host an information session on STAR voting.

The motion carried with 8 in favor and 0 against.

Motion 2: Moved by Tatiana and seconded by Don Baack as follows:

“MOTION REGARDING LAND USE PARTITION CASE LU 17-245578 LDP, AD commonly known as the 1015 SW BERTHA BLVD. LAND DIVISION

BACKGROUND: CITY SENT A REVISED NOTICE OF A TYPE IIX PROPOSAL; RESPONSE DUE NOVEMEBR 15, 2019 ON JANUARY 16, 2018, HNA BOARD WROTE TO BDS URGING THE CITY TO DENY THE PROPOSAL. THE CITY AGREED. NOW COMES A REVISED PROPOSAL ON THE SAME PREVIOUSLY FILED APPLICATION, NONE OF THE CORRECTIONS THE CITY INDICATED IN ITS NOTICE OF PORPOSED DENIAL WERE CORRECTED, THERE ARE ADDITIONAL NEW FACTORS NOW, SUCH AS INCREASED NUMBER OF PROPOSED STRUCTURES, STORM WATER REMOVAL VIA PUMPING IT UP TO THE SURFACE ON 13TH DRIVE, ADDITIONALLY THE APPLICANT ILLEGALLY REMOVED PROTECTED TREES ON THE PARCEL PROPOSED TO BE DIVIDED.

THE SITE IS IN THE LANDSLISE HAZARD AREA. THE DETERIORATION OF THE RETAINING WALLS HAS CONTINUED, THE SURFACE OF SW 13TH DRIVE EXHIBITS INCREASED WEBBING IN THE ASPHALT.

LANDSLIDES HAVE OCCURRED PREVIOUSLY.

MOTION TO REAFFIRM THE PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN LETTER TO THE CITY AND DIRECT THE LAND-USE COMMITTEE TO WRITE A NEW LETTER INCORPORATING THE PREVIOUS LETTER AND COMMENTS ABOUT THE NEW FACTORS PRESENTED IN THE CURRENT PROPOSAL.”

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Glenn Bridger noted that this land-use proposal raised many concerns among nearby neighbors and that the Land Use Committee is prepared to appeal this LU proposal if the developer will proceed with his application without making the appropriate changes. Asked to differentiate this LU proposal from other controversial land use developments in the neighborhood, such as two ongoing developments in Sunset Triangle on SW 18th drive, which the HNA Board did not consider appealing, Glenn said the difference is that the site on SW 13 Drive is physically fragile, with unstable soil conditions and steep slope, and that the developer is requesting to revise the lot dimensions to build additional dwelling units.

The motion carried with 7 in favor and 1 abstention.

Committee Reports and Follow Up

Public Safety Committee update presented by Keturah Pennington

- Police recognition dinner noted as a success. Next safety meeting scheduled for 11/7/19.

Land Use Committee update presented by Tatiana Lifshitz.

- See above overview of renewed activity on development of lands on SW 13th Drive.
- Code changes—pointing out value of neighborhood associations.
- Open hearing regarding Multnomah neighborhood association vs City of Portland. January 9-11th. Court of Appeals.
- Better Housing by Design Project began testimony today.
- Residential infill project. December 11th—city council will begin hearing technical testimony. Public testimony will begin in January. 503-823-6879 Morgan Tracey, Project Manager.
Portlandoregon.gov/pps/infill

Transportation Committee Update presented by Eric Wilhelm

Watershed Committee Update

- Not present.

Parks Committee Update

- SWNI discussion of funding for parks. 58 parks employees laid off in 2018. December 19th a meeting with city counsel to consider a parks organization. Recent Tree Summit occurred to discuss tree population in all parts of Portland.

Equity and Inclusion Committee

- No update. Meeting cancelled.

Old Business

Wreath sale reminder and update.

New Business

SWNI land use committee is scheduled to take a position on the Residential Infill Project in January. An Advisory motion was put forward by Natalia Bronner, as follows.

In preparation for a Motion on the Residential Infill Project (RIP) which is going to be introduced by the SWNI Land Use Committee in January 2020 at the SWNI Board meeting (as announced by Gary Runde, SWNI Land Use Committee Chair, at the SWNI Board meeting on October 23rd), I request that the HNA Board of Directors take the following actions:

1. Have a discussion on the proposed RIP changes among the Board members and establish a formal position regarding the proposed changes via a Board vote.
2. Conduct the above discussion in accordance with the public meetings and public records rules and HNA bylaws, Articles IV and X.
3. Instruct HNA representatives at SWNI (Board and Land Use Committee) that his or her vote on any motion regarding the RIP should reflect the formal (official) position established by the HNA Board.”

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Natalia Bronner expressed a hope that when discussing the RIP and the Motion by SWNI Land Use Committee, the HNA Board would take into consideration the feedback it received over the past two years from the membership and Hillsdale community on the proposed RIP changes. Ms. Bronner stressed that this motion doesn't provide any recommendations to the Board regarding their formal position on the RIP and leaves the establishment of the position up to the Board discretion as, based on the current structure of the organization defined by the HNA bylaws, only the Board has the authority to make such major decisions.

Ms. Bronner also emphasized the importance of having an open discussion of the RIP and SWNI Land Use Motion among HNA Board of directors as this discussion would provide the guidance to the HNA SWNI representative before the vote on the SWNI Land Use Motion at the SWNI Board meeting and Ms. Bronner's motion aims for this vote to be based on the position established by the HNA Board of directors, rather than personal beliefs and views by the HNA SWNI representative which she believes was the case with similar votes in the past.

Will Reese seconded the motion.

Glenn Bridger moved that Natalia Bronner’s motion be tabled until the December 4 2019 HNA Meeting, so that the Board would have an opportunity to study the motion. Don Baack seconded Glenn Bridger’s motion. Natalia Bronner objected.

Will Reese read out Natalia Bronner’s motion a second time, so that the Board could make a considered decision on whether to table it until the next meeting.

All HNA Members attending were eligible to vote on the Advisory Motion.

The motion to table Natalia Bronner’s motion was approved:
10 members approved, 4 opposed, 2 abstained.

Marie Tyvoll said the motion would be added to the agenda for December 4, 2019.

A Humane Moment

Members invited to request help assisting people who need food, clothing, yard work, and tools.

Adjournment

Marie Tyvoll moved that the meeting be adjourned, all agreed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

William Reese

Secretary
Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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Date of Approval