

Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

March 4, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 1, at 7 p.m.; ReMax Building, Sunset & Capitol Highway

Action Item 3-4-20-1: Glenn Bridger moved that the HNA Board hold a public strategic planning meeting at Watershed Apartments, 6380 SW Capitol Hwy, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18. The agenda will be:

- a) HNA strategic planning;*
- b) There have been unusual communications going to the SWNI Board and we need to discuss our 'voice' when communicating with the SWNI Board; and,*
- c) Agenda development for April, May, June, and July. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

Board Present: Don Baack, Glenn Bridger, Chuck Stilson, Eric Wilhelm, Rick Meigs, Marie Tyvoll; Board Not Present: Will Reese, Aslan Newson, Tatiana Lifshitz, Bre Wende

The meeting was chaired by HNA President Marie Tyvoll. Members and guests introduced themselves. Both the agenda and the Minutes of the February 5 meeting were unanimously approved.

Officer Reports: Vice-President Glenn Bridger described the need for our 2020 Board strategic planning meeting, which will be open to the public. It will be announced once a meeting site has been selected. Glenn also informed the audience that beavers have built again, as they annually do, a dam on the pond located at the intersection of SW 32nd Avenue and Beaverton-Hillsdale Library.

Treasurer Rick Meigs reported that the HNA OnPoint bank account has \$476.44 in it.

Annie Kallen of STAR (Score Then Automatic Runoff) presented the voting method which they state will "Revolutionize Democracy" by allowing voters to assign a rank in situations where multiple candidates are competing for the same position; or when otherwise there are multiple choices of solutions in a voting/balloting situation. Annie distributed ballots to illustrate the fairness of the STAR method to determine the fairness of choosing the "favorite" ice cream when there are six choices. She stated that STAR ranks highest as "an honest voting method." Ranked Choice Voting is used in Maine, New York, and Ireland.

Don Baack announced that the semi-annual cleanup of Wilson High School grounds and parking lots will be held from 9 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, April 25, and will be followed by lunch.

Arnie Panitch alerted members to TriMet bus route detours through Multnomah Village during a major construction project this year, from the bridge southwest of the MV business district along Capitol Highway to Taylor's Ferry.

Rick Seifert presented a proposal to ask that the City of Portland rename Bertha Boulevard. The new name would be "Hillsdale Boulevard." He noted that the name "Bertha" is associated with multiple transportation routes in Hillsdale as well as two water reservoirs on Healy Heights near Council Crest and that "Hillsdale Boulevard" would direct the public towards the central business district of the Hillsdale neighborhood. It would also be a logical stop should the proposed TriMet light rail line be funded to connect downtown Portland with Tigard and Tualatin. Rick circulated a petition requesting the name change for members to sign.

Tenino Pacifico of Habitat for Humanity, accompanied by architect Bill Wilson, introduced a low-income housing project the organization proposes to build off SW Capitol Hill Road. If approved by the City of Portland, it will be built on property currently owned by Greater Portland Bible Church. The project would consist of 40-50 homes which would not be located in the church's conservation zone. Each unit would have a designated parking space for one car. Habitat plans to purchase the property from GPBC by November 2020. The homes are tentatively priced at \$165,000 for a three-bedroom unit, and \$200-205,000 for a four-bedroom unit. Habitat also plans to establish a Home Owners Association at the site, as they have normally done at their other properties. Meeting participants asked numerous questions about the project and expressed general approval of the project's goals. A member of GPBC stated that the church had rejected several other offers by developers for a portion of their property but accepted Habitat's offer because of the organization's low-income housing mission.