

Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

April 1, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, at 7 p.m.; Virtual Meeting on Google Hangouts

No “action” motions were presented at this meeting.

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

General attendance: Bob Stacey, Metro Councilor; Richard Stein; Aster Moulron, Libby Winter, TriMet; Sharon Keast, SWNI; John Gillam, PBOT Shannon Hiller-Webb, Michael Warren, Jeff and Coach Bennet (Wilson football)

Pre -7:00 Participants became familiar with Google Hangouts. Sharon Keast of the SWNI Office provided instruction and technical support throughout the meeting. Glenn Bridger volunteered to keep minutes.

7:00 The meeting was called to order by President Tyvoll.

Welcome & Introductions. Participants joined in by Google Hangouts or by phone. Self introductions were made. The meeting was recorded and the recording is available on the HNA website.

Approval of Agenda for March meeting -- Approved

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes, March 4, 2020 – Approved

Officer Reports

President – Let make this work; Vice President -- ditto
Secretary, Treasurer No Reports

Metro Update I Metro Councilor Bob Stacey

Bob Stacey presented an overview of the many adjustments Metro Government is making to meet the new world we face with the pandemic: about 700 employees laid off; management working with reduced pay; new challenges for the various service units including accommodating testing.

Metro is structuring various bond measures to meet the community needs. The Homelessness measure will be on the May 2020 Ballot; Transportation needs will be addressed on a ballot measure still being developed with an eye towards carrying out Metro needs in a manner compatible with potential Federal Covid-19 stimulus funding. Positioning projects that are “shovel ready” for advertising for construction will accommodate that need. Among the issues raised during the Q&A session were: for SW Corridor, references in the environmental document to removal of flyover between Capitol Highway (North) at Barbur; pedestrian killed during past week by drunk driver along Barbur in middle of night; exploring short-term road diet for Barbur; need to take actions on crazy drivers/add protections to walkers, with note regarding effectiveness of Camera along BH Highway in slowing speeds. The continued existence of Barbur as car-centric while waiting for reconstruction in half a decade is also of concern to the community.

Trimet SW Corridor Project I Aster Moulton and Libby Winter

Aster started responding to Don’s question on design of SW Corridor at Barbur, showing the graphics. Don reaffirmed that the comments he is concerned with regarding flyover removal which is covered in notes only. An overview of the project was given, with a focus upon the general design in the Hillsdale community.

Questions and discussion included issues relating to the connections to OHSU and PCC; timing of connection from the Gibbs connection to OHSU with regard to other options like Bus 8; PCC connection is presently not funded regarding final proposed shuttle; reconsider the Custer Station name aligning it to culturally respectful names for SW Corridor stations; width and lanes required for Barbur in addition to new transit lanes and even wider street pedestrians must cross;

Status of the Hillsdale Food Park and status of adding a beer cart to the Food Park I Richard Stein

Richard was returning as follow up from a presentation a year or a year and a half ago about adding a beer cart to the Food Park; the neighborhood supported the idea at that time. He has now located a beer truck to serve the area in the evenings and perhaps on Saturdays and Sundays. Looking at operation only during fair weather. Discussion regarding licensing and time and place; some of the school folks may like to have a beer at lunch. Expecting to open after 4 PM, but not sure of the licensing requirements.

Richard also addressed the topic of issues of safety and service to people of color. The issue has been raised, and there have been two boys who were a problem but have not been seen this school year. Vendors and customers alike are inclusive; many of the vendors are themselves immigrants and/or persons of color. The question was raised regarding the letter to PPS on the future of Wilson HS. Glenn will see that it is made available to the website.

Wilson Football League I Michael Warren

Michael Warren and Jeff from Wilson Football regarding youth football in the community. The program was not present last year; this will be the 20th anniversary of youth football in Wilson. Coach Bennet (for only 1 month so far) from the HS was also present. Offering a K thru 4 flag; 5 thru 8 tackle. Practice to start in August. Planning a youth football camp at the high school the first week of August, with HS coaches providing the guidance. Wilsonyouthfootball.com is their website.

Committee Reports I

Transportation, Eric Wilhelm. Street width allocation is out of balance today due to more walking; social distancing; and fewer cars.

New Business Board Elections - Nominating Committee

Marie and Glenn discussed the upcoming Board Member elections coming in June meeting. Glenn identified the 7 positions to be filled. The board status tabulation will be sent to members and board. Glenn also noted that the HNA may wish to explore whether the size of the board should be reduced. Nominating committee is a recruitment process appointed by the President.

Meeting adjourned;

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Bridger
Acting Secretary, HNA Board