



NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Land Use and Transportation Committee
Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Office
APPROVED Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Garlynn Woodsong – Concordia, LUTC Co-chair

Nan Stark – Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Paul van Orden – Eliot

Rachel Lee – Sabin

Leigh Rappaport – King

Micah Meskel – Humboldt

Brad Perkins – Perkins Realty, NNEBA

Introductions and Minutes

No Quorum at beginning of gathering with Garlynn, Paul, Leigh, Nan Stark of BPS present. LUTC will not be taking formal votes and only offering general opinions for the board via a basic straw poll.

Minutes tabled to end to see if Quorum is achieved.

United Neighbors for Reform resolution

General discussion ensues- Rachel Lee arrives 7:15 PM. No Quorum is reached.

Letter of Transmittal of general support for the UNR platform to include: Potential effort to put together a list of the different areas of concern from our member neighborhoods.

Members present did not have full agreement on Item 2A, but thought that a comment could be made to be looked at a bit more closely to meet the needs of our member neighborhoods.

Members present thought Item 2C should be expanded to offer more protection for solar and tree regulations and include more than just small lots of less than 5000 sq. ft.

There is general agreement to form an additional recommendation to focus on the need to better protect the existing homes in R2.5 zones of NECN.

Garlynn moves the straw poll, Rachel seconded. All in attendance raised a Yes straw regarding the letter of transmittal.

Comprehensive Plan

Micah said we should keep our focus on the December 3rd and Dec 10th City Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) public hearings on the project. LUTC should potentially have a working group go through LUTC's current efforts and work to get that to the full NECN Board for the Nov 2015 meeting.

Micah moved and Rachel seconded the straw poll. Unanimous vote of support, but still no quorum for a formal vote. Micah said he would help out with that group. Paul will take a look at the letter as well but won't look to add any formal meetings to his plate.

Mixed Use Zoning Project

Garlynn notes LUTC has permission from the Board to send off the current iteration of the Mixed Use Zoning Project letter offered to the Board. Nan Stark offered a comment regarding

perspectives about keeping the setbacks at 14 feet within LUTC recommendations. The minimum is 10 feet now, it is up to 14 but not 14 in all cases.

Garlynn offers comments on exploring the issue of existing Commercial properties not being impacted by needs to have to limit development in the 10 to 14 set back if they are already in the setback area with an existing structure.

Garlynn says LUTC has some leeway from the Board around making modifications to the existing work to adapt to the now available draft documents of the BPS Mixed Use Zoning project. Garlynn moves a straw poll that we make any necessary changes to the draft letter on Mixed Use Zones

Centers and Corridors Parking Study

Members present agreed that the committee needs to act next month since the committee does not have a quorum to formally get a subcommittee going. Leigh mentions that King will definitely want to be involved based on the Vic Remmers project, inter Neighborhood Association, and other density/parking related concerns.

Residential Infill SAC Report

Garlynn notes there are a great variety of different thoughts being expressed with some focus on the community being more directly empowered in regards to better community design standards. Late January 2016 there will be a charrette to explore all the issues. The date is not set yet for the gathering.

Rachel notes that before the next meeting, LUTC needs to better clarify the direction that Board wants to offer LUTC in how to best keep them informed of actions and efforts related to this project and others.

November and December LUTC meeting schedule

Discussion on the next meeting: Garlynn moves and Leigh seconds a Straw Poll to ask the Parliamentarian to check on the way we need to establish the next meeting date with the change time needed and no quorum for the group to change it.

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Updates

Nan mentions that there will be a NE talk regarding RIPSAC efforts. Nan offers a cheat sheet chart to follow all the times to offer comments on the myriad list of concurrent planning efforts occurring. She suggests that anyone planning to testify, make sure to focus on the idea of having 2 minutes to testify. Any potential changes that one feels were missed while being reviewed by the Planning and Sustainability Commission, now move to testimony opportunities at City Council.

Nan says she was exploring having office hours at NECN next week to help collect perspectives from community members on November 4th. Last year she got 5 or 6 people.

Nan will plan on coming early next meeting at 6:30pm to be available to member of the public with questions.

Emanuel Hospital: Rezone blocks from IR to CM3 between Russell, Williams, Stanton, & Vancouver

Brad comes from Irvington to offer his perspectives on Emmanuel Hospital property bordering Russell, Williams Stanton, and Vancouver. He mentions the challenges the community faced with the issue pushing folks out of the community and the loss of housing. He notes an agreement currently on display at the hospital in its informative historical displacement education piece that notes a commitment to supply 180- 300 Low income housing units.

Brad notes that the North/Northeast Business Association (NNEBA) is exploring a dialogue with Portland Community College to use this site, or other ideas to create work and schooling opportunities and housing for the community. He wants the group to explore this area being rezoned.

Brad says he will get a draft letter to get support from folks in the NECN area and to comment on it and gain NECN support. Nan will do a little research and give us perspectives on what would work best here.

Garlynn recommends that LUTC send a letter with a representative to City Council, possibly Brad, to offer a suggestion to rezone the blocks from Stanton to Russell, Williams to Vancouver to be rezoned to a residentially focused zone with an educational component and ground floor retail. Possibly CM3 but to be careful to not have too much medical office use, and to address neighborhood concerns about a potential lack of adequate infrastructure.

Straw poll: Three in favor and one abstention. Paul abstained to make sure he had a better info from Eliot before signing off.

Letter in support of City Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Policy

Micah provides updates on a recent resolution coming out of the Mayor's Office on the topic of a new City Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Policy that was first offered on Tuesday, October 28th.

Rachel notes that she will be abstaining from supporting this with the speed with which it is being explored. Notes that there is no time for anybody to really explore this issue in depth.

Garlynn takes a straw poll with three remaining members to ask the NECN Executive Committee to send a letter on this item. No quorum so the 3 in support, and 1 abstention are just a straw poll.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes taken by Paul van Orden