Meeting Attendees:
Dave Johansen, Alameda, Co-Chair
Garlynn Woodsong, Concordia, Co-Chair
Anjala Ehelebe, Woodlawn
Evan Heidtmann, King
Dennis Kennedy, Woodlawn
Daniel Pirofsky, Sullivan's Gulch
Andrew Sheie, Humboldt
Brad Perkins, Cascadia Highspeed Rail LLC
Laura Becker, NECN

Minutes:
Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m.

Approval of April Minutes
The committee approved the April minutes as amended to spell out acronyms in their first reference as well as updated meeting guidelines. Motion/Second/Carried (MSC) Johansen, Sheie approved.

Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Seismic Retrofit Project, Carmen Melo, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM)
Carmen presented background information about updates about the project. In 2014, the Portland City Council directed the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, the Portland Development Commission, and the Bureau of Development Services to work together with a citizen committee to develop recommendations to reduce Portland’s risk from URM buildings. A committee composed of engineers, architects, and a geologist met from January to April 2015 to create reasonable retrofit standards and timelines. The URM Policy Committee proposed a tiered approach, requiring URM upgrades to critical buildings sooner and to a standard that will enable their use after an earthquake, and low-risk buildings later and to a more cost-effective standard that will still greatly reduce the danger they pose to the public. Visit portlandoregon.gov/pbem/66306 for more information. Carmen took questions from the committee, reporting on incentives for property owners requiring financing assistance and acknowledging the economic burden for many neighborhood businesses. The committee noted the public policy interest of the issue city-wide, not just for property owners.

Sullivan’s Gulch Trail Update
The committee reviewed a draft letter requesting funding for the Sullivan’s Gulch Trail. After discussion and edits, the committee approved requesting NECN’s board to send the letter as edited to Council Dan Saltzman. MSC Johansen, Ehelebe, one abstention, approved.

New Business
The committee discussed the recent news that Multnomah Chair Deborah Kafoury has issued a memorandum of understanding to sell the long-vacant Wapato jail for $10 million to a California development company. The deal has 90 days before approval by the County. After discussion the committee approved requesting NECN’s board to send a letter to Multnomah County “requesting either cancelling the sale of Wapto or providing a plan to house and provide direct services the equivalent number of people experiencing homelessness that Wapato could hold in time for this winter”. MSC Woodsong, Johansen, one abstention, approved.

Neighborhood Updates
Woodlawn: Working on a position paper on apartments being developed without parking
King: MLK Pedestrian Study presentation at last association meeting
Alameda: Annual Clean-Up Event was a success
Sullivan’s Gulch: Brainstorming session at annual meeting will include parking, parks and street vacations
Concordia: Also focused on parking
NNEBA: Changed name to The Soul District, working on minority business incubator and economic development of Rose Quarter.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.