Meeting Attendees:
Garlynn Woodsong, Concordia, Co-Chair
Anjala Ehelebe
Dennis Kennedy, Woodlawn
Allan Rudwick, Eliot
Claire Carder, Design Review Advisory Committee (DRAC)
Jessica Rojas, NECN
Laura Becker, NECN

Minutes:

Design Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) Update
Claire Carder of DRAC surveyed the committee on their interested and participation in the City Wide Land Use Meetings. Committee members were not all aware of the group or the meetings. Claire offered to share summaries of those meetings with NECN.

Jessica Rojas, NECN Community and Environmental Engagement Manager
Jessica introduced herself to the committee and described her advocacy work with partners including Neighbors for Clean Air, Portlanders for Clean Air around issues including dirty diesel, EPA’s Portland Harbor clean-up and other district-level environmental concerns. The committee discussed the relevance of more ‘livability issues’ to the group and agreed that air quality is a direct consequence of Land Use and Transportation issues.

Approval of May Minutes
The committee approved the May 24, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion/Second/Carried (MSC) Ehelebe/Kennedy, one abstention.

Parking
The committee discussed Concordia’s letter to the city requesting that the Council approve the parking toolbox to allow neighborhoods “to manage the increasing pressure on our on-street parking supply in a responsible and well-thought-out manner.” After discussion, the committee approved recommending that NECN draft its own letter to Council with the same request. MSC Ehelebe/Rudwick.

Neighborhood Updates

Woodlawn: New Portland Community Reinvestment Initiative (PCRI) development at MLK and Rosa Parks Blvds. with 70 units.

Eliot: Allan presented Eliot’s letter to city council recommending down-grading Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard from a Major City Traffic Street to a District Collector. Anjala noted Woodlawn’s agreement regarding MLK’s designation. After discussion, the committee approved recommending that NECN draft its own letter to Council with the same request. MSC Rudwick /Ehelebe.

No August Meeting
The committee agreed to cancel August’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.