



Kenton Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Meegan Watts, Angela Moos, Ryan Pittel, Melissa Langager Warren Johnson (Metro), Nancy Cushum, Ken Doud, Niki Hruska, Robert Doekel, David Miller, Seri Miller, Ken Scholes, Webly Bowles, Ali Appolito, Alyssa Phelps, Lois Cohen, Amy Higgs, Heather Hunter, Joe Ban, Alex Platanius, Kevin Geraghty, Rachael Winter, Prem Cyh, Jaxn Stindman, Barbara Peterson, Bob New

Call to Order: 7:02p.m.

Secretary's Report- Melissa

Follow-up this evening on items from last month.

Treasurer's Report- Angela Moos

KNA Board Elections- Board positions available

1. Communications-

- Saturday February 22nd, 2014: FOT planting in Kenton/Portsmouth.
- Related: Friends of Lombard is planting 76 new trees along Lombard.
- The next newsletter will come out the beginning of May.

2. Community Outreach-

- Winner of the design contest: Brian Hunter.
- pricing with Little Red Press, we'd like to ask for \$500 from the board to put toward the first batch of t-shirts. Motion: Alyssa, Second: Meegan. Approved.
- Summer concerts: 2 for sure maybe 3. Collaborating with McCoy and Columbia Annex concerts and this will offer sponsors better coverage. Trying to raise funds for the events. Volunteers needed. Sponsorship begins at \$250 600,000 fliers are sent out throughout Portland. Individual donations can be made on the parks website. <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/35300>
- Volunteers solicit donations and sponsorships, help decide music. Pick up trash, announcements. 400-600 people attend every concert.

3. Landuse- more in a moment

4. Livability-

- Quiet season is coming to an end. Race season begins March. There is a noise hotline. Also web-based, real time data available online. PIR installed noise monitor. Up by March 1st. An actual decibel reading not to exceed 105 decibels at the raceway. Another to be placed in the neighborhood: must be less than 65 decibels to the nearest home. Meeting for all of North Portland once these are fully functional.

- Neighborhood Clean-up: April 26, 2014 Arbor Lodge Park. Working with Portland Village School. Volunteers needed!
- Has spoken with people from the city. Corner of Interstate and Kilpatrick garbage and a neglected area. Working with the city to get yearly maintenance. Partnership between us and the city.
- Next Clean-Up: February 23 9a.m. at Posies main drag on Denver.
- More info in March. Metal recycling coming back. Vouchers for hazardous waste drop-off available at the waste. As we do monthly clean-ups, recycling bins and trash cans, partnering with the city. Discouraging unhelpful dumping. No yard debris or hazardous waste. Funds raised will be split 50/50 between Kenton and Arbor Lodge.

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- Communal Garden Work Party: March 1, 10am-12pm
- Angela has been able to sit on the Parks Budget Advisory Committee. Commissioner Fritz is preparing to give parks maintenance \$\$ and turning part-time employees into full-time positions.
- PIR Comprehensive Plan Review- conditional use permit for the site. Mitigate so that it works in that space, consider new ideas to make the zoning open to natural uses also.
- Cold trains. DEQ issued 3 permits Amber Energies Coal Export Project on Columbia. 401 Water Permit. Kitzhaber contact information. Let him know what we think about this issue.

5. Public Safety-

- \$10 million project on Powell Blvd. Resilience Oregon. NET- neighborhood emergency teams.
- David Liles- 3 part emergency preparedness series at the library. Sunday afternoons in March. Information forthcoming.

Metro- public notice was posted on the Kenton is My Neighborhood Facebook page. S&H Logging putting in a facility. Public Comment period until February 24th. Concerns may be brought up through the 24th.

Warren Johnson, solid waste facilities. DEQ and Metro regulate solid waste, code outlines license activities. Flow of solid waste. Applicant proposes taking yard debris, rubble, wood waste on-site, compost, ground, transfer out. Metro is the sole regulator. When these things happen, metro sends a public notice. Choose an area and send public notice. Interested stakeholders regarding solid waste facilities. Facebook, webpage. Try to notify neighborhood associations.

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S&H recycling: not logging anymore. 5th yard in the metro area. Landscaping materials. Recycling yard debris; construction lumber. Recycling activity; it's green, sustainable. Livability team specifically concerned. Potential for conflict with S&H, but we want your comments and concerns. Material Recovery Facility MRF. Dry commercial waste. Contractors, construction sites, etc. Co-mingled, metal, wood, cardboard. Need conditional use permit from the city. Main concerns: noise, undesirable traffic, decrease in air-quality.

Q&A

- Are there hours set-up for noise constraints? noisiest thing on the site. 8am-5pm.
- Truck traffic? Working with the city. Two access points.
- Envisioned sources of yard-debris and definition of yard-debris? No food waste. Grass clippings, leaves, branches. Public welcome at the facility. Public recycling drop-off

center as well. Wood waste, landscapers, contractors. Potential collaboration with the clean-up. Between 6:30-7, leave by 5. Maybe 6 in the summer. Open Saturday. Not sure on Sunday. Charge by the yard, possibly by weight.

- Do you have an idea of the general decibel for the grinding? 105 Burnum is the best thing for keeping sound from migrating. DEQ has noise regulations. Hope to be quieter than PIR.
- Run-off to the Slough? Not a preference to operate on a site so close to the slough. Pollution Control Plan. Columbia Slough permit for storm-water. Build a bio-filter along the top edge of that site. Treat the runoff phosphorous, nitrate. Concrete rubble outside dirties the storm water so much that it can't be cleaned, then we'll have to be putting them indoors.
- Public Use provisions on the south side of the Slough? City has signed-off on the site because it is heavy-industrial. Future plans they'd have to re-apply. Old Kenton dump. Collection site. Trucks leaving every day. No intentions ever to compost at this facility.
- How will it help our community? Recyclables or wood waste at our facility close by. We want to be a good neighbor and help out on neighborhood projects. Since it is our business, easy to help.
- Jobs? How many? 50-60 people working there.
- When the facility is running, it becomes our facility and if we aren't working there? Our goal is to be part of the Kenton Neighborhood Association. Major part of the neighborhood. Welcome that piece. Job fair at this facility. Host something at the library too. Immediate needs are pickers.
- Time frame for expansion? Yard debris re-load late Spring. Material recovery facility later this year. Summertime they'll be back.

Vouchers for yard-debris. Most willing; become a good neighbor. Work with, not against. Compost; Kenton neighbors come get compost. Open door policy.

8:17pm

Kenton Sewer project update- Amy Higgs

- BES- one of several neighborhoods being updated. 80-100 years old. Kenton specifically. High-risk of failure. Catastrophic result. Backing up into homes, breakages, public health concern. Hurt the water supply. Noise, dust, vibration, traffic delays, odor, on-street parking unavailable in certain places, equipment parked on the streets, night work required. Noise variance granted through the city of Portland. When working at night; avoid loudest jobs, dimmer lights. Interstate and Russet- open trench construction.
- Fade to match the concrete, it might not match immediately. Portland Bureau of Transportation separate from BES. Take photos and try to restore to original. Many will be resurfaced if they were in poor enough condition.
- Have they resurfaced that? Is Overlook and Ainsworth what we can expect? We have not been involved in that project. One of the problems: Overlook has taken longer and there have been more problems. They'll take photos and videos of what is under. Either the soil or rock or composition is not what they expected or problematic; had to keep redoing things. Agency is very sensitive and aware. Complaints from neighbors. They have increased the budget for re-surfacing. Not all will be resurfaced, some just patch-work. PBOT's responsibility. There will be a "lessons learned" meeting. No boundaries in that meeting. Every city agency together to offer information that is as comprehensive as possible. In order to minimize impact. Four before us, at least two after.
- Various portions have been replaced. Some sections may be only 20 years others 100. Triage, eventually reaching all of the pipes in the city. Hire someone who is not willing to do the fine work. Denver streetscape. Vigilance that will be shown to that area. Everybody in the city knowing what our neighborhood went through for Denver Avenue.
- Information posted on the website. Regular email updates. Email is the best way to stay in contact. Only have a two-week window. Email list is the best way to get information. Typing up a brief update for the Kenton e-newsletter.

We want to be proactive. If any concerns come up. Call or email. Rather deal with something right away. Bid documents are being prepared. The scope is being reviewed. Final design has been submitted. Putting into bid; cannot work during parkways, farmers markets, not while school is in session.

- Last week of March, first of April. Contract prepared. July construction will begin. Meet in June with contractor? If it is a concern with Kenton and sewer, contact us.
- A neighbor from Overlook commented: very pleased with the response to concerns that were expressed.

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Bob New- celebration for Earth Day at Kenton Park. Same day as clean-up April 26th 10am-6 or 7. Music all day, volunteers. Partner with the clean-up.

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Health care for all

2017- Health Care for Everyone. Single-payer. Insurance companies left out. Choose any doctor, any facility, pay according to tax information. Never met anyone who didn't need health care.

Adjourned *8:45pm*.