

Agenda for 13 Nov 2019 meeting

In attendance:

- board members: Guy, Josh, Mike O'Connor, Cheryl, Melaney, Joanna, Don, David
- neighbors: Deborah, Jordan
- Rob Nosse (OR state representative)

Minutes taken by Josh Hetrick

- **Welcome/Introduction** - Chair (5 min)
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes** - Secretary (5 min)
 - Minutes from prior meetings are not available (secretary unable to attend tonight); postponing, will ratify at next meeting
 - Need to post all approved minutes to website
- **South Reach River Plan update** - Josh (10 min)
 - Project has released "discussion draft" which will go to Planning and Sustainability Commission. After PSC, we need to pressure City Council soon if we want to influence the plan's adoption/implementation.
 - Josh proposed sending a letter from BAC and presented an overview of specific items from the plan to highlight. (See handout.)
 - Vote to draft letter with provided points:
 - Will provide full text of letter at BLUTC meeting (19th) and general meeting (20th); send before Nov 27th
 - Guy moves, Joanna seconds; passes unanimously
- **Rob Nosse** (45 mins)
 - Talking session with State Representative Rob Nosse. He covered an update on recent activity, discussed concerns, and questions about the upcoming short session.
 - Repub. walkouts hampered past legislative session somewhat
 - See handout for past session overview
 - Getting ready for short session; mostly budget updates and small changes, but controversial bills often do surface
 - Still looking to see a carbon bill through
 - solar incentives / tariffs
 - "just transition"; needs to be louder about benefits to workers
 - Housing?
 - Not much at state level for short session; some small incentives for low income housing
 - Need to spend about \$1 billion per year to stabilize things
 - Any down payment assistance? No new programs currently, targeting rent assistance
 - Rent control? 10% rent rise cap, but not "rent control" per se
 - Single-family zoning? How does it impact RIP and other projects?
 - Services and mental health?
 - Housing is tied to many other issues, e.g. if college tuition was cheaper then grads would have more money for housing

- WA state: median income or lower will have some kind of assistance
 - RN: OR doesn't currently have the tax base to support the same kind of program
- Money in politics
 - OR doesn't have campaign limits that some other states do
 - Nov 2020 election is expected to have some measures related to campaign finance
 - There are proposals to change redistricting process (to combat gerrymandering)
- Not expecting to take up a vaccination bill in the short session
- "Any slam dunks?"
 - RN: Well, anything significant or important is rarely a slam dunk
 - Any boring stuff? A lot of boring stuff happens without big news; it's the conflicts that make the news
- OR state can resist a lot of the worst of the current federal administration's actions, but immigration is federally controlled which limits OR's ability to change/respond
- Paige (last name?) primary opponent for next year
 - Some issues include: PERS; minimum wage increase
- ~~Neighborhood newsletter (5 min)~~
 - Marie not present tonight, Nov/Dec newsletter already out
- **November BAC general meeting (10 min)**
 - South Reach River Plan
 - Civic Life code change
 - FBP, GBBA updates
 - Leaf district
 - Other?
 - **Finalize in the next few days, send out to email/ND**
- **Leaf districts (10 min)**
 - Deborah talked with PBOT, was directed to "program office" for leaf districts
 - SE 16th Ave has heavy tree cover; lots of parking due to TriMet and PGE employees so even occasional street sweepings don't get much real removal due to parked vehicles
 - Street sweeping notices are only posted 2 weeks in advance, so tough to stay informed
 - Could tie this into sewer management? Bikeways? Safe routes to school?
 - **Action items:**
 - Add to yearly agenda (January) for sure
 - Can send a letter to PBOT to request inclusion in district
 - Ask people to post on Nextdoor, share with BAC, etc. with photos of current conditions
 - Look for other commissioners/bureaus (BES?) to talk with
- **Portland Marathon follow-up - Cheryl (5 min)**
 - Cheer challenge winnings, just got the \$1000 check
 - After deducting expenses (\$60), proposing to use half of remainder to pay the musicians (variously to Artichoke community music program, Cleveland HS kids, mandolin society)
 - Cheryl proposed, Guy seconded: passed unanimously
 - Remainder goes to general fund

- Considered buying barriers for block parties, but might have them for free somewhere so hold on this for now
- **December event organizing** - Cheryl (5 min)
 - Looking to reach out with events other than meetings, Cheryl proposed a few “Office party for people that work at home” events
 - Would be held in north and south ends of neighborhood
 - Open to anyone who is available during the day — stay at home, work from home, etc.
 - BAC wouldn't be paying for the food/drinks, just promoting/raising visibility
 - There were some questions about whether it would be exclusive to people that work from home, or open to anyone in the neighborhood.
 - Decided not to brand it as a BAC event, but would like hold similar, small events in the future provided they are open for anyone in the neighborhood.
- **Civic Life code change** (10 min)
 - SE Uplift voted at a recent meeting — supports the aspirations of the proposal, but does not endorse the changes that “we have seen” thus far
 - Tomorrow’s council meeting will discuss
- **Committee updates**
 - **Land Use & Transportation** (5 min)
 - River Plan has been most of the action lately
 - Next BLUTC meeting @ Brooklyn Station
 - Got a pile of land use notices, some of which were a few weeks old
 - SE 7th parking request (see email thread)
 - **Action item:** Verify what the current notice process is for adjacent property owners; do they already get notices? (Has that changed recently with the notification process code change?)
 - **Community Garden** (5 min)
 - Putting an air quality monitoring station at garden
 - Bullseye has a 2 year commitment to maintain/operate
 - Wants BAC to take responsibility after that: electricity, changing filters (frequently). Would need to have full info before making a decision.
 - Are there open plots? Yes, 3 plots.
- **Officer updates**
 - **Treasurer** (10 min)
 - Reports for BCG, BAC
 - Need to plan ahead for clean-up next year, due to changing funding method
 - ~~Secretary~~ (5 min) not present
- **Liaison updates** (5 min each, if needed)
 - ~~Portland Neighbors for Diesel Action (PNDA)~~
 - Friends of Brooklyn Park
 - Winter gala on Sat, Feb 22
 - To be hosted at Sacred Heart Fellowship Hall, expecting to have some donated food & drinks from neighborhood locations.
 - Trying to keep tickets cheap so people feel comfortable donating, buying drinks, etc. at the event.

- Still looking for some donations/prizes for auctions.
- ~~Greater Brooklyn Business Association (GBBA)~~
- ~~SE Uplift~~
- ~~Inner Powell Alliance~~
- ~~Open forum / late addition agenda items (time permitting)~~
 - ~~BAG flyers (way over time, try next meeting)~~