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)

- BAC flyers (way over time, try next meeting)