

Overlook Neighborhood Association General Meeting
Kaiser Town Hall (3704 N. Interstate Ave.)
Submitted by: Matthew Scoggin
Tuesday, June 17th 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Chair's Present:

Eric Gale, Kent Hoddick, Warren Cassell, Claire Paris & David Chott,
Brad Halverson, George Spaulding, Cynthia Sulaski, Alan Cranna, Matt Scoggin

Agenda:

Community Policing Report (H. Ferschweiler & Officer E. Hamann From Tri-met)

- National Night Out in August 5th 2008

- Handout passed out (www.portlandonline.com/oni/nno)

- Look for e-mail & feel free to submit ideas to H. Ferschweiler (herschweiler@ci.portland.or.us)

- Graffiti Clean-up mentioned: We had about 40 volunteers, plus city crew. Look for another one to happen in Aug.

- Good Neighbor agreement for yeti has been submitted (new wine bar on Killingsworth in old African Food Market/Salon location)

- Women's strength Self-defense training class (see handout for contact info.)

- PSAC meeting announcement (4th wed of each month at Kenton Firehouse)

- Mention of Curfew times.

Questions: (All the questions were for Officer Hamann)

Do you have safety suggestions for how to be safe on MAX?

Perpetrators have been apprehended

The things you're seeing from the incidents could be coming from the eastside trains originally, but that can't be confirmed.

The majority of the crimes are youth on youth crimes. (i.e. petty theft, fights)

If you're riding remember your comfort level, be aware, and call 911 when you feel it's needed.

Incidents will be broadcast by driver as they happen, this is standard policy

Do you know about where the money is going from the rate increase?

Does not have any idea as to where the money will go specifically, but security has increased.

How will the curfew be enforced by max?

We do enforce curfew and will be working with Mult. County, using Project 57, and JDH.

Willamette Bluff Lighting Project (Sally Kavanagh)

Quick update:

- A compromise has been reached

- Keeping a cobra type light

- Add a decorative base, cap, brace and possible head

- A few structural issues are still in the works

- Construction slated for summer of 2008

Question:

Is there a price diff. between the two pole styles?

No, not any more given that we will be using fiberglass poles no matter the style choice.

Patton Park Apartments (Michelle Haynes mhaynes@reachcdc.org)

Quick Update:

- Construction underway
- She is aware of the concerns about problems with construction worker parking and the leaving trash around the site.
- Construction is expected to be completed by January 2009
- We have opened the waitlist for applicant submission.
- Adrienne Flagg from IFCC is interested in finding artists who may want to live there.

Question:

Are you giving OKNA residents special treatment?

No, it's against the law. But we are telling them that the waiting list is open before we make a general announcement to the community.

How are you marketing?

We are doing a stealth type marketing right now, but we will open that up to general type advertising soon (after the July OKNA newsletter)

Have you had any takers of commercial space?

Trillium Charter school is wanting the south end space for expanded pre-school

The north end space is currently vacant, but is designed with the idea in mind that a restaurant will take one or both (2@600sqft or 1@1200sqft) spaces.

Concerns with the Jersey Barriers. Are they going to stand out as they are now for the duration of the construction? Could the street be swept? Can the fence be pushed back?

I don't know, but I will look into it. She will contact the crew about sweeping. She will look into the fence.

Columbia River Crossing (CRC) Presentation (Peter Ovington & Ryan LeProwse)

- Had a slide show presentation and handout (See handout or go online to view slides).
- Thanked Brad H. for the help (on the task force) and Jim Karlock for showing up yet again and filming.
- Mentioned of the possibility that we will take a vote on how the OKNA should continue (Brad mentions that the board has since decided not to have a vote)
- CRC mentions that the comment period is between May 2nd and July 1, 2008 (but please have them in by 6/24)
- Slide Show:
 - A layout of the 5 options: no new build, supplemental bridge, replacement bridge (one with light-rail, one with special bus lane)
 - We are still debating on which mass transit option to go with Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail.
 - Still debating on where to put the alignment of the new bridge on the Vancouver side and on the Portland side.
 - Mention of Pedestrian & Bicycle Facility
 - Transportation Findings:
 - Overlook is south of project area but still important given location.
 - Collision Rates mentioned (basically over one crash a day)
 - Safety Improvements: adding auxiliary lanes, wider lanes, longer on and off ramps
 - Mention about Marine Drive Interchange:
 - Adding one new loop (standard alignment), Southern realignment, diagonal alignment, Daily Congestion
 - Potential Funding sources:

- Electronic tolling, Fed. Dollars and State funds
- Public input since 2005 about 13000 people have added input and we've hosted over 500 events to date.
- CRC will have a booth at Interstate Farmers Market next Wed. June 18th.
- Brad mentions:
 - that option three (replacement bridge w/light rail) will probably be adopted, he asked again for more public
- Comments from Overlook residents.
 - Hopefully, it will look nice but it will probably look a lot like the Glenn Jackson (I-205) bridge. With possible focal points at each end.
 - A new bridge will help with overflow traffic in our neighborhood and allow us to move out.
 - In your comment forms please mention the importance of being able to get on and off of Hayden Island (on a lane next to the lanes heading to the bridge). Also see the handout on how to word comments.

Question:

- Can you fix the old bridge for earthquake? Yes, you can by fixing the pilings and retrofitting the structure (like Hawthorne Bridge)
- Where is light-rail and bike with regards to total replacement?
- With the total replacement light-rail and bike path is under the new structure
- How do you take into account the staggering impact as you calculate the congestion impact going forward? Won't it begin to impact the number of people who will even attempt to use the I-5 Bridge?
- Yes, it will affect the number of people who attempt to cross but unfortunately that can be assessed at this time.
- Will most of the construction happen mostly at night?
- Hopefully, yes, and there may be some total closures at night

Interstate Corridor Rezoning Update (Eric Gale)

- Eric met with Portland Office of Transportation (traffic study)
- The study is up on the website (it projects trip increases from the rezoning point given at the Albina community plan forward so the number is very small)
- The City Council will meet July 16th and vote to adopt the rezoning plan
- Eric plans to testify (using the past letter)
- More will be discussed about that before the meeting on 7/16
- Eric talked with a journalist from the Tribune about an article on Tues. 6/17 - not sure when it will run

Chair's Report:

Cynthia's Report:

- Patton Park opening was a success (about 200 people came)
- The kids loved the playground
- Passed out a few more pieces of cloth for writing community wishes, the wishes will be added to the existing board.

Kent's report:

- Turned in all receipts thus far.
- Paid off Interstate Farmers Market
- Mention about interest rates from ING

-Getting ready to do tax. Due July 1st.

Warren's Report:

-July 3rd is deadline for newsletter

Dave & Clare Report:

-Handout a land notice, concerning a small garage like structure.

Brad's Report:

-Mention about the Sunday Parkways stuff (specifically, road closures)

George's Report:

-Mention of next PSAC meeting

Alan's Report:

-Noting to report

Matt's Report

-Mentioned the Diversity Committee & Welcoming Committee

Old Business:

Killingsworth Station

-A member of the neighborhood sent a letter asking why no work has been done as of yet.

-PDC will be trying to move forward with a builder.

-We may invite PDC to our next general meeting to discuss the property

New Business:

-North American Organic Brewers Festival on June 27-29th at Overlook Park - cannot park at Kaiser so expecting parking in neighborhood

-Troy Tate introduces a non-profit for children's group he's heading up out of Christ Memorial Church

-Thus far they have:

- Asked PDC for a grant to fix up space

- Have begun remodeling space and making it up to date for the ADA

- Should know soon if we get more support

- Just had a zoo field trip this past Sat. June 14th

- On June 19th they will host a community art sale at their space and car wash

- On Aug. 2nd they will be having a community fair at Overlook Park

-Address of Christ Memorial church 1552 N. Killingsworth St.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm