

# **Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Association Meeting**

**Monday, June 25th**  
**Shut Up and Eat**  
**3848 SE Gladstone St**  
**7:00 – 9:00pm**

Board members present: Rachel Davies, Darian Davies, Elizabeth McPherson, Jason deParrie-Turner, Jeanne deParrie-Turner, John Legler, Matt Ocasio, Julia Betts, Michael Geffel,

## **General Meeting**

### **7:00 Welcome and approve agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05. There were no additions to the agenda. Darian Davies moved to approve the agenda and Elizabeth McPherson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **7:05 Neighborhood Officer Report**

The Neighborhood Officer was not able to attend.

### **7:25 Community Announcements and Questions**

Movies in the Park will be at Kenilworth Park on July 6th, and the movie will be Moana. Music and food vendors will begin at 6:30, and the movie will begin at dusk.

A resident of the neighborhood asked for help to address neighbors causing noise at night, blocking the sidewalk and curb ramp with a skateboard ramp, and not responding to requests to be quiet. The neighbors causing the issues are renters. Members of the board recommended contacting the property owner, making reports to the police to create a legal record of problems, and utilizing the city's Neighborhood Watch training program with other residents on the block.

## **Board Meeting**

### **7:40 Approve Minutes From April and May Meetings**

There were no additions or corrections to the April and May meeting minutes. John Legler moved to approve minutes from both months. Jeanne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **7:45 Board Officer and Committee Chair Elections**

*Open positions: Board Chairperson, Secretary, SEUL Liaison, Treasurer, Chair of Land Use and Livability Committee*

- Rachel Davies nominated herself to be the Chairperson. All voted in favor.
- Matthew Ocasio nominated himself to be the Secretary. All voted in favor. Additionally, the board agreed to adjust the duties of the Secretary as follows: The duty of note taking during the meeting shall rotate between board members, and the secretary will standardize the notes into official minutes for approval at the following month's meeting.
- Julia Betts nominated herself to be the SE Uplift Liaison. All voted in favor.
- Darian Davies nominated himself to be the Treasurer. All voted in favor.
- The board agreed to postpone the election of a Chairperson for the Land Use, Livability, and Transportation Committee until the July 23rd meeting.

### **7:55 SE 26th Bike Lanes - letter from Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood**

The Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND) Association drafted and approved a letter to City of Portland officials detailing their preferences with regard to the bike lanes along SE 26th Ave between Holgate and Division. At the request of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has agreed to remove existing sub-standard bike lanes along SE 26th Ave in exchange for the installation of a bicycle-priority signaled crossing on Powell Blvd at 28th Ave. This signaled crossing serves the new 20s Bikeway that traverses the length of Portland from NE Lombard St to the Springwater Corridor. This bikeway passes through many of the neighborhoods in Portland with high bicycle commuting rates. Despite the new bicycle infrastructure related to the 20s Bikeway project, cyclists have organized to maintain the bike lanes on SE 26th Ave. In response, PBOT has proposed a wide shoulder along SE 26th Ave that could provide enough space for bicycles to ride alongside parked cars. This shoulder would extend the length of SE 26th Ave from Holgate Blvd to Division St. It would not be labeled as a bicycle lane.

HAND's letter expresses the following main points:

- Preserving existing bike lanes on SE 26th Ave is preferred for the safety of all those who use the road: drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. In addition to providing a designated lane for cyclists, the presence of bicycle lanes prompts drivers to be aware of bicycle traffic and contributes to the perception of a narrower road, thereby encouraging slower driving.
- If the existing bike lanes will not be preserved, the proposed shoulders may provide a more dangerous environment for cyclists. Because the shoulders would not be marked as bicycle infrastructure, drivers are not prompted to be aware of bicycle traffic. Furthermore, the additional space between the automobile driving lane and vehicles parked along the curb will encourage faster driving.

Chris Eykamp, the Chairperson of the HAND Association, presented the letter and asked if the Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Association Board would vote to endorse the letter and add their names to it. After some discussion, Jeanne deParrie-Turner moved to endorse the letter. Elizabeth McPherson seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 votes in favor, no votes against, and 2 abstentions. John Legler abstained because he did not feel that

he had sufficient input from people living along SE 26th Ave. Jason deParrie-Turner abstained because he did not support the stated preference for maintaining the existing sub-standard bike lanes on SE 26th Ave.

**8:10 Campaign for electric buses for Division Transit Project**

Rachel Davies reported (on behalf of Joe Hovey, who was unable to attend the meeting) that Trimet is beginning the process of purchasing buses for its planned rapid transit line. The rapid transit line will be installed along SE Division St. The Rapid Transit bus line will use high capacity articulated buses. Local air quality organizations, including Environment Oregon and Portland Clean Air, are organizing to pressure Trimet to purchase electric buses for the new rapid transit bus line. Diesel and biodiesel buses contribute to air pollution by emitting diesel particulates in their exhaust. Diesel particulates are among the most dangerous types of air pollution and contribute to respiratory distress, contain known carcinogens, and are easily absorbed by lung tissues. Electric buses do not contribute to air pollution. Joe Hovey asked to use CKNA's channels of communication to encourage residents in the area to use Trimet's public comment process to ask for the purchase of electric buses for the new rapid transit line on SE Division St. CKNA's channels of communication include: website, email list, facebook page, and NextDoor. Jason deParrie-Turner moved that Joe Hovey may use CKNA's channel of communication for the purpose of encouraging residents in the area to advocate for electric buses. Darian Davies seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**8:20 CKNA graphics and logo - David Hackney**

Rachel Davies presented the latest version of a CKNA logo created by David Hackney. Members of the board approve of the logo, and request one minor revision. They asked that some detail be added to the large square building near the center of the logo to make it look more like multi-family housing.

**8:35 Reports from Officers and Committees**

Treasurer

Darian Davies reported no withdrawals or deposits in the previous month, resulting in a balance \$7,923.48.

Outreach and Communications

Movies in the Park will be on July 6th in Kenilworth Park. Rachel Davies asked if the board would approve \$900 to pay Parks and Recreation for the event. Elizabeth McPherson moved that CKNA pay \$900 to Portland Parks and Recreation for the Movies in the Park event. Jeanne deParrie Turner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

National Night Out neighborhood picnic plans are underway. It will be held on Tuesday, August 7th, in Kenilworth Park. Jeanne deParrie-Turner and Elizabeth McPherson have been seeking food and game donations from local businesses. Businesses who have already agreed to make donations include: The Stone Pub, Higher Taste, Starbucks, Fred Meyers, and Dominoes Pizza. The committee is still seeking musical groups to perform during the picnic.

#### Creston is Neon/Foster is Neon Bike Path Improvements

Michael Geffel reported that attendance has been very low to design charette meetings. As a result, Michael is considering how to move the project forward. It would require significant outreach efforts to improve attendance to the meetings, and Michael is not able to conduct the necessary outreach alone. He may ask others for help doing outreach, or find a way to scale the project back to a manageable size. In the event that neither of these options are feasible, the project will be tabled until a future time.

#### Community Preparedness and Resilience

John Legler offered information on the Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) if anyone is interested.

#### Foster Steering Committee

The Good Neighbor Agreement Draft was presented at the last meeting of the Foster Steering Committee. Jeanne deParrie Turner reported that the Commissioner's Assistant completes much of the work involved with the Steering Committee and its logistics, and she would like to offer a small gift of appreciation on behalf of CKNA. John Legler moved that CKNA give \$20 for a gift for the Commissioner's Assistant. Elizabeth McPherson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

#### Air Quality

Rachel Davies reported that the Air Quality group, which includes representatives from CKNA, Brooklyn Action Corps, East Moreland Neighborhood Association, HAND, and the Pearl District, met in early June. The group is planning to hold a public meeting on air quality and diesel pollution, with experts present to provide current information about diesel pollution, its sources, and health risks. Elected officials and political candidates will also be invited to answer questions from the audience on the topic of diesel particulates.

### **9:12 Adjourn**

Elizabeth McPherson moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeanne deParrie-Turner seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.