



## OKNA General Meeting Record

### Meeting Details

<b>Date</b>	4 December, 2018	<b>Chair</b>	Chris Trejbal
<b>Time</b>	6:30 – 8:30pm	<b>Location</b>	Overlook House
<b>Meeting Type</b>	Board	<b>Secretary</b>	Derek Xava

### Attendees

#### Board Members in Attendance

Addie Humbert	Chelsea Snow	Derek Xava	Mike Shea
Alan Cranna	Chris Trejbal	George Spaulding	Shannon Sansoterra
Alexandra Degher	Cynthia Sulaski	Kristina Kern	Stefan Bester
Brad Halverson	Daniel Drake	Lauren Alfrey	

#### Guest(s)

- Leslie Lewis, member of Sustainability Committee, presenting a grant request.

### Chair Report

- Chris called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
- Chris described a 12 December Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) meeting regarding limit of a specific contaminants in the river. He asked if OKNA wants to submit a letter that we stick to the original plan. Cynthia moved to do so with a second from Kristina. The proposal passed unanimously. Alexandra of the Sustainability Committee will write the letter.
- Chris reported that there was a proposal to redevelop 30 acres of the Union Pacific Railyard at Albina Yards. Chris will reach out to developer.
- Caitlyn from Joint Office of Homeless Services & someone from ODOT would liketo talk about Hazelnut Grove's planned move.

### Sustainable Overlook Committee grant application by Leslie Lewis

- A Vanport Legacy Grant run by NPNS has been applied for by former board member and Overlook resident Leslie Lewis for repainting the 5-way intersection at Concord Ave & Overlook Blvd with renovation of wood planters on curb extension. The project's planters were first built in 2013 of deconstructed deck. New proposal is for durable materials.
- Full grant amount application is \$5520 of \$65K on offer by Vanport Legacy Grant.
- 3 neighboring homes will propose designs to the neighborhood
- Original painting project had participation of 100-200 people, which needs to be done every few years.
- Motion to approve was made by Mike Shea and was seconded by Cynthia Sulaski.
- The proposal passed 8 votes for and 4 votes against.

- A further motion was made by Addie that if anyone is going to apply for a grant under the OKNA name, then we have to approve it beforehand. This further proposal was seconded by Kristina & Derek and passed with no opposition.

### **Small Grants Committee (Cynthia)**

- The Small Grants Pilot Program Committee members Cynthia Sulaski, Kent Hoddick and Dannielle Herman recommended that the OKNA Board approve granting \$1000 for the North Jessup Street Repair and Beautification Project with the following stipulations:
  - That the two affected property owners sign a statement reflecting their support of the project,
  - That the project applicants (Mulysa Melco, Becca Ayon and Alexander Degher) submit a report at the end of the project no later than 12/31/19 summarizing the project results and how the grant funds were spent with attached receipts,
  - That any unused grant funds be returned to OKNA.
- The project, located at North Jessup & North Gay, which includes planters was presented by Alexandra along with these additional or working stipulations:
  - NPNS will assume liability for parking strips.
  - 40% of neighbors in a quarter mile must approve, a PBOT requirement.
  - Positive approval from neighboring properties, one of the Small Grants committee stipulations, was reported to not be a PBOT requirement, of relevance since one of the neighboring property owners had not signed a statement of support, instead remaining unresponsive.
- After discussion over the failed attempts to get a response from this last neighbor, Mike Shea moved to approve to meet only the PBOT requirements, which passed with 10 votes for and 2 abstentions.

### **I-5 Tolling Project**

- Chris testified at the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC).
- The Neighborhood Chairs had voted in favor of submitting a short statement opposed to the current proposal's tolling location at Alberta/Going exit.
  - Chris offered to give remarks at the Oregon Transportation Commission the next day, 5 December, expressing OKNA's preference that the North Portland toll location be moved from the Alberta/Going I-5 exits up to just south of Hayden Island at the i5 bridge. The group approved with no opposition.

### **Holiday Party & Fundraiser**

- 6 December at Daybreak Cohousing: Potluck + BYOB
- There will be no tree or decorations, but OKNA will provide 200 plates/cups/napkins since Daybreak's common kitchen dishwasher is out of use.
- For fundraising, there will be a raffle with donated items, as well as Overlook Tote Bags to sell.

### **Suggested Topics for Overlook Views**

- Deadline will be Friday 18 January
- Proud Ground feature
- Grant award announcement
- Spotlight on Overlook (nonprofit of business)
- Sunshine Center Daycare Troy Tate
- Patton Square Park playground

## Board Updates

- Public Safety (George Spaulding)
  - 10 January is the next PSAC meeting, location TBD
- Adidas (Danny Drake)
  - The crane will be in place for the next 2 years.
  - Danny will request a neighborhood plan.
- Parks (Cynthia Sulaski)
  - Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) - Cynthia is a member of the IFCC Citizen Advisory Committee, which is currently developing a plan to reopen IFCC as a center for arts and culture. She recently testified to the Portland City Council in support of securing \$50K in funding to continue the CAC's work.
- New Business: Previous Board Member Acknowledgement (Cynthia Sulaski)
  - Cynthia requested that the Board provide acknowledgment of past OKNA Board members. It was settled that this could be based on years of service. With discussion it was agreed that acknowledgement should be written alongside a \$50 gift certificate for past members Mitch Bixby, Danielle Herman and Kent Hoddick. Cynthia volunteered to provide written acknowledgements.
- Land Use (Mike Shea)
  - Mike reported on a new project at the Church St park triangle on Interstate next to Happy House – 15 units with a bar underneath.
  - Mike appealed to the City's Design Commission for the oriel window design exception requested by the developer of the Interstate & Maryland project, but was not optimistic that it would be sustained.
  - Mike noted that the City had rejected the OKNA neighborhood appeal based on the City's Community Guidelines at the 1935 Killingsworth project at the intersection with Denver.
- Transportation (Brad Halverson)
  - Brad described the progress on projects around the neighborhood.
- Treasurer (Kristina Kern)
  - Fiscal Report update was sent out: \$22K
- Sustainability (Alexandra)
  - 2 current projects described under grant application motions at the beginning of the meeting.

## Next Meetings

- General Meeting – 15 January (6:30–8:30pm) – Kaiser Town Hall; 3704 N Interstate Ave
- Board Meeting: 5 February 2019, 2018 (6:30–8:30pm) – Overlook House; 3839 N. Melrose Dr  
There will be no January Board Meeting since the first Tuesday is on the 1st.