# FERRORHOOD ASSESSMENT

# **OKNA General Meeting Record**

# **Meeting Details**

Date February 18th, 2020 Chair Alexandra Degher

Time 6:30 – 8:00 pm Location Lucky Lab

Meeting Type General Secretary Marci Macfarlane

#### Attendees

#### **Board Members in Attendance**

Alan Crana	Chris Trejbal	Casey Boggs	Julia Metz
Alexandra Degher	Cynthia Sulaski	Marci MacFarlane	May Wallace
Alexandra Penney	George Spaulding	Peter Parks	
Brad Halverson	John Parks	Toby Morus	

#### Guest(s)

• Jim with Studio 3 Architecture firm

# **Chair Report**

• Alexandra called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

#### **Neighborhood Engagement**

Toby handed out the Neighborhood Engagement Survey and explained we are still gathering
data on how best to engage the Overlook Community. He asked that everyone fill out the survey
so we continue to look for what we need to do in order to get more of the Overlook Community
to our meetings.

#### 5905 N Interstate

- Jim with Studio 3 architecture presented the plans for development of the property on the corner of Simpson & Interstate.
- It is designed as a 3 story mixed use building. There will be 19 apartments, 13 studio apts and 6 one bedroom apts. There will be 2 ft of right away art scaping on Simpson & on Interstate. There is now a 25% retail planned for the bottom of the building, 900 sq ft of retail space.
- All apartments will be market rate, with this small of a building they are not required to provide affordable housing.
- They hope to break ground in fall of 2020, taking 10-12 months for completion.

#### **Houseless Report**

- Peter reported that a 5 year lease with Do Good Multnomah & St Johns Christian Church has been signed.
- They expect to have about 20 spots for houseless folks on the church property

- It's expected that 10 of the Hazelnut Grove Residents will move to the St Johns Christian Church the remaining 10 spots will be available to St Johns houseless folks.
- It's not clear what will move from the Hazelnut Grove area as the Church would like some sort of unity to the structures that are to be placed on the land.

#### **Residents' Priorities Discussions**

- We broke into 3 groups and each group talked about some of their top priorities.
- Livability was one topic, things discussed were disappearing horizon, Condo Canyon, loss of sunlight and green space, loss of affordable housing and diversity. The tolling on I-5 was a topic for the livability; residents that living near Interstate have some concern as people will jump off I-5 increasing traffic along Interstate Ave and increasing air quality problems in the neighborhood.
- Homeless solutions was the topic of 2 other groups. Community members discussed the cleanliness of the areas. Terance Moses is one person that reaches out to camps and offers trash bags for the houseless to keep their areas clean. It was realized by one group that we need to reach out to the houseless for solutions. Possibly hosting an event that presents resources and options that are available. It was universally decided that we need more voices present in the meeting to help us with decisions, options & choices.

## **Board Updates**

- Public Safety
  - o George reported no changes have come yet.
- Parks
  - o No update
- Land Use
  - o No update
- Events and Marketing
  - o No update
- Transportation
  - o Brad mentioned the Lombard Multimodal Safety, he had flyers available for interested parties. More info at bit.ly/LombardSafetyProject
- Treasurer
  - o No update
- Sustainability
  - o May mentioned an Air Quality Meeting on February 26th, there were flyers available for those interested in attending.

## **Public Comments**

Beau announced that he is working with Stacy from Hobbies Unlimited to start up the Overlook
Business Association. They are looking for other businesses in the area. The first meeting is on
March 2nd, at the North Point Apartments. If you want more information or want to join contact
Beau@beaubrands.com

# **Next Meetings**

- Board Meeting: March 3rd, 2020 (6:30–8:30pm) Overlook House; 3839 N. Melrose Dr
- General Meeting: March 17th, 2020 (6:30–8:30pm) Bethel Lutheran Church; 5658 N. Denver Ave