



OKNA General Meeting Record 6.16.2020

Meeting Details

Date	June 16, 2020	Chair	Alesandra Degher
Time	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Location	Online with Zoom
Meeting Type	General	Secretary	Marci Macfarlane

Attendees

Board Members in Attendance

Alan Crana
Alexandra Degher
Alexandra Penny
Brad Halverson

Chris Trejbal
Cynthia Sulaski
George Spaulding
John Parks

Casey Boggs
Marci Macfarlane
Peter Parks
Robert Morus

Julia Metz
May Wallace

Recording:

- <https://youtu.be/5PE6dTWaXe>

Interstate Bridge Trunnion Repair (ODOT)

- 9 day closure is still scheduled for September 2020
- Traffic could back up 4 miles from the Interstate Bridge (think to the Fremont Bridge) for 16 hours per day during the closure. However, during the pandemic, traffic congestion has been lighter than the normal 7 hours per day. If this continues, the closure backups may not be as bad as feared.
- ODOT is working with businesses to have employees work from home, they are asking the community to delay or shift trips to off-hour for travel.
- Though the closure will be September 12-20, 2020, expect delays from August to October as the work area is set up and torn down.

Willamette Greenway Update (PBOT)

- The Greenway is about 1.4 miles long and has improved conditions for people bicycling and walking by slowing down and reducing cut-through traffic on neighborhood streets, around and including N Willamette Blvd in the Arbor Lodge and Overlook neighborhoods. The project created a neighborhood greenway on N Willamette Blvd from N Rosa Parks Way to N Interstate Ave.
- Burrage north of Killingsworth is still very busy with about 300 cars during peak hours.
- Post-project data collection is complete. Final project recommendations to include:
 - o Retaining both traffic operational changes at N Willamette Blvd & N Villard Ave and at N Atlantic Ave & N Jessup St.
 - o Further monitor compliance of the N Atlantic & N Jessup traffic change.

- o Further monitor peak hour traffic volumes on N Burrage north of Killingsworth and N Emerson St east of Greeley
 - o Further monitor of traffic speeds on N Willamette
- <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/78301> for more information

Slow Streets Safe Streets (PBOT)

- The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) started a new initiative called Safe Streets to respond to the Covid-19 public health crisis. PBOT made temporary changes to city streets to give people more space to walk, bike, roll, do business, and get around in their neighborhood.
 - o PBOT turned sections of low-traffic streets (known as “neighborhood greenways”) into “local access only” to help limit traffic to essential trips and deliveries and make these streets more accessible for everyone, providing more space to get outside while staying close to home. These are streets that have less than 1000 cars a day.
- Currently there is no standard when two greenways intersect such as N Concord & N Willamette.
- Question was asked “Why did PBOT not ask for Neighborhood input?”
 - o PBOT wanted to act quickly as we have too much traffic on the streets for community members to walk safely in the neighborhood.
 - o It takes too long to talk to all the neighbors
 - o If you live on one of the Safe Streets you can have your opinion heard by contacting the city.
 - o How is this program going? Are there places where you, your business, or your community need more space for physical distancing? Call 503-823-7233 (SAFE) or email safe@portlandoregon.gov
 - o Please contact the city if you are having issues or problems on the streets that have been designated as a Slow Street Safe Street.

Overlook Business Association Update

- Stacy & Beau discussed the formation of the Overlook Business Association
- Watch for upcoming meetings
- Check out <https://www.shopoverlook.com/> for information about Overlook Businesses that are open.
- There are no fees to join the OBA, watch for upcoming fundraisers.

Healthy Businesses

- PBOT has launched the Safe Streets Initiative in response to the Covid-19 public health crisis. Part of this initiative is a Business Toolkit, including permits, that allow temporary changes to streets to give people more space to conduct business safely. The permit process opened on May 28, 2020. As of June 16th they have received 350 applications.
 - o PBOT is focusing on POC and indigenous business owners first.
 - o About ⅓ of the applications have been processed, so they are getting through about 50 a week.
 - o PBOT is actively reaching out to places like St Johns, Cully, Jade District and businesses along MLK. Encouraging these businesses to apply for a Healthy Business Permit.
 - o Check out for more information about the permits
<https://www.portland.gov/transportation/safestreetspdx/what-healthy-businesses-permit#toc-what-is-the-healthy-businesses-permit->

Board Reports

- Brad stated that the Greeley closure will be 2 days not the 5 days that were expected.

- The Greeley bike path is on schedule
- Bank Account is in good shape
- Chris asked for Overlook Views content in late summer. Please send any ideas or stories to info@overlookneighborhood.org
 - Residents near Adidas are complaining that parking in the Zone is not being enforced.
- George stated that graffiti in Overlook has increased.
 - PSAC information
 - pdxnorthteam@portlandoregon.gov
 - Jacob Brostoff, North Community Safety Team Community Safety Coordinator
503-823-4064; Jacob.Brostoff@portlandoregon.gov
- Alexandra reported North Portland Trust Fund Placemaking Grant 2020 due July 17th, 2020
 - Instructions: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GBIT3Kqlpd2x2IMnpS0y--gVQqucVFKYnnjIC024WR8/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Application: https://docs.google.com/document/d/14V9D94ho1WSFQxHj3KI-KVGIDMcVGhS2TNZuLvYwm_M/edit?usp=sharing

Public Comments

- Question was asked about who cleans the bike lanes on Rosa Parks? There is a lot of debris in the lanes and recently trash cans have become a problem in the lanes.
 - Scott from PDOT stated that they have a sweeper that can get into the bikes lanes.
 - Scott stated that they are working with Garbage Recyclers on the trash cans in the bike lane.
 - Scott also stated the bike lanes are 8ft wide so there should be room for everyone.
- Michelle asked about the special meeting that was cancelled to address the homeless camps, and if any steps were being taken to resolve the fire problem at Madrona Park. The burning of trash has been a problem for neighbors. There is info on the Overlook Neighborhood Association website about how to report problems and who to call. There have been problems with the city not responding to calls about fires in the camps
- Here is some of that information that is currently on the website:
 - Most of the bluff in Overlook is a designated wildfire hazard zone. Report smoking or open flames to the park rangers: 503-823-1637 or Rangercallcenter@portlandoregon.gov
 - To report homeless camps use the city's one-point-of contact online form: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/index.cfm?login=1&show_message=1&c=69333&CFID=216478694&CFTOKEN=e6328e20fb98e0cb-9FC8EC95-C314-81FD-9297A6D090FC4B4E
 - If you see a wildfire or smoke, call 911 immediately
 - Reach out to our elected officials about these issues and problems that are happening in Overlook.
- The Overlook Action Alliance will continue to press the city to address issues related to safety and homelessness in Overlook: www.overlookactionalliance.org
 - Several members of the community want their voices heard
- Michelle contacted Mingus Mapps about coming to an Overlook Meeting but stated he needs an invite from the NA to talk.
- Several residents voiced concern about feeling uneasy in the area because of crime and general unrest.

Adjourned 8:18pm

- Board Meeting: July 7, 6:30-8:30pm Zoom
- General Meeting: July 21, 2020 TBA