

#### **District 4: LUTC Meeting – October 24, 2024 – Notes**

- Facilitation: Mary Jaron Kelley (Civic Life / North Portland Neighborhood Services)
- Darlene Urban Garrett (D4 office executive director)
- 32 neighborhoods in District 4
- Major topic for discussion: What would you like to do with this committee?

#### **Share your neighborhood affiliation – what are the strengths in your LUTC?**

- Nicole Tignor – Old Town CA. On multiple boards, work experience in utility coordination
- Karin Velarde – Far SW NA, land use committee, new – still learning
- Kathy Goeddel – Arlington Heights Neighborhood – strength is expertise of some neighbors with planning, architecture
- Claire – Bridlemile NA, active since 2005. Important to have City's input (Joan Fredericksen has been helpful)
- Russ Albertson – Russell Park NA. With Land Use committee for several years. Not many issues right now. Navigating HB2001.
- Steve Kilduff – Eastmoreland land use committee. Neighborhood now a historic district. Got City to take over tree pruning on Reed College Place.
- Keith Liden – Bridlemile NA. Land use planner, active with city committees (Bicycle, SWiM)
- Tim Lillien – Far SW NA, Transportation board. New. motivated neighbors
- David Schoellhammer – Sellwood-Moreland. LUTC. Voluntary design guidelines for mixed-use development.
- David Dysert – Pearl District NA. Planning and Transportation Committee. Seasoned professionals on committee. Long relationship with BDS, BPS, Prosper. Neighborhood association is a partner in making things better, not obstacle for growth. Long-term view on what's best for city. Busy with input on Post Office site, transportation issues.
- Marianne Fitzgerald – Cresswood Neighborhood. Worked on planning issues for many decades. Worked to get sidewalks and bike paths on Capitol Highway. Neighborhood has zero sidewalks, bike lanes. Portland needs to do better if will meet climate goals.
- Erica Stewart – NWDA Alphabet District. New to this. Background in planning, member Strongtowns PDX – safe routes, mobility.
- Marita Ingalsbe – Hayhurst NA. Active with LUTC because of new development. 263 homes planned for former Alpenrose site. Big concerns about environmental issues, stormwater, safe walking/biking.
- Gideon Caron – Homestead NA. OHSU area. New to land use committee. Brings legal background.
- Steve Pinger – NWDA. On Planning Committee for 15+ years. NA been around almost 60 years. 18,000 people. Over 3,000 new housing units over last few years. Meet weekly. Lots of activity.
- Ed Fischer – Homestead NA. Focus on transportation for over decade. Retired transportation engineer (public agencies).

- Stephan Segraves – Reed NA. Chair of Land Use Committee. Big changes in NA board. Focused on transportation safety.
- Stephan Lewis – Maplewood NA. Chair of land use committee. Been involved for several years, formerly working with SWNI. Lots of transportation issues. Pedestrian, bicycle, Trimet access.
- Elizabeth Marantz – Arnold Creek NA. Active on land use for 10 years. No land use meetings, just email chats. Mostly environmental issues, infill development. Main development had been in 1990s.
- Joyce del Rosario – SWHRL.
- Craig Coon – SWHRL – Transportation and land use committees. Concerns about development, wildfire interface, trails.
- Beth Omanski – Multnomah NA. Vice president, land use chair. Trying to do things differently with land use committee, more balanced with perspectives. Served on City's sidewalks committee, WPTC advisory committee. New neighbors interested in land use issues. Has disability expertise, safety.

### **Share your neighborhood's top 1 – 2 land use and transportation issues**

- Karin Velarde – Far SW NA. PCC Sylvania affordable housing plans. Concerns about parking. House to become a day care center – concerns about bypassing transportation impact study and conditional use process.
- Kathy Goeddel – Arlington Heights. Challenge of Washington Park access/congestion, traffic, especially during Summer. Japanese Garden expansion - preserving nature in the park a concern.
- Claire Bridlemile NA. Lack of sidewalks, safety to walk to schools, bicycle safety. Concerns about stormwater runoff, including with new development. Hoping for more involvement.
- Nicole Tignor – Old Town. Burnside Bridge closure for construction next year. Working with PSU students to find ways to help with traffic flow. When opens back in 6 years, how to entice people to walk across Burnside from Downtown.
- Russ Albertson – Marshall Park. Unique that have no apartments or businesses. Issues are speeding, lack of sidewalks, TriMet reducing service on Taylors Ferry.
- Steve Kilduff – Eastmoreland. Sidewalk safety, safety walking to Duniway School. Need for safer intersections, crossings, stop signs. Rhododendron Gardens – changes to lake for salmon safety, neighborhood involved in this, working to make outcomes as positive as possible.
- Keith Liden – Bridlemile. Interested in how this group can support one other when issues are so different. **How will the group relate to 3 new council members?** PBOT doesn't do a good job in talking to neighborhoods with what will do next. SWiM – although worked on project priorities, PBOT ends up implementing other projects. How to work with the City more consistently is a question.
- Tim Lilien – Far SW NA. Intersection of SW Leshner Road and Haines Street. Poor visibility of stop sign, cars speeding through. Advocating for traffic signal. Sidewalks are the common issue in much of SW.
- Erica Stewart – NWDA. Getting homeless people off the street into facilities, mental health services. Buses coming every 30 minutes is not viable – needs to be more frequent. More safe places for people to walk and bike.

- Steve Pinger – NWDA. Montgomery Park Area Plan – Council in November (been working on in 7 years). Position is opposition to Plan – concerns about implementation. Concern about NW in Motion Project – support transportation alternatives, but major concerns about ways it's being done, what it will look like on the ground, how we got there. Common cause is more with the Central City neighbors, less in common with deep SW neighbors. This reality needs to be reflected in how we go forward.
- Marianne Fitzgerald – Major issues about transportation safety, need for stormwater improvements, City providing waivers for developers to provide sidewalks, stormwater improvements. Parking not being provided, which causes more issues when no sidewalks. WPTC, SW in Motion – none of the identified improvements have been implemented. Need to have City more responsive to neighborhood needs, rather than just responsive to developers.
- Stephan Lewis – Maplewood. Second least amount of sidewalks in city (sidewalks added to SW Vermont near Gabriel Park). Hard to safely get places outside neighborhood, taking lives in their hands. Lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Waivers are frustrating – need sidewalks in key places. Fight for getting projects into TSP, but projects don't happen anyway.
- Marita Ingalsbe – Hayhurst. Ditto regarding sidewalks/safety issues. Unique to area are trails. Red Electric Trail is an important improvement. Seattle has a transportation safety levy – do something like this for Portland?
- Ed Fischer – Homestead. Developers taking out old buildings and replacing with denser development. Had a 43-unit apartment building being built, had opportunity for sidewalk on SW Gibbs – connecting to bus stop. Developer paid \$90,000 into transportation improvements. Impact statement still focused on automobiles, which they needed to address although only 20 parking spaces provided. Didn't address pedestrian safety. City wouldn't allow developer to use transportation fees to make sidewalk improvement because wasn't in front of property. Developer has willingness to do it, but City is not requiring developer to do it, or even giving credit.
- Stephan Segraves – Reed NA. Lacks sidewalks. Wants City action in slowing speeding down, such as with lights. Addressing homeless camping that is blocking sidewalks near schools.
- David Schoellhammer – SMILE. Landslides along Sellwood Bluff. Many City maps not realistic in terms of landslide zones. Want landslide mapping updated. City's end of neighborhood contact meetings is an issue. Was primary means for dialogue with developers. This is hurtful, killed conversations. Upcoming Type 3 design review for 7-story building near bluff - new for neighborhood.
- David Dysert – Pearl District. Need to regain vibrancy. Previously, 2/3rds of people in neighborhood were workers, now much reduced. Need to restore vibrancy. Jazz night series, working to revitalize parks – lights not working at Jamison Square. Future of NW 13<sup>th</sup> – outdoor seating areas. Post Office site is key issue.
- Gideon Caron – Lack of sidewalks is an issue. City working on a major sewer project connecting to Sam Jackson Road. How to get the City to build this project in the least damaging way for the neighborhood? Would like BES project to also improve the safety of roads, connections to medical school. Would like suggestions for how PBOT could be involved early on to improve access as part of sewer project.

- Elizabeth Marantz – Arnold Creek. A lot of non-conforming infrastructure from before neighborhood joined City. Drainage and environmental issues. City has allowed suburban pocket neighborhoods with sidewalks, but connecting roads have not been improved. Active transportation issues. Issues with second growth forests under threat from climate change, many big trees lost last winter.
- Craig Coon – SWHRL. Mostly environmental and transportation issues. Developers not required to include sidewalks. PBOT seems hostile to pedestrian safety. Increasing density, cut through traffic, but told must “share the road” without sidewalks. Need to look at issues in common, such as how to get to places outside your neighborhood.
- Beth Omanski – Multnomah NA. Current land use project is decommissioned water tower. City planning to sell, but have delayed until after elections. Neighbors would like option of first right of refusal for obtaining property. Conflict between swales and crosswalks/sidewalks. Disabled people have fallen into swales. Inconsistency with City staffing/contacts. E-scooters blocking sidewalks near arts center. City of Sacramento lawsuit regarding accessible sidewalks – options for Portland? Disabled community especially needs sidewalks.

#### **Additional discussion**

- Steve Kilduff – Council electeds need to be aware of D4 LUTC committee.
- Darlene – Maybe district council members should attend D4 LUTC meetings.
- Appears that people prefer this group to meet monthly.
- Mary – Trying to keep this a looser group of individuals. Don’t necessarily need to have formal neighborhood positions, but commitment to their communities.
- Steve Pinger (NWDA) – Is there a good reason to meet again? What are our goals/objectives? Is there another meeting time that could work better?
- Mary – Question to group: What do you think the mission of this group should be?
- Stephan Lewis – Should this be two different groups, land use and transportation? How will this be decided?
- Darlene – Suggest start together, then decide later if want to split into two groups (or subcommittees). An objective would be to inform district directors – Council members, shape policies. Will provide notes on meeting.
- Steve Pinger – separate the central city neighborhoods from the other neighborhoods? Issues are so different.
- Keith Liden – maybe we need subcommittees that are based around existing plans, geographic areas.
- Darlene – potentially form steering committee to help decide where we need to go, next steps. Contact Darlene or Mary if interested. If many people are interested in serving on the steering committee, we can vote on steering committee membership.