



Amazon Neighbors Association

Steering Committee Meeting March 08, 2017

Present:

Randy Prince
Rachael Latimer
Connie Berglund
Jay DeKalb
Kevin Shanley
Evelyn Shanley
Ruth Bryant

Absent:

Kara Steffensen

Guests:

Lindsey Massara
Valerie Blood

Meeting Notes

1. Minutes for January 12, 2017 approved (with correction to spelling of Jay DeKalb's name).
2. Treasurer's Report: \$75.13 in account. No income, no expenses.
3. Reports:
 - a. Bike/Pedestrian Committee: 24th Street changes, Vision Zero, Bond Issues – ask if people would like a report on 24th at the General Meeting along with Transportation and Safety Issues. “Every corner is a crosswalk” sign. Randy reminded us that there is a meeting 3/9 5:45 on 30th Avenue regarding safety and road changes. Discussion of design issues Agate to University, speeding, replacing medians with boulevard designs. Randy suggests adding speed radars mounted on poles with solar panels on 30th; thinks it is not as expensive as it is made out to be.
 - b. KS reports on Friends of Buford Annual Meeting March 15 at the Jazz Station.
 - c. Randy reports on NLC: did not attend last two meetings; they are talking about graffiti, hate crimes, and have created a task force to address concerns; reminded others that they can attend NLC meetings.
4. Communications Chair: Jay de Kalb Announcements:
 - a. Facebook page is up and running as Amazon Neighbors; discussion of policy for reviewing postings (yes: postings should be reviewed before going live); Rachael will create guidelines and content filter. Randy recommends we talk to “Ed” at the NLC who has expertise in this area.
5. Policy Discussion Regarding Making Decisions with Short Timeframes:
 - a. Discussion of problems with City, Committees etc. requiring decisions rapidly before a meeting can be held; would be best if possible to push back and insist on time to review with Neighborhood. Important to make sure everyone, all board members plus interested neighbors can be contacted and have the opportunity to respond.
 - b. Discussion of percentage of support among members and contacts made. Leaves with little or no discussion time when there is a short deadline.

- c. Rachel proposes possible agreement by board members to respond in a certain time line – with an “if no response, then action will not include your voice” clause.
 - d. Kevin suggests it’s important to document process in which decision is reached and suggests that we document between-meeting discussions as a part of regular steering committee minutes.
 - e. Rachel will write up a proposal with discretion of the chair to form a decision.
 - f. Connie discuss problem history of City contacting only the chair to get input for the neighborhood. Discussion: problem of reaching those without e-mail or computer at home.
 - g. Rachel stressed the importance of making it clear that these might be personal opinions when contacted by officials, versus speaking for the Neighborhood
6. South Willamette Planning Update:
- a. Randy reiterated history of process.
 - b. Terri Harding contacted Randy about delays with the City Council and Planning Department.
 - c. Rachael and Connie attended a meeting with the affected neighborhoods and City in February to help give input on the process. Randy was late and was given notes.
 - d. Randy stressed that FAN wants to set schedule but City wants 12 months. Uncertainty about process at this point. No ANA action needed right now.
 - e. Discussion about 2018 Street Paving Improvement Plan; likely to proceed before neighborhood plan will be complete. Neighborhood planning moving away from zoning concerns; will there be a window for public input to the street and pedestrian improvement project? Kevin to ask about getting information about the street improvement project.
7. “Amazon Futures”:
- a. Fiber Optics: Kevin found out that a major fiber trunk line runs through the neighborhood down Harris Alley. The line runs from downtown to near 34th Ave and runs overhead on poles and is owned by EWEB. They are open to sharing the line and the cost of actually connecting to the line is not huge, but we would need to work with an internet provider who would run lines to each customer. Kevin will be talking to some of the providers.
 - b. Solar: Jacob Siegel wanted to coordinate with others – Win Swafford is no longer involved. Rachel discussed cost \$10,000.00 to add to her house.
 - c. Alleys: Jay: nothing new – Lindsey and Valerie discussed Alder Alley with overgrowth and trash. Repeated contacts with City about clean up and maintenance. Rachel: “A good NH grant idea.” Suggestion of using NW Youth Corp to help clean alleys. Jay, Val & Lindsey will work on this. Work Party of neighbors suggested. Alder has large number of Rentals and Landlords – hard to contact. Discussion: “Nuisance reporting to City.”
 - d. Emergency Preparedness: Randy willing to help neighbors set up street/block programs. Discussion of how “Map your neighborhood” is done.
 - e. Trails: Kevin discussed connection of neighborhood to Ridgeline/Hendricks Park trails via Laurelwood Golf Course.

- f. Amazon Creek: Discussed conversion of concrete-lined Amazon Creek between 24th and 19th Avenues; City presentation not yet scheduled. Kevin will set up informational meeting when project moves forward; will coordinate with Long Tom Watershed Council.
 - g. Street Pedestrian Safety: Val and Lindsey discussed problems with Alder Street 24th-25th and beyond. Street is used as connector to avoid Hilyard. Problems with bike path status: Franklin to 24th then mixed traffic to 30th. Discussions of attempts to slow speed. V&L have talked with City. Concerns about Hilyard development affection us. Discussion of SEN traffic appeal against Amazon Corner development. How to reduce speed with resident and child pedestrian traffic high on Alder Street is a major concern.
8. May General Meeting Discussion:
- a. May 10 at 7:00pm
 - b. Hall has been reserved. (Connie)
 - c. School Board candidates to be offered a three minutes to present: address home to school safety (Randy)
 - d. Other topic suggestions:
 - a. Traffic safety, citizen radar programs and city planners (Valerie & Lindsey)
 - b. 24th Ave changes with City representative and Bike/Ped Committee (Connie)
 - e. Media Table: contact Margaret (Connie)
 - f. Reminded all to have people lined up and ideas solidified for next meeting April 12th ; need to have everything to Marcie for printing setup by April 17
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Submitted by Connie Berglund (transcribed by Evelyn & Kevin Shanley).