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February 2018 Committee Reports

Transportation Committee

Committee Members:

Christo Brehm and Sabina Urdes

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Purpose and Scope: The goal of the Transportation Committee is to address transportation issues within Lents or that impact our community. Transportation includes motor vehicle facilities everything ranging from I-205 to Foster Rd to local streets. Transportation also includes sidewalks, bicycle facilities, separated multi-use paths, and public transit facilities. Committee work may involve disseminating information from ODOT or PBOT, or gathering input from the Lents community and conveying that back to the transportation agencies.

Meetings:

- No regularly scheduled meetings.

Activity Report & General Updates:

- PBOT has posted the Foster Road construction plans and is accepting bids from qualified contractors. The public can view the documents to better understand what the changes will look like. Construction is estimated to begin in May 2018. The Transportation Committee is currently working to set up an information forum in partnership with the Foster-Powell and Mt. Scott neighborhood associations so that we can better understand how we will be impacted during construction.
<https://tinyurl.com/FosterRoad>
 - With construction starting in May, the project is expected to be completed within six months or by October 2018
 - Foster Rd will remain open during construction with one westbound and one eastbound travel lane.
- The City of Portland is in the process of identifying two new areas in Portland that would benefit from parking permit programs. Several criteria need to be met, such as being

impacted 4 days of the week or more. <https://tinyurl.com/PBOT-parking-permit>. Please contact the committee if you feel this would be appropriate within Lents.

The Transportation Committee welcomes new members. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Communications Committee

Committee Members:

Barbara Bader, Christo Brehm, and Sabina Urdes

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Purpose and Scope: The goal of the Communication Committee is to support the LNA Board through strategic communication practices in order to form strong relationships with outside entities, organizations, elected officials, and the LNA General Membership. We also work on LNA's social media presence and promotional materials for activities and events.

Meetings:

- If scheduled, meetings are currently set for the 4th Sunday of the month, location TBD.
- This committee was newly formed and has not had any meetings to date.

Activity Report:

Committee activity during the past month has consisted of

- Creating Board members' profiles, complete with photo and contact info, on the LNA website
- Adding to the LNA Website info on all the committees: including scope of work, when/where they meet, how to get in touch, etc.
- Scheduling presenters for LNA General Membership Meetings
- Re-writing bylaws (Sabina to present a new draft to the Board on 3-8-18)
- Sabina presented to the Board on 2-18-18 a DRAFT of a new set of social media guidelines for Facebook, divided into guidelines for Moderators (Board Members) and guidelines for our page followers. It includes things like criteria for approving or rejecting a comment, moderators signing their replies to messages and comments when replying as the LNA page, criteria for blocking a user, protocol for blocking someone or removing a post, and more.
- Sabina presented to the Board on 2-18-18 a proposed new Code of Conduct that the General Membership collaborated on during January's meeting. It included things like behaviors that are hurtful and we should try to avoid at LNA meetings, as well as agreements on what would make a member feel proud, supported, and safe to be a part of the LNA. People seem to value making space to feel heard, better communication and

outreach with minorities, allowing for dissent, staying on time with the agenda, making meetings more welcoming, and staying on time with the agenda.

- Sabina and Lacey have been exploring options for sending out a monthly newsletter. MailChimp seems like the best one. For now, we are working to compile all of our contacts into a contact list.
- Barbara has been helping the Livability Committee with their promotional materials for the Public Safety Forum in February.
- Committee members have been alternating publishing posts on the LNA Facebook page that are relevant to the neighborhood community.
- Sabina occasionally holds office hours to listen to our neighborhood's community members so that the LNA Board can be responsive to community needs and issues. Christo meets with community members in this capacity as well.

Updates:

- Effective, 2-19-17, Christo Brehm resigned as committee chair. Facebook and social media posts and related dialogue are an important component of the committee's work and for personal health reasons Christo has chosen to deactivate his Facebook account. Christo feels that the committee and neighborhood association would be better served by a committee chair who has capacity to be more fully involved in the association's social media and online presence.

Community members from the Lents Neighborhood are welcome and encouraged to join the Communication Committee, serve as members, and serve in leadership roles.

2018 Lents Fair Committee

Scope of Work: Planning the annual Lents Street Fair, which takes place in August, focusing on inclusion and diversity through our vendors, talent, and service providers, as well as developing inclusionary partnership with groups around Southeast Portland and specifically within Lents. We strive for a cost neutral event and request funds from our community to support us. We have a T-shirt contest and a music selection event. We have fun. We need you and your input!

Committee Chair: Robert Schultz

Board Liaison: Michael Collins

Members: To be determined

Typical Meeting Frequency, Days, Times:

We are on hold pending some research into alternative management of the event.

Participation:

Done largely through sharing apps, E-mail, phone calls, in person meetings, at committee meetings, and the day of the event. If you have time to offer this event, we will find something for you to do that will support the event. All participants will be invited to a post event gathering to provide feedback on the event and the process.

Contact:

Robert Schultz: e-mail Lentsfair@gmail.com or show up at a Street Fair or LNA meeting to speak in person.

Meeting minutes

1-28-2018, 3:40 pm - 5:45 pm, Zoiglhaus

Sign in: Mary, Michael, Sabina, Robert

Locations: Lents Park or PP property as secured by Robert (cost plus insurance)
Accounting for the event: Do we use EPN summer events fund? Set separate fund?

Stakeholders: Chicken contest, LNA

Band: (approved by group) \$300 each for 1 hour on stage

To support bands: need stage, sound and sound engineer(\$350, Jake), talent, generator

T-shirt/art contest: 60 day contest, Robert will ask Char if she will run it or start it. Robert will check with Steve's Imports to see if they want to sponsor it again. Last prizes were \$100, \$75, \$50 gift cards but need to confirm.

Vendors: (approved by group) \$60 vendor fee. Need to devise form for application and submittal.

Volunteers: (approved by group) should get food and T-shirt for working the event. Need to devise form for application and submittal.

Permit: will need permit for noise, for food, and possibly more. (Looking into it currently)

Child entertainment: (Sabina may take this on) bounce house, face painting (flat fee and tips), Kid coral, covered area, blankets down, bean bags, diaper changing area, feeding area, possible ½ wall, possible use of Boys and Girls club (Robert to contact).

Website: (volunteer working on as part of college project) host Instagram feed, host calendar, sponsor and their logos, page for volunteers to sign up on-line, page for vendors to apply, page for sponsors, doomsday clock (countdown to event)

Parade: walking - kids

Sponsors: -Different levels need a team.

Event name: Lents Fair, approved by group 1-28-18 (still need logo and graphics)

Date: Sunday, August 5th, 2018 approved by group 1-28-18

Time: 11am - 4pm approved by group 1-28-18.

Insurance: discussed various options

Signage: Banner

Updates:

EPN can cover Lents Fair through LNA's insurance and it would not cost Lents Fair anything.

Equity and Inclusion Committee

Scope of work:

The Equity and Inclusion Committee aims to provide avenues for People of Color, New Portlanders, and People with Disabilities to engage in neighborhood activities and LNA meetings and events, as well as help LNA members meet diverse communities and engage with them in their own places and forums.

Chair: Cora Potter

Activity report: none available

Typical meeting time and location: Third Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM at Reedway Place Community Room [8940 SE Reedway](#)

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Land Use Committee

Scope of work:

The Land Use Committee is authorized to respond to land-use cases on behalf of the association and to request input from the General Membership, as needed. They collaborate to respond to time-sensitive land-use cases and developer meeting requests. Each project is unique, so the scope of activities around that project vary based on the size, impacts and past neighborhood responses to similar projects.

Chair: Cora Potter

Activity report: none available

Typical meeting time and location: Meets on an ad hoc basis. Meetings occur when there is a time sensitive land-use case to review.

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Livability Committee

Scope of work:

The Livability Committee works as a liaison between agencies and residents who wish to share Livability concerns, such as crime/public safety, air quality, housing/houselessness, and equity. Livability topics are resident driven.

Chair: TBD

Activity report:

-February 13, 2018 Public Safety Forum:

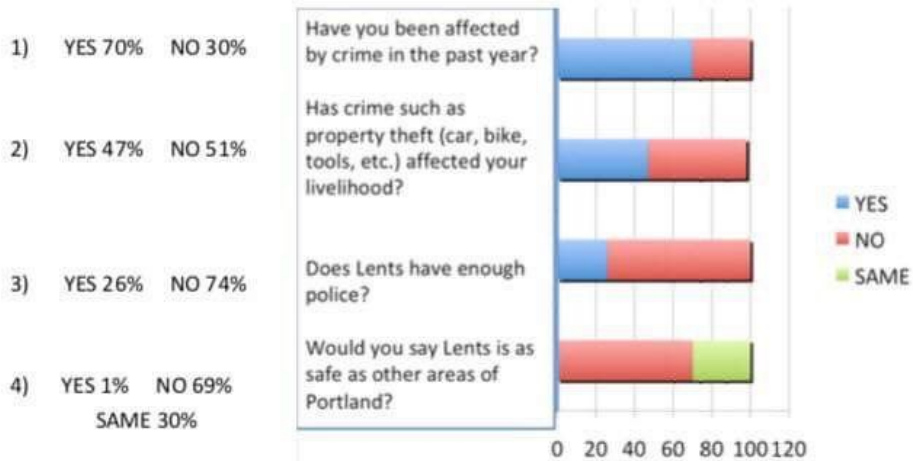
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4E5V1yrmuF4&feature=youtu.be> (search “2018 02 LNA Safety Meeting”)

The LNA Livability Committee partnered with the (now former) Public Safety Chair JoLynne Cooper Nearing to host a Public Safety Forum. Featured speakers were Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw and Sgt. Randy Teig. There was also a panel of guests from various agencies (ODOT, Multco., City, Parks, DA) with a focus on public safety. The goal of the meeting was to provide information and connect community members with resources, which panelists generously provided. This event was to be moderated by JoLynne, as she did much of the organizing and community engagement. Unfortunately, she had a serious medical issue a few weeks prior to the event. The event was almost cancelled, but she asked that the committee moves forward with the plans for the event.

Below are some survey results which the PPB asked that we forward to them. They and other panelists wanted to share the slideshow with other neighborhoods, as they consider the things we are doing to focus on livability in Lents to be a good example of community engagement and advocacy.

The first slide shows a graph/percentage with question results. The second slide shows the top answers given from the narrative part of the survey.

Social Media Survey Outcomes



Top suggestions from survey to improve public safety

- 1) More police & equity with other neighborhoods
- 2) Community police/foot patrol/bike patrol
- 3) Dedicated precinct
- 4) Enforcement of current laws (including auto violations such as no plates/ no tags = tow)
- 5) Eliminate tent camping
- 6) Timely clean ups (Broken window theory)
- 7) Better street lighting, safety zones near schools & parks, more 911/ non-emergency operators, services to target youth, mental health & social services outreach

The LNA would like to thank all of the panelists for their time and all of the community members who attended.

As of 2-13-2018, the former Chair of the Livability Committee has resigned and the committee has, more or less, disbanded. If you would like to re-start the committee, please get in touch: lentsneighborhood@gmail.com

Finance Committee

Scope of work:

To perform an internal review of finances, financial procedures, and make proposals.

Chair: Ray Hites

Activity report:

The Finance Committee was formed on 2-8-18 to help the Board organize its financial records, perform an internal audit, increase transparency of LNA's funds, and make recommendations on how we can improve our financial practices.

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