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April 2018 Committee Reports

Transportation Committee

Chair: Christo Brehm

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:

- **ODOT has begun work on the I-205 Paving and Auxiliary Lanes Project**, which will continue into 2019. The project extends between SE Johnson Creek Blvd to the Glenn Jackson Bridge at the Columbia River. **Most of the work is taking place between Powell Blvd and I-84.** For full project details, see www.i205construction.org. Impacts at various locations over the life of the project will include night time lane closures, ramp and shoulder closures, periodic full closures of I-205 at night, and lane closures on cross streets near on ramps. Work hours to be aware of are:
 - **Single Lane Closure Times:** 8:00 pm to 5:30 am –
 - **Double Lane Closure Times:** 11:00 pm to 7:00 am –
- **OBOT is upgrading traffic signals** on SE 82nd Ave at both the SE Woodstock Blvd and SE Foster Rd intersections. The agency has already finished a similar signal upgrade at 82nd and Duke if you want to see an example.

- **Work is expected** between April and fall 2018, M-F, between 6:00am and 3:00pm
- **Impacts** include single lane closures, potential Trimet bus stop closures, and potential nighttime noise.
- **24 hour noise concern hotline** for those living near the work zone: 503-412-2330
- **ODOT Contact:** Valerie Shea, 503-417-5402, 82ndIntersections@masonbruce.com
- **PBOT will begin construction on SE Foster** in mid-May and will be substantially complete by late October. This project will add sidewalk width, protected bike lanes, on-street parking and a center turn lane to Foster between 52nd and 90th by reducing the vehicle lanes from 4 to 2. This will help Foster to be "*a place to go to, not just a place to go through*"
 - **SE 82nd to 90th Impacts:** One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction with no on-street parking during the full reconstruction of the roadway. Timing for this work is still to be determined.
 - **SE 82nd Avenue:** Left turns from Foster Road at SE 82nd Ave will be detoured
 - **SE 52nd to 82nd Impacts:** Periodic and localized construction activity will impact traffic on a block-by-block basis, with traffic reduced to one lane in each direction and a center turn lane. Parking restrictions will be localized and periodic.
 - **PBOT Contact:** Rich Newlands, 503-823-7780, rich.newlands@portlandoregon.gov

The Transportation Committee welcomes new members. Please get in touch with Christo or Sabina if you are interested.

Communications Committee

Committee Members:

Lacey Hamerin, 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.

Activity Report:

Committee activity during the past month has consisted of:

- **Bylaws:** Board members are currently working to submit their feedback to the initial draft of the first half of the bylaws that Sabina submitted on 3-8-18. A proposed timeline for re-writing the bylaws that Sabina submitted on 3-8-18 is possibly delayed by a month, as the Board has been set back by a high number of grievances that we've had to process. We are expected to form a Bylaw committee at the Board meeting on May 10, which will help run the proposed bylaws by community members, committees, and the general membership between May and August, to gather input and vote on them. The new set of Bylaws is expected to be approved by the general membership before the elections in September 2018.
- **Code of conduct:** At the last Board meeting on 4-12-18, the Board worked on adjustments to the Code of Conduct previously submitted by our committee and originally put together by the general membership at the meeting on 1-22-18. The revised Code of Conduct will be introduced at the General Meeting on 4-24-18.
- **Facebook page:** Committee members have been alternating publishing posts on the LNA Facebook page that are relevant to the neighborhood community.
- **Office hours:** 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. If you'd like to schedule an appointment, please email Sabina: sabina.lents.na@gmail.com

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

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:

Last meeting: 3-20-18

At our last meeting we assembled approximately 325 welcome packets for new apartment residents in Lents Town Center. We will be delivering these packets to Lents Commons and Naya Generations in the next couple weeks. And eventually to Oliver Station, Woody Guthrie and the Food Cart apartments, and possibly the new small apartments on Ellis when they open.

Next meeting is the third Tuesday of May from 6:30 - 8 PM at [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:

Land Use Chair Cora Potter attended the [Lents](#) Stabilization and Job Creation Collaborative Meeting on March 22nd.

Two presentations were given. One was a presentation on the results of updated 100 year flood modeling for the areas to the north side of Foster and east of I 205. The other was a census tract level analysis of housing displacement potential for the same area.

The presentations can be seen here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JdxakE4kcNKQk7gkNWQLMZbponEC-c_H

Later this summer, the project will be requesting a letter of commitment from the Lents Neighborhood Association for ongoing participation in the project activities.

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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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: Robert Schultz, Michael Collins, Sabina Urdes, Mary Oxford

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 LNA meetings to speak in person.

Update: Despite some setbacks with gathering support from the LNA, the Committee Chair Robert Schultz has found a way to still make the Fair happen. However, at this time, the Lents Fair will not be hosted by the LNA. The date is set for August 5, 11 AM - 4 PM.

If you are interested in helping out, email the Fair Committee at Lentsfair@gmail.com.

Finance Committee

Scope of work:

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.

Chair: Ray Hites/David Carroll

Members: Ray Hites, David Carroll, Ben Coogan, Richard Seymour, Sabina Urdes

Activity report:

The Finance Committee is performing a statement review of the last 3-years of bank statements. The committee is also working on a set of guidelines and a process for: gift acceptance and fundraising policy, separation of duties recommendation, reimbursement claim form and process, debit and credit card policies, yearly budget and financial statements for better understanding of expenses for the general membership.

Purpose: The Finance Committee was formed on 2-8-18 to help the Board organize its financial records, perform an internal review of the last several years of documents, increase transparency of LNA's funds, and make recommendations for proposing future budgets and on how we can improve our financial practice.

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Statement Summary		
Business Checking as of March 31st, 2018		\$ 367.38
Business Savings as of March 31st, 2018		\$ 13,646.01

Business Checking Summary		
3/7/2018	Transfer from Savings	\$ 200.00
3/29/2018	PGE Electric Bill	\$ (96.68)
3/29/2018	PGE Electric Bill	\$ (122.21)

Business Savings Summary		
3/7/2018	Transfer from Savings	\$ (200.00)
3/31/2018	Interest from Savings	\$ 0.58

At the last board meeting in April, current Chair Ray Hites indicated that he will be resigning soon. The Board is currently working to fill that position.

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Grievance Committee

Scope of work: The purpose of the grievance committee is to serve as liaison between the Board and community members who submit grievances in an effort to ensure that community members feel heard and their concerns are addressed properly.

Members: Lacey Hamerin, Barbara Bader, Sabina Urdes

Update:

The Grievance Committee met with four different grievants on 4-6 and 4-7-18 to discuss their grievances submitted in February. The Committee presented their recommendations to the Board at the 4-12-18 Board Meeting. Our findings are available to the membership. orlf you would like a copy of our reports, pleas email lentsneighborhood@gmail.com or sabina.lents.na@gmail.com. Our findings are also available in the meetings notes (or “minutes”) from the 4-12-18 Board meeting posted on our website, <http://lentsneighborhoodassociation.com>.

Typical meeting time and location: This committee is not currently open to the public. To ensure everyone’s privacy, the Committee meets only with the community members who are submitting grievances.

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