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May 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:

- PBOT anticipates issuing a Notice to Proceed to the contractor in mid-May for the Foster Streetscape Project who is expected to begin construction in late May or early June. PBOT updates are available at:
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/540950>
 - o The project extends from SE 50th Avenue to the western edge of the Lents Town Center at SE 90th Avenue. Changes include complete road reconstruction and repaving from SE 82nd to 90th Avenue, new, upgraded traffic signals at SE Holgate and 72nd Avenue, wider sidewalks (from five feet to nine feet) between SE 83rd and 90th Avenue, new median refuge islands with rapid flash beacons at six locations: SE 58th, SE Mall, SE 65th, SE 69th, SE 74th and SE 84th Avenue, new center turn lane and bicycle lanes from SE 52nd to 90th Ave, new street trees and ornamental street lighting, and upgraded ADA curb ramps at 69 locations.

- ODOT has begun work on I-205. Updates are available at <http://www.i205construction.org/>

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:** Sabina has finished a completed draft of the proposed new Bylaws and is submitting them to ONI for a general review. The Board is in the process of forming a Bylaw Committee, composed of Board members, as well as community members. If you'd like to get involved, please email us at lentsneighborhood@gmail.com or sabina.lents.na@gmail.com.
The new set of Bylaws is expected to be approved by the general membership before the elections in September 2018.
- **Meeting invites translated in Spanish, Russian, and Vietnamese.** In order to make our meetings more inclusive and eliminate barriers to engagement, we've created a flyer and paper invites for our May meeting that we then translated in three other languages (Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese). Sabina posted these around Lents (such as the kiosk in the Town Center) and on bulletin boards inside local businesses; shared them with local churches, schools, business owners, labor union reps, and neighbors; shared them on Facebook, NextDoor, in our newsletter, our website, and more.
- Speaking of, we now have a **newsletter!** Our goal is to send it out twice a month. In May, we've already sent it out twice: once after the April General Membership Meeting, to recap our major decisions/ accomplishments and approved March minutes, and to share the Committee Reports; and another time right before the May 2018 General Membership Meeting, to announce the meeting, and share the agenda and draft minutes

from April to be approved at May Meeting. We plan to maintain this schedule of sending out the newsletter twice a month. To subscribe to our newsletter, check the box on the sign in sheet and include your email or email sabina.lents.na@gmail.com.

- **Facebook page:** Committee members have been alternating publishing posts on the LNA Facebook page that are relevant to the neighborhood community.
- **Office hours:** Sabina holds office hours by appointment only 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

May meeting was cancelled. No activity report available.

Next meeting is the third Tuesday of June 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:

1. A new sub division is currently in the pre-application stages and is proposed for the spaces located around the Mt Scott Church of God on 105th and Henderson. Based on the proposed lay out, a cul de sac would be added on the east side of the church between SE 105th and Terrace Trails Dr that would provide 12 lots. And additional 6 lots would be situated along 105th on the west side of the church. The existing private park/playground on the north side of the church would be retained. They are proposing all larger lots that would range between 6,000 and 15,000 square feet.

Because this is in pre-application, there are no schematic designs that show the style of housing being proposed.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/684198>

2. The Proposed Draft changes to our Multi-family zones (these are the zones for apartments and townhomes that are currently known as R1, R2, R3, RH and RX) are now available for review and comment.

If you live in one of these zones, and have received a postcard in the mail about the changes, I highly encourage you to look up your address on the Portland Comprehensive Plan Mapping Application:

<https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/mapapp/maps.html#mapTheme=mdz>

If you'd like to leave a comment on the proposed change to your lot, search for your address, then click on the "Testify" button that will be in the upper right corner of the page.

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) Update Residential Infill Project (RIP)

Proposed Draft released April 2; PSC hearings were on May 8 and 15

The Residential Infill Project Proposed Draft includes the following:

- [Proposed Draft Summary](#), an 8-page summary of the 11 key proposals.
- [Volume 1: Staff Report and Map Amendments](#), includes introduction, analysis of proposals and map amendments.
- [Volume 2: Zoning Code Amendments](#)
- [Volume 3: Appendices](#), additional background and supporting documentation (posted on website only, no printed copies)
- [Map App](#) – Learn about how the proposals could affect your property; testify directly to the Planning and Sustainability Commission via the “testify” button.

All the documents are available on the project website at

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/76569> Hard copies of the Project Summary and Volumes 1 and 2 are available at our office at [1900 SW 4th Avenue, 7th Floor](#). The Bureau receptionist will mail you a copy if you call 503-823-7700.

Via the Map App: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill/mapapp

By U.S. Mail:

Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission

Attn: Residential Infill Testimony

[1900 SW 4th](#) Suite 7100, Portland, Oregon 97201

Questions? Want to learn more?

- Call the Helpline at 503-823-0195.
- [Look up your address on the Map App](#) to find out what rules apply now and what is proposed. www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill/mapapp
- Send an email at residential.infill@portlandoregon.gov.

Visit: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill

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Better Housing by Design (BHD)

Proposed Draft released on May 11, 2018

The Better Housing by Design project is releasing a Proposed Draft on May 11, 2018. The proposed code changes are intended to improve the design of development and expand housing options in Portland's multi-dwelling zones. The proposals address topics such as housing diversity and affordability, outdoor spaces, and building and site design. The code amendments will affect citywide multi-dwelling zoning code regulation, and includes a subset of strategies focused on East Portland.

View eight-page summary: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/75905>

The Planning and Sustainability Commission will hold a public hearing on the BHD Proposed Draft in June 2018.

Visit: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/betterhousing

Contact: Bill Cunningham, 503-823-4203, betterhousing@portlandoregon.gov

Manufactured Dwelling Parks

Proposed Draft is available for review; PSC hearing is scheduled for June 12

This project proposes a new residential multi-dwelling base zone for manufactured and mobile home parks. The proposed zoning changes will consolidate Manufactured Dwelling Parks (MDP) into one new base zone in the Multi-Dwelling Residential Chapter (33.120) to create consistent land use regulations for MDPs.

PSC Public Hearing

The Planning and Sustainability Commission is taking public testimony on the Proposed Draft. You can submit testimony via the Map

App:<https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/mapapp/maps.html#mapTheme=mdp>

Or testify directly to the Planning and Sustainability Commission at a public hearing:

Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

PCC Southeast Campus

Community Hall Annex

[2305 SE 82nd Ave](#)

[Portland, Oregon](#)

Send a letter by June 12, 2018, to [Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission](#)

Manufactured Dwelling Park Project

[1900 SW 4th, Suite 7100](#)

[Portland, Oregon 97201](#)

Visit: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/76383>

Contact: Leslie Lum, 503-823-7856, leslie.lum@portlandoregon.gov

Land Use Committee 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, 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.

Activity Report: After a period of uncertainty, it's been decided that the 2018 Lents Street Fair will take place after all, and it will be on August 5, 2018, from 11 AM to 4 PM. This year, the Fair is an independent event, still cost-neutral and not for profit. Even though the Fair has a different fiscal sponsor this year, at the May LNA Board Meeting, the LNA Board voted to donate a minimum of \$1,500 to this year's Fair (more might be possible, pending confirmation of funds available in LNA's Summer Events fund). Currently, the committee is in the process of finalizing the new website, booking talent, signing up vendors who will have a booth at the event, securing the stage, and reaching out to local businesses for sponsorship.

Contact: If you would like to have a booth for your business, sponsor the Street Fair, or volunteer, please contact event organizer Robert Schultz 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.

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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 presented their recommendations to new grievances to the Board at the May Board Meeting. Our findings are available to the membership. If you would like a copy of our reports, please email lentsneighborhood@gmail.com or sabina.lents.na@gmail.com. Our findings are also available in the meetings notes (or "minutes") from the May Board meeting posted on our website, <http://lentsneighborhoodassociation.com>.

The Board will meet on May 30th for an Executive Session where more grievances will be voted on.

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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