LNA General Meeting Jan 22, 2019

Note-taker: Marci Addy

Mic-runner: Sabina Urdes

-- 7:09 PM Meeting called to order

7:10 PM Community Closet Recap and Feedback: Funded by a grant LNA obtained, more donations than expected. CareOregon (OHP signups) and PACS POW (groceries) set up as well. Extra clothes were donated to Pay It Forward and Lent Elementary. Pastor Steve discusses appreciation for community involvement and support.

Possible upcoming community involvement opportunities: Paint the Town Green, Lents Fair, Lents Bike Tour

7:24 PM Introductions

7:28 PM Prosper Portland: Lents Town Center Phase II Update. 92nd and Harold area to be developed as part of the Prosper Portland Lents 5-year action plan approved in 2014. Want feedback about what elements of the project do community members want to see. Prosper Portland Community Open House meeting February 11th, 6 pm at Wattles Boys and Girls Club. Q&A about economic benefits, job opportunities, percentage of affordable and income-restricted housing, cost of investment.

7:58 PM Community Announcements:

* Ed: Traffic committee formed for Mt Scott Church of God development area. Looking for more committee members.
* Community crafting group, looking for venue. Knitting and crochet focused.
* New Copper Penny Sign: Barbara has been trying to find it a home. Oregon Historical Society expressed some interest; we’ve previously stored it there but paid $1260 to move it away from that location already. Sarah (Board VP) is heading a committee to find a new place for the sign. LNA Finance Committee perspective: sell it for as much as possible or dispose of it as cheaply as possible. LNA New Copper Penny Committee agrees with LNA Finance Committee perspective. LNA Board and committees are welcoming ideas and suggestions. Barbara expresses concerns over scrapping the sign or not keeping the sign for Lents.

8:16 PM LNA Board voted to approve Brian Moore as LNA Treasurer in November, needs to be ratified by membership. Sabina moves to approve Brian Moore as Treasure. 27 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstain. Motion carries.

8:22 PM PBOT 82nd Ave plan. Land Use and Transportation study, looking into opportunities and challenges along the corridor. Property is relatively inexpensive compared to other areas of Portland. Challenges reported are crime, homelessness, road and sidewalk conditions, lighting. Looked at 7 sites along 82nd, asking how these properties can re-develop over time. Small zone changes will be proposed to address current issues. Some buildings are nonconforming (built too close to street, etc.). Affected businesses and properties within 100 feet will receive notices of zoning changes around February 8.

Local community members have long expressed desire to see 82nd Ave transformed and to transfer ownership from state to the city. May take a few years, but they are working on a full transfer. PBOT is working toward making 82nd a more pedestrian-friendly zone with increased space for sidewalks and safe crossing even before transfer becomes a reality. Q&A: PBOT’s ability to maintain another major road, not changing number of lanes, idea of artwork improvements to assist efforts in changing the corridor, effect larger sidewalks will have on businesses.

8:55 PM Approve November General Meeting Minutes. Sabina makes motion to approve minutes for public distribution. Leisl seconds motion 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 5 abstain. Motion carries, minutes are approved.

8:59 PM - Meeting Adjourned

Action Items:

Follow up from 82nd Ave Study about how many businesses along 82nd have been contacted for feedback and involvement on proposed improvements.