LNA General Meeting: March 26, 2019

Note-taker: Marci Addy

Time Keeper: Travis Kern

Mic Runner: Sarah Wines

**7:06 PM Meeting called to order**

Introductions

7:12 PM Residential Infill Project

Portland is expected to grow by 200,000 people by 2035, and the infill project is intended to address the increased demand for property. City council will hold hearings end of summer 2019. Speakers: Sam Diaz with Portland for Everyone; Meg Hansen with Coalition to Prioritize, Protect, and Preserve Affordable Housing; Janet Baker with United Neighborhoods for Reform.

Portland for Everyone Concerns: Size of homes being built, diversity of housing, housing affordability tied to availability

7:34 PM Switch to Community Announcements (technical issues)

1. Mt Scott Community Center: This Saturday, Renters Rights event. Spanish translators, food, childcare. SE 77nd and Harold.
2. Green Lents: Garden Swap Saturday, April 6. If you have extra plant starts, seeds, tools, soil, or pots, you can bring your items and swap with other gardening items at Zenger Farm from 11 am-3 pm, sponsored by Portland Nursery. Neighborhood Garage Sale will be July 27.
3. LNA Board is looking for more board members, looking for people who take initiative. Email lentsneighborhood@gmail.com if you are interested in being involved.

7:39 PM Residential Infill Project, continued (technical issues resolved)

 CPPAH: concerns over the lack of regulation of demolition and increased displacement risk for renters.

UNR: Environmental concerns, particularly with asbestos and lead during demolitions. Their organization went to the state to get laws passed to address these concerns. Asked city to revise building codes to limit mass, footprint, setbacks, and height of new houses, based on adjacent houses. The RIP allowance in height (30 feet) and square footage (3500 sq ft) are typically much higher than the average Lents house.

Community discussion: concerns over supply of land through urban growth boundary, issues regarding residential zoning, types of housing allowed, effects of higher density on roads and parking.

8:34 PM – Lents Urban Renewal Area (URA) annual budget outreach with Alison Wicks from Prosper Portland

Updates on budget breakdown for fiscal year 2019-2020 for all of Prosper Portland. Three categories: Grants and Infrastructure, for which they don’t expect a return. For Mission-Related, they like to see 2.5% return; for Financial First, a 6% return.

Lents URA: Key activities - completion of Lents Town Center Phase I, community livability grants, and Prosperity Improvement Program.

Fiscal years starts in July, looking for input on next year. Currently looking to fund Leach Botanical Gardens, Lents Town Center Phase 2, continuation of community livability and prosperity improvement programs.

8:50 PM Action Items

Review February 2019 General Meeting Minutes.

 Sabina moves to approve February General meeting minutes. Marci seconds the motion. 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 5 abstained. Motion carries.

**8:51 PM Meeting Adjourned**