

Pearl District Neighborhood Association
Planning, Design & Transportation Committee

Minutes for February 16, 2009

Michael Blakeslee – Member	Patricia Gardner – Chair	LeRae Hunt – Resident, Recess
Dan Campbell – Resident	Bob Girsberger – Member	Mauricio LeCler – PDOT
Mary Jane Campbell – Resident	Scott Gureck – Resident	Bruce Levy – Member
Allan Classen – Northwest Examiner	Michael Hall – Member, PNCA	Pat Lydon – Member
Hugh d'Autremont – Member	John Hirsch – Member	Jason Naiman – Member
Alyce Flitcraft – Member	Karen Hirsch – Member	Ann Niles – Co-Vice Chair

Transportation Study

- Mauricio LeClerc of PDOT discussed that funding has been provided to start the Pearl District transportation access and circulation study. The study is because as the Pearl has evolved, there has never been a comprehensive transportation study. The study will include auto and bicycle traffic.
- There will be a committee of between 12 and 14 people comprising various interested parties, including residents, businesses, and land owners. The committee will provide direction for the study.
- The project is expected to take between 10 and 12 months, and be approved by the Design Commission, and the City Council.
- The Pettygrove green street design of particular importance, because of the development of the studio focused apartment along Pettygrove. The hope is that the plan can be in place by the time the developers start development of the street. It may be possible to split this effort apart from the rest of the study if needed.
- The project will model traffic based on current and future scenarios.
- At the end of the study there will be a prioritized list of projects to be considered, which may include stop signs, signals, or other traffic calming devices.

Announcements

- SERA Architects will be coming in soon to present their design for a 2 to 3 story building located at the corner of Burnside and Broadway. The building will be a clinic that is associated to the 8 NW 8th housing project. The site currently includes a former Burger King.
- The Portland City Council is updating invasive plant list, which may mean that future development may have to use other plant species that are commonly used

Fields Park Update

- The CAC met to discuss the 70% schematic design, which should be at 100% by March 1, when updated drawings and descriptions will be available for public viewing and comment. The update drawings will be located at Umpqua Bank (12th and Lovejoy) and will be staffed at selected times during the day to provide additional explanation and to answer questions about the project.
- Gardner described the three basic phases of the project to provide context. The project will go through schematic design, design development, and construction documents. As of March 1, the schematic design should be complete.
- Gardner discussed some of the changes that occurred since the public meeting:
 - The dog area was increased from 5k sq ft to 7.5k sq ft.
 - Restroom facility moved to the SW side of the space.
 - The children's area was revised to meet the core concepts of climbing, sliding, digging, and hanging.