

Pearl District Neighborhood Association
Planning, Design & Transportation Committee

Minutes for June 1, 2010

Hugh d'Autremont - Member	Karen Hirsch - Member	Lance Poehler - Member
Patricia Gardner - Chair	John Hirsh - Member	Judy Gibson - Resident
Bob Girsberger - Member	Ron Jennings - Member	LeRae Hunt - Resident - Recess in the Pearl
Michael Hall - Member - PNCA	Ann Niles - Co-Vice Chair	Phil Niles - Resident

Minutes

- Hall moved to approve the April 20 minutes. d'Autremont seconded. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Announcements

- The Central City Concern project at the corner of Broadway and Burnside is going to Design Commission on June 17 at 1:30.
- The bathroom at Jamison will be discussed at the July 6 Planning meeting where all viable options will be discussed. Then at the Board meeting on July 8, the Board will make a decision as how to proceed. There will be an announcement in the Activist section of the NW Examiner.

14th and Flanders

- The attorney representing the PDNA, Jeffrey Kleinman, has sent a letter to BDS, and the city attorney. The letter was summarized by Niles, and includes several key points to why the project should not be allowed to continue.
 - Only ¼ of the site has land use approval
 - ¼ of the work lacks a permit
- It was discussed that PBOT agrees that the project, due to the size, was more than what they had approved for in the permit. PBOT didn't realize the scope of the project was greater than the storefront update.
- BDS doesn't agree with the PDNA's position and believes the project is only a storefront improvement, and seismic upgrade which didn't change the use of the property.
- Niles mentioned that BDS knew in August 09' that the project would require a seismic upgrade, and in Sept 09', the building permit applications noted that the seismic upgrade was required and was a change of use.
- Niles wanted to know why BDS didn't notify PBOT of the change in use, and why BDS is still insisting that the project is just a storefront update.
- The City has 21 days to respond to the letter.

Access Circulation Plan

- There will be an open house on June 23 from 4:00 to 7:00pm at the former Eddie Bauer location at 11th and Lovejoy.
- At the last meeting the existing conditions report was reviewed. The report includes traffic counts, and auto, bike, and pedestrian accidents. It was mentioned that pedestrian accidents were concentrated at Broadway and Everett, while car to car accidents were spread throughout the neighborhood.
- The plan committee considered additional ideas to be reviewed, the couplet and streetcar routing were not part of the review. Ideas included the cycle track, pulling back parking at intersections to create bike corral parking, traffic lights, cross walks, the partial closing of 13th for PNCA events, head in parking along 15th, and the remove of rail tracks along 15th.
- One idea presented to accommodate Safeway was to change 14th Ave between Lovejoy and Northrup to be a 2-way street. Safeway is concerned that there will not be easy access of visibility with the current Lovejoy/Northrup couplet and has sought help from the Mayor's office. The idea was not well received, considering the rest of the street is one-way.
- Hirsh asked to have a simplified map illustrates the problem areas that could be given to the police.
- Niles mentioned that the traffic signals along Burnside favor east/west traffic flow at 75%. Niles asked that it be reduced to 50%.