

Pearl District Neighborhood Association
Planning, Design & Transportation Committee

Minutes for June 15, 2010

David August - Member	Judy Gibson - Member	Sue Horn-Caskey - Member
Allan Classen - Northwest Examiner	Bob Girsberger - Member	Catherine Levi - Member
Jamie Dunn - PDBA	Michael Hall - Member - PNCA	Shaul Levi - Member
Alyce Flitcraft - Member	John Hirsch - Member	Bruce Levy - Member
Patricia Gardner - Chair	Evan Holt - PNCA	Sean Sullivan - Resident

Announcements

- Gardner announced that Niles will be taking a leave of absence.

Minutes

- Hirsch moved to approve the June 1 minutes. Girsberger seconded. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Bike Oasis Proposal

- Evan Holt, a student at PNCA working on his Masters degree in applied craft presented a design for a covered bike shelter to be located next to PNCA.
- The project came about after the family of Tracey Sparling, who was killed in a bicycle accident while crossing Burnside at 14th, approached PNCA about creating a memorial that incorporated a safety component.
- A team from PNCA has been working since December on planning for the memorial, including Committee members Hall and Gardner.
- PNCA currently has a 3 ½ parking space bike corral located on 13th at the corner of Johnson. The plan is to move the bike corral to Johnson and use 3 parking spaces (each space is 8' wide x 20' deep).
- Some of the goals of the project included creating a new alternative for bike hubs, creating a "magnet" bike station, and provide a statement of PNCA's commitment to sustainability and bike culture.
- The modular design is made of sustainable materials include surplus windshields for the canopy and would be built around existing street trees. In addition, the plans call for the curved canopy to slope down to a bioswale.
- A question was asked why the corral is to be moved to Johnson. Hall mentioned that it is designed to make a statement. Gardner mentioned that Johnson is considered a bike boulevard, which this project would reinforce.
- It is hoped that a ribbon cutting ceremony could be held in May 2011.
- August made a motion that the Committee supports the project pending further details. Hirsch seconded. The motion passed unanimously, with two abstentions due to their involvement in the project (Gardner and Hall).

Other

- Clearwire is planning to install an antenna on the condo building located at 323 NW Park Ave (where Peemkaew restaurant is located), as well as the OSU Food Innovation building along Naito. Gardner reminded the Committee that only the design can be protested, and not the use.
- The Broadway Recovery building to be located at Burnside and Broadway is expected to go before the Design Commission on June 17 at 1:30 pm. August asked if the Committee voted to approve the design. Gardner let responded that the Committee didn't vote, so she will just provide comments.
- As part of the Transportation review, Hirsch offered to aggregate transportation issues and then take pictures to emphasize and visualize the issue.
- Horn-Caskey discussed that the Tully's coffee sign is now gone that was located along 11th near the corner of .Everett. Sue talked with several City staff to resolve the issue, ending with the Code Compliance Officer. All of the sign compliance staff have been let go, so it was unclear if the complaint resulted in the sign removal.
- At the last URA meeting, it was discussed that the Centennial Mill project will likely start development in 2011. In addition, there was a motion made to move River District funds to the Downtown/Waterfront URA to help pay for land for the Uwajimaya project. The Committee is writing a letter to PDC to let them know that the money should only be used for the area north of Burnside and east of the freeway.