

Minutes of the npGreenway Board Meeting (via Zoom)
November 11, 2020

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Lenny Anderson, Jay Bockelman, Pat Jewett, Cynthia Newton, Francie Royce (acting chair), Pam Arden, Steve McClure, Jeff Lang
Guest: Cassie Cohen (Portland Harbor Community Coalition)

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES: Approval of the October minutes deferred to next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report

Francie and Trang sent checks for \$125.00 to Pam and Pam already paid too. Cynthia still needs to send her check.

Bandanas

Expected any minute delivered to Cynthia's office.

Columbia Bike/Ped Bridge

No update except Alan's recent email about him billing this fund for some of his work.

Portland Parks is doing the outreach on this project.

Willamette Cove–Cassie Cohen

Major updates include Sam Chase and Bob Stacey are collaborating to bring forth Resolution to the Metro council on 12/10.

The basic components of the Resolution are:

- To get commitment from Metro Council to direct Metro's Parks and Nature staff to do the heavy lifting get to bring the Cove to a better clean up state and bring this issue forward within the community.
- There have been ongoing tensions within Metro between one group who wants to bring the Cove to a higher level of clean and another group who has convinced Metro that if Metro set a higher bar for clean up the Port would walk away.
- It is not clear whether the Resolution has the votes to pass.
- There is a "whereas" clause in the Resolution listing groups who support the Resolution, including Audubon, neighborhood groups, U of P and others.-Mary Nolan, who will be taking Chase's place on Metro, has been very diplomatic and not stated whether for or against.

-Lenny suggested we should be on the list of organizations supporting the Resolution. We know Katy Weil and we do not support the lesser cleanup version. The work session appeared to support the Resolution. After looking at the language from the Resolution and our earlier letter, we agreed to support it.

-Steve asked about swimming pool sized storage containers—after press reports they started calling this method “consolidation”

-Lenny posted on the chat this language from our earlier letter/Resolution in support of the Resolution:

npGreenway (aka Friends of N. Portland Willamette Greenway Trail) urges that Metro, City of Portland and Port of Portland thoroughly clean up and then develop, for both active and passive recreation, the Willamette Cove property, including removal of all toxic material, preservation of all older trees, construction of a 14' hard surface Trail adjacent to the UP rail line, and provision for soft trail access to at least two areas on the River.

We believe this can be accomplished in partnership with the Portland Harbor Community Coalition through careful analysis of toxic and contaminated material and project design with the provision of adequate funds npGreenway (aka Friends of N. Portland Willamette Greenway Trail) urges that Metro, City of Portland and Port of Portland thoroughly clean up and then develop, for both active and passive recreation, the Willamette Cove property, including removal of all toxic material, preservation of all older trees from Metro, the City and the Port. NpGreenway Board, July 8, 2020

-Lenny agreed to send our July 2020 Resolution (part ccd here) to Bob Stacey and Sam Chase.

-There likely will be a vote and a time for testimony.

-DEQ web site has information on its site, link here:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c49c725c4c8c4141acca2f146eabccfa>

-We want to have a rep testify at the Dec. 10 meeting and Jeff will consider doing this for final decision at our next meeting.

-Lenny explained this is a very long story. Metro has owned the property for 30 years and still the clean up is not complete.

Swan Island

-Zef has passed along a report from his consultants.

-Lenny points out: Traffic counts: N. of Leverman = 7K; S. of Leverman = 20K; so a lane reduction looks doable (sellable to UPS?). Other big number: \$7.5M to design & build about one mile of multi-use path/trail.

-Consultant connection between boat launch and Going be pursued in addition to going over to Lagoon at Ballast.

-Francie will follow up with Zef about what he intends to do with the report.

Virtual Tours Work Update

Charity was working a bit on this and Cynthia has checked in with her and she is still somewhat interested.

Elected Official Tours

-Francie wrote a personal congratulations note to Mary Nolan in the 80's wife of former finance guy for City of Portland and will reach out to Nolan about a tour.

-Pat will reach out to Tina Kotek about a tour.

-Jeff will ask Dan Ryan when he sees him tomorrow about whether he would be interested in a tour.

-Cynthia said she will contact Mingus Mapps about a tour.

NEW BUSINESS

New Brochures

-Lenny has info on printer and will get us estimates for printing brochures. Jeff offered to consider using funds to print brochures but the invoice needs to be presented before end of year.

Baltimore Woods/Decatur

-Suggestion that we invite Barbara Quinn and/or other members of BW to our next meeting.

-Francie and Pat will reach out to them to set up a distanced coffee meeting to discuss if and how to change Decatur and get an update on that and if it makes sense then to invite them in December we can do that.

Next Meeting

-December 9, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Newton

