

## **NOVEMBER 2, 2021 SEN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Dennis Hebert, Christina Hansberry, Lynne Macdonald, David Monk, Elzbieta Kubok, Devon Mann, Jessica Roshak Tuerk, Rob Fisette, Emily Fox

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Matt Keating, John Q, John Ostrom, Sandra Bishop, Cory Finley

### **Public Comment:**

Sandra Bishop reported that her house was hit with rock from EWEB's blast site today. Work on the site has stopped. She also said that on an average day, 10 - 15 dump trucks per day haul debris and they are not tarped so the nearby streets are littered with rocks and dirt.

### **MATT KEATING - City Councilor for Ward 2**

Matt assured Sandra that he will report her situation to the Mayor and City Council. He commended SE Neighbors for launching an HB2001 discussion among residents at our November 9 General Meeting.

### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR - None**

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Lynne**

Approval of the October Minutes will be delayed until next month when committee reports can be included.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT - Christina**

US Bank: \$800.00

Balance in City of Eugene Acct: Allocations have not yet been dispersed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

MUPTI representative elections: We were asked to review the three candidates and inform Dennis of our first and second choices by November 11. We have one vote. Dennis will forward our choice.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

General Meeting

Jess will put together an introduction to explain the Question and Comment process. All agenda comments should happen when that item comes up for discussion. Questions should be kept to 30 seconds and answers to 60 seconds. Jess will work with Devon and Christina on the intro.

The proposed agenda allots 30 minutes for the HB2001 issue. We decided the time should be divided into a 15 minute presentation and 15 minutes for Q&A. In the event of an intense discussion we will move the Committee Break out rooms to the end of the meeting, allowing more time for discussion if necessary.

David and Rob will field any questions posted in Chat and online, review them and pass them forward to the panelists. All comments will be collated and posted on the web site.

Matt asked that he be informed of any changes so he can make the presenters aware. He offered to be in a break out room for people who want to comment further on HB2001.

Breakout Rooms will last for 15 minutes and will include Environmental Stewardship (Devon), Transportation (Jess), Tugman Tuggers (John Ostrom), Disaster Preparedness (David) and HB2001 discussion (Matt).

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 pm**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FRIENDS OF TUGMAN (AKA TUGGERS)**

Here is a brief update and overview of our recent activities:

- The pruning of the large clump of Arbutus shrubs in the basketball court bed was initiated in November. The profuse lower and interior growth was pruned out. A few mostly-dead plants in the center were removed. This allows for a healthier and more aesthetically looking stand of shrubs. These Arbutus shrubs will continue to be thinned and pruned appropriately in the future.
- Weeding, mulching, and bed preparation (native plant project) was completed in November in the “arc of beds” spanning from the restrooms to the basketball court. Most of the needed native plants (149) were procured. Our final proposed plant map was approved by the City P&OS personnel. We received the final “go ahead” on 11/30/21 from P&OS to initiate planting on 12/1 and thereafter once the utility location concern was determined to be a non-issue.
- On Wednesday, 12/1, we started and completed the planting of all 149 plants according to our approved planting plan. This took approximately 8 hrs. including the transport and staging of all plants prior to planting. The new plants were all “watered in” and the newly planted areas were demarcated with stakes, twine, and sponsorship signage. Six core Tugger Team members were involved in this endeavor. Before, during, and after photos will be sent to DH in a separate email(s).
- The circular, “Tugman plaque” bed in the north end of the park was weeded and pruned in November.
- The Friends of Tugman were represented by John Ostrom - Co-Lead at the inaugural launch meeting (virtual) of the Eugene Park Adoption Network on Wed. November 3 rd from 8:00 am - 9:30 am. This launch meeting was very informative especially in the areas of funds procurement for park projects as well as ideas for volunteer recruitment. I envision this network as a way to stay better connected, gain hands-on skills, and learn about additional resources that are available. It will also provide a forum to let P&OS know how they can better support our adopted parks volunteer organizations. JO submitted a detailed report regarding this meeting to DH. The next EPAN meeting is tentatively scheduled for early Q1 2022. Take-aways and action items from this mtg:
  - The P&OS hosts committed to the creation of a list of Park Adoption Leaders contact info as well as to determine the best platform for sharing info going forward.
  - The P&OS hosts committed to working on an interactive map detailing the location of each adopted park with the hope of a “hover feature” that could include a paragraph from each park detailing “our story” with recent highlights.
  - ACTION ITEM: initiate an “our story” document for Friends of Tugman to potentially be included in the aforementioned interactive map.

□ Dennis Hebert agreed to explore potential funding sources for future Tugger projects including SEN funds and matching neighborhood grants (through HRNI). He also agreed to confirm if there is an additional \$355,000 in remaining funds for Tugman Park from the 2018 Parks and Recreation Bond and Levy. The City of Eugene website states this and that these remaining funds will be used for additional renovations in the park by 2024.

□ The Friends of Tugman were represented by John Ostrom - Co-Lead & Dennis Hebert - Co-Lead in a “breakout room” format at the SEN General Meeting (virtual) on Tuesday, November 9 th .

□ Upcoming Friends of Tugman volunteer work party events in December are scheduled (or already occurred) as follows (times and days may be shifted due to weather):

o Wednesday, December 1 st , 9:00 am - 4:30 pm (Native Plant Planting Project)

o Wednesday, December 15 th , 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

o Wednesday, December 29 th , 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Respectfully submitted by John Ostrom - Friends of Tugman Co-Lead  
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## LAND USE REPORT

The only news is old news. Here is the schedule for the Eugene Planning Commission for HB 2001.

But, I have heard (not for certain it is fact) that the Eugene City Council can, if they wish, put the issue on the May ballot as a ballot measure.( What do you say to this Matt?) ie, Should Eugene adopt the State mandated minimum requirements, or the Eugene Planning Commission Recommendations? Interesting to see if anything develops of this. See ya'll Tuesday.

- 12/07/21 - Middle Housing Deliberations
- 12/14/21 - Middle Housing Deliberations
- 01/11/22 - Middle Housing Deliberations/Recommendation
- 01/25/22 - Middle Housing Recommendation Letter to Council - Finalization

Once the Commission completes its recommendation, the Council will hold its own work sessions and public hearing, anticipated for **March 2022**, followed by action prior to the state deadline of June 30, 2022.

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1) The Transportation Committee has prepared a document outlining what the current code amendment proposals have not yet answered in terms of transportation and expressing what our steering committee members feel would be some of the impacts, as well as a recommendation

based on this narrow transit-focused take. We would like to encourage the SEN Board to read the transit impacts doc linked below, comment during our upcoming meeting, and consider submitting our transit comments to councilor Keating and the city council in a timely fashion, if the board sees fit. The text of our impact document is here for you to read:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15aCxgWFjj2C5h2hUKDgLunJLudWJ6Aqz/edit?usp=sharing&oid=113689417767875289430&rtopf=true&sd=true>

Potential transit impacts in the event of a need for regional South Eugene evacuation are not included, as I felt that was more the aegis of the emergency preparedness committee, but we could certainly add any language to that effect.

The overall sentiment in our committee was that, as presented, these transportation issues are not answered well enough -yet- to recommend that council pass them. If not responded to thoroughly, we think it would be most appropriate for the council to bring the code amendments as a measure on the May ballot and let the people speak for themselves.

- 2) New LTD board member Pete Knox will visit us at the Dec. 15th 1:15 steering committee meeting. He represents the northwest part of SEN. Board members are of course always invited.
  - 3) Overall messaging to neighbors at the moment is to get riding the bus again ASAP and get ready for a new conversation on Transit Tomorrow starting this winter.
  - 4) Additional messaging to neighbors from the transit committee is to keep sidewalks clear of vegetation
  - 5) Speeding continues to be the most communicated issue at the moment on neighborhood streets. No traffic enforcement methods/cops and very little speed signage are at play.
- Public Comments by the Southeast Neighbors Transportation Committee on

## City of Eugene - Middle Housing Code Amendments

### General Comment:

The City of Eugene - Middle Housing Code Amendments (draft) is an important document for the residents of the City of Eugene. We in Southeast Eugene support improvements to the city, including

increased densification in urban areas and improved access to mobility options.

The Southeast Neighbors Transportation Committee appreciates this opportunity to comment. The bullet points below represent specific concerns and ideas on how the Code Amendments relate to transportation issues in our communities.

The following comments apply to specific portions of the document as noted.

### Specific Comments:

#### Figure 9.0500 - Overview Map and Map Tiles 1 through 4

- Please cite the source of the LTD Frequent Transit Routes maps. Are these from an LTD document or plan that has gone through public review? Transit Tomorrow? Moving Ahead?
- The maps are difficult for the public to interpret at the present scale without street labels. Please add labels to help the public orient themselves on the map.
- The neighborhoods in all zones (as indicated on the Overview Map) are not easily identifiable on any of the maps. Please delineate and label the various city neighborhoods (e.g., Amazon, Southeast Eugene, etc.) on all maps.
- The Amazon neighborhood was obscured by the map legend.
- The LTD FTN buffer is 0.25 mile. What about persons living outside the 0.25-mile buffer? What access to mass transit is available to those residents? The LTD 'Other Transit Routes' are few and far between in some neighborhoods, especially for the elderly or persons with disabilities.
- If LTD changes a route to be a 15-minute frequent service route (four buses/hour), would the FTN buffer of 0.25 miles be applied along that bus route corridor?

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- “(b) Proximity to Transit. Zero off-street parking spaces are required for middle housing development sites within 0.25 miles of a frequent transit route shown in Figure 9.0500.”
- The document assumes that residents of multi-unit housing will use LTD public transit, which is just that - an assumption. On-street parking is already a problem in high density neighborhoods. The lack of off-street parking will cause problems for other neighborhood residents, bicyclists, pedestrians, students, and others.
- Some major streets in Southeast Neighbors do not allow parking on one or both sides (East Amazon, Hilyard), pushing more parking to already-congested side streets.
- While the elimination of off-street parking requirements in these areas would encourage able-bodied people to utilize other modes of transportation such as buses, which is a very worthy goal, we feel that the current public transit network routing does not yet fully support a car-free lifestyle in this area, especially for families and elders (which are major demographics in the neighborhood). With expanded routes, a safe sidewalk network to reach the stops, and all-weather bus stops this would become more feasible.

Final Page. Chapter III Specific Elements. Please define more clearly the relationship between these draft

amendments and the Proposed Metro Plan Amendments referenced on this page.

Recommendations:

The SEN Transportation Committee asks that the City Council delay its adoption of these code amendments until these transportation issues are resolved.

The SEN Transportation Committee asks board liaison Jessica Roshak to engage in a discussion with the

board about advocating for a public referendum on the middle housing amendments.