

OBNA Board Meeting Minutes November 3, 2022 @ 6:30-8:30 pm - hybrid meeting

Present: John Fischer, Chris Friess, Kathy Nagel-Hood, Conor Carlsen, Richard Ross, Mark Weers, Karen Harding, Neighbors Erika and Marcus Leibrecht

Absent: Nick Murray, Travis Abele, Nunzie Gould, Council member Kebler

Guest speakers: Andy Slavin - Amity Creek Principal, Nicole Mardell - Deschutes Co Planning 2040

Discussion Items

1. TRANSPORTATION; Neighborhood Street Safety Program and Amity Creek perspectives and concerns - Principal Andy Slavin

Principal Slavin perspectives - would like to be involved in the process.

- Concerns that the previous NSSP did not address many of Amity's prioritized agenda items - didn't make the list.
- Broadway drop off area continues to be a major concern.
- 90% of students are dropped off via car and are not from the neighborhood.
- Even the neighborhood students are driven due to ped safety concerns.
- The speed of cars going down Wall Street are also concerning.
- Principal Slavin reports that the previous NSSP project did not involve library or Boys/Girls Club involvement. Campfire is now running programs out of Boys/Girls Club - may need to solicit their support.

Richard - historical perspective

- Was a NSSP 3 yrs ago. Still not completed.
- In the previous NSSP Amity was a winner. The parental involvement and letter writing campaign at Amity helped draw attention.

Broadway traffic issues - Lead Kathy and Conor

- Because Broadway runs by Amity. The neighborhood area north of Amity is experiencing speeding. The two parts of Broadway influence each other and are probably a bigger issue than NSSP and more likely a TTSP problem.

Action:

- Kathy and Andy to access info about previous project.
- Principal Slavin and OBNA to continue to work together, good lines of communication.
- Support Amity Creek and desire to feel connected and supported by the neighborhood.

2. DESCHUTES COUNTY 2040 PLANNING - Nicole from Deschutes County

Why OBNA is interested? - OBNA is interested as there are many County properties adjacent to or in Old Bend.

What affects the county affects neighborhoods.

Comprehensive Plan Update - growth and development plan for the next 20 years. Last updated in 2010 and is revisited every 10 years. Is an 18 mo process. Now in phase 2 (Development Concepts) - ripe for public input.

Why? How?

- Legal requirement for the state
- Community input is mandatory
- Data analysis

Efforts result in :

- County Code
- Public Investment via grants and funding
- Environmental regulations

Deschutes County has grown by 25% since 2011. By 2040 expected population to be 289,000

Results from Updates:

- Mapping of wetlands
- County large lot and industrial lot study
- Sage grouse habitats
- UGB amendment

Public Concerns

- Growth in rural areas
- Pressure on farm and forestry regarding rezoning farmland and agri-tourism on farmland
- Water issues
- Natural hazards
- Recreation and tourism - overuse
- Transportation

Currently there is a survey for public involvement. It closes November 18th; [Online Survey](#) for deschutes2040.org

Historically Deschutes Co distributes info and outreach to County residents, not City residents. OBNA verbalized concerns that NA's weren't targeted in distribution of info. Given there are 63 Deschutes County properties within City limits we believe residents want input.

Action:

- Encourage neighbors to take the survey - link above.
- Nicole to encourage County to consider wider distribution of info and outreach to residents in the City.

3. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC TEAM UPDATES - Richard NSSP

Another NSSP coming up with competition so we need to package and plan our needs.

Plan - start this fall

Traffic Team discussion - concerns that Sisemore has been filed as 'solved' without traffic calming. The official description says "traffic calming". Need to continue to push as this was never implemented.

- Is the City leaving OBNA out?
- Questions/Concerns:
 - City is asking for new NSSP without finishing the old projects.
 - Increased traffic volumes on neighborhood streets.

Team met with council member Kebler; positive conversations and support from Kebler.

Action:

- Email City Council and outline and describe need for analysis and present ideas on how to prevent cut through traffic.

Broadway Update - Kathy and Conor

Kevin Howard is the new project engineer - has taken over for Rory. Also, George ?, who is an engineer. Both are cyclists. Kathy and Conor in the "meet and greet" phase.

- The majority of the money is left for phase 4 of the Greenway Project. Project was initiated in 2015.
- Also consider Midtown Crossing affects - Broadway is indirectly a piece of what happens on Greenway. The proposal has little road changes on Franklin because of the difficulty of the train crossing. Both affect traffic in Old Bend.

Ideas:

- Speed bumps like on Columbia and Harmon - they were done with neighbor input
- *"Signs suggest behavior vs design impact behavior"*
- Possibly suggest narrow streets at crosswalks

Action:

- Traffic Team to continue to meet and work on ideas and plans to present.
- Need specific ideas for what OBNA wants it to look like.
- Include other stakeholders like Library, Boys & Girls Club, Amity Creek School
- City has responded to pressure in the past, continue to keep issues upfront and rally stakeholders.

OTHER TRAFFIC CONCERNS

- Neighbor Erika Leibrecht -interested in helping with transportation. She walks the neighborhood and would like to see a light crossing on Colorado.
- KorPine update - will need to listen to public input and the need for traffic mitigation soon.

4. NLA UPDATE - Chris

- Discussion of trying to reign in housing costs
- Sub committee on STR - weren't convinced that the code changes will change density. Questionable as to whether the code changes will contribute to long term rental availability or whether STR even affect availability of long term rental housing.

5. ANNUAL MEETIN RECAP - John

- Good outcome with regards to attendance and goal of connectivity.
- Venue was great - thanks Nick
- Our email list grew by 50 !
- General themes and concerns of neighbors in attendance
 - Density
 - Parking
 - Traffic
 - Public rights of way
 - Neighborhood open space
- Future considerations - have it earlier as we lucked out with the weather this time.

6. OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD - John

- Neighborhood beautification committee - City owned area on Colorado - currently neighbor is irrigating trees off Colorado as they will die after 10+ years of growth because the City no longer attending.

Goal - City to irrigate the area, neighbors to help with upkeep and beautification

Action - maybe involve the landscape architects who volunteered time at Staats St Learning Garden?

- Neighborhood Garage Sale - possibly this summer, need a date.

7. LANDMARKS COMMISSION UPDATE - Kathy

- Grant money coming in - specifically for historic district, how do they use it?

Action Plan - email Kathy with ideas

- Applications in the Historic District - Georgia; possible demo. Update pending