

OBNA Board Meeting Minutes January 5, 2023 6:30-8pm

Hybrid meeting

Present: John Fischer, Richard Ross, Travis Abele, Mark Weers, Karen Harding, Kathy Nagel-Hood, Nick Murray, Conor Carlsen. Nunzie Gould.

Absent: Chris Freis

1. City request of NAs; goals/challenges/suggestions - John

City Council listening session on 1/19/23, NA goals due by 1/2, John F. To speak for OBNA.

A. Goals

- Street safety including but not limited to Seismore, Riverfront, Broadway.
- Parking district and management: support and potentially extend.
- Strengthen Neighbor connection
- Livability in Old Bend including but not limited to minimizing cut through traffic, being recognized as stakeholders in development both in and around Old Bend neighborhood.
- Master plan for Timber Yards should be done in tandem with Killian Pacific development to fully realize the impact on Old Bend.

B. OBNA challenges

- Development that affects area is approved in 'silo like' manner - without regard to overall impact or effect; both in building and transportation. Example; Colorado/Arizona development done with blinders to its impact on surrounding areas.
- Neighborhood is central in both location and public events, therefore needs big picture management.

C. Suggestions

- Empower local advocates to learn from neighborhoods, who live with the identifiable problems.
- Encourage leaders to remove barriers to citizen help. Ex: OBNA traffic team could help with Colorado Ave problem solving.
- ideas - park and ride could tie into climate action goals, especially around big events.
- Matchmaking between projects and interested parties; neighborhoods to brainstorm solutions as they are stakeholders who live with the problems and fallout.
- Lean on NAs and utilize talent and energy.
- Retain Mayor Melanie Kebler as OBNA CC rep for cohesion as next CC takes office.

D. Action Plan:

- Continue solidifying goals via email thread after John outlines discussions and ideas by both board and neighbors.
- Submit form by January 12, 2023 online. Post on website.
- John to speak in person at the Jan. 19, 2023 City Council meeting.

2. Parking District Update- Travis

Parking slides to be made available on website.

A. Updates:

- District will be permanent but amended through an equity lens per City Council request.
- There will be zones: RPZ (residential), 2 hr. (on one side of some streets), 3 hr., 4 hr., and paid event parking.
- New signs that offer clarity.
- Paid option for events via a parking app.

- OBNA has concerns that the APP needs to be easy to load and utilize.
- How to determine if an event is happening? - currently utilize sandwich boards though may need further cues to minimize confusion.
- Concern that the east side of Old Bend, currently not included in the parking district, will suffer parking congestion from increased development south of Arizona.
 - Long term - may need to 'opt in' to the district.
 - Initially those east of Broadway opted out, but many are now interested in joining.
 - City is urging that further action may need to come from the residents.
 - Ideas to survey those east of Broadway via: email, online survey, and block captains, to help communicate and canvas.

3. Timber Yards update;

21 acre master development with residential and retail at the old Kor Pine site, adjacent to Killian Pacific development which has 1100 units with commercial.

A. Discussion: Presentation by AKS engineering last month with conceptual plan.

- Overall, OBNA feels they are an ally and have heard our issues with cut through traffic.
- Timber Yards dev. may be motivated to work with neighbors.
- Richard - head of OBNA traffic team, feels they want to fit with the community.
- Suggestion to ask Timber Yards project developers to join the OBNA traffic team to collaborate.
- John reached out to Joe Bessman to meet and develop mitigation strategies.
When the City was included in email there was response by City legal department?

B. Per the presentation:

- Seismore north of Colorado is proposed as a 'near term' project, but OBNA has concerns with decisions being made because all this area requires vehicular connections in Old Bend. need to be made **near term** if we want to influence impact.
- Info infers that Urban renewal funds will be used for 'Midterm Projects' but perhaps OBNA should request those funds be used 'Near term' as decisions are made for Seismore.

C. Other concerns:

- Colorado interchange - under ODOT control for rebuilding but they may be short funds.
- Yet if there is potential for a round-about at Scott and Aune - shouldn't those projects be done simultaneously? Contact Rick Williams from ODOT?
- Worried that data (like Google maps) shows that traffic wants to use Seismore as the default map.

D. Action plan:

- Continue to pressure City to listen to OBNA input.
- Stay abreast of ongoing progress in development
- Possibly meet with Joe Bessman of AKS and collaborate on a fit for both OBNA, SCNA.
- Request sides from AKS engineering - Mark will email.
- Land Use Chair Mark will postpone signing off on the form.

4. Progress on other projects related to transportation - Richard who has applied to MPO technical committee.

this concerns Old Bend because we are at the apex and crossroads of these transportation developments.

A. Currently approved MPO projects:

- Gilchrist footbridge - \$100,000; Design and replacement.
- Colorado Ave corridor study by City, (Robin Lewis heading) - \$132,000; define what controls are needed, identify multi modal transportation from Parkway to Lava Road

- in Old Bend.
 - Downtown signals - 1 million.
 - Phase 4 Neighborhood Greenways - \$664,000.
- B. Discussion:** Projects impact Old Bend, therefore important to provide input.
- C. Action plan:**
- Richard will continue on MPO and provide OBNA insight.
 - Traffic team to continue to provide input and propose offering help to identify variables that affect studies. In the past they miscalculated timing and studied traffic when streets were closed.

5. NART request for OBNA support regarding letter - Karen

requests City Council to adhere to their goal of CFEC when approving developments.

A. Concerns of letter:

- City is approving developments for gas stations and big box stores with additional parking, and without consideration of long term goals of CFEC; which include that 40% of parking spots have high intensity charging stations, reduction in driving, and increased availability of affordable housing.

B. Discussion and approval: Vote to support by OBNA with caveat that 'affordability' include the term 'Deed Restricted'.

C. Action: OBNA supports letter and mission though it may be too late to add signature. Karen to F/U with NART.

5. McCann and future development update: John

A. McCann development; is Type I application therefore no public comments are considered.

B. Potential for future/similar developments: how can we collaborate on the impact?

- OBNA needs to pressure the City to look at how this kind of development impacts Old Bend and it's accessibility to all, given the parking congestion and need for public access.

C. Suggestions:

- Request that these types of developments be elevated to Type II application given the afore mentioned need for residential and public parking?
- City hasn't yet finalized the parking mandates so perhaps they might consider?

D. Action plan:

- Previously John reached out to Toby and Aaron to request these be Type II applications.
- Travis to reach out to Toby; parking manager, and reiterate OBNA concerns for ongoing development.

6. Future agenda items and discussions:

- **Consider Block captains** for better communication and canvassing.
- **Start planning** next Neighborhood Meeting.
- **Consider more frequent meetings;** quarterly option.
- **Email and mailings** more frequently.

