

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - *DRAFT*

Central NE Neighbors

Land Use Transportation - Open Spaces LUTOP

Meeting Thursday, September 23, 2021 7:00 to 8:30PM

Zoom Meeting

1. Introductions/Call to Order: meeting called to order by Doug Fasching at 7:06 pm. In attendance: Alison Stoll, Ronda Johnson, Terry Parker, Ted Carlston, Jo Schaefer, Yvonne Rice, Karen McAninch, Dave Ganslein, Chris Browne, Lois Okrasinski. Guest: Scott Cohen, BPOT Program Coordinator.
2. Additions To/Approval of Agenda*: **motion moved to approve the agenda as written by Terry Parker; seconded by Lois Okrasinski, MSP. Motion approved.**
3. Scott Cohen, Slow Streets, Program Coordinator, PBOT (<https://www.portland.gov/transportation/safestreetspdx/what-slow-streets-program>): refer to attached presentation from Scott regarding this program, traffic calming, bikeways, neighborhood greenways and 80 locations where concrete barrels will be placed.
4. Questions and Discussion for Scott Cohen:

Doug Fasching – will the concrete barrels push traffic to side streets. Scott Cohen - where surveys were done this did not seem to happen.

Terry Parker – neighbors say they have seen an increase in traffic on side street, also concerned about liability to the City of Portland if someone crashes into the concrete barrel. Neighbors are not happy with candlesticks around NE 64th & Brazee. Will also be alternate designs if barrels are not the best for an area or removed.

Alison Stoll – the previous roundabouts were planted with trees, will the concrete barrels have plants as well? Scott Cohen – nothing will be planted but they can have plants.

Doug Fasching – are there benchmarks to track the success of the safe streets signs already there?

Scott Cohen – at temp locations collected data and put together a report about all safe street initiatives that looked at these measurements and did see a decrease in speeds and traffic volumes. Heard positive feedback from community about how they were making an impact and welcomed them in their neighborhoods and how many people asked for them and the city could not meet the demand. These are barrels not barriers. Hoped to have these completed by November 2021, but looks more like Spring of 2022.

See attached PDF slide presentation from Scott Cohen.

5. Neighborhood Updates/Announcement:

*Grant Park, Lois Okrasinski: a Grant Park neighbor arranged a meeting with the City of Portland to address who to contact when property is vandalized and was given various phone numbers.

*Hollywood, Jo Schaefer: as part of the Safer Neighbor Grant, Ring doorbells with cameras and spotlights have been given out. Talked about upcoming projects in Hollywood.

*Rose City Park, Terry Parker: concerned about tennis courts and what to do with them as the City no longer wants to maintain them. Concerned about the Rose Lane Project and that there has been no formal presentation from the City of Portland. Talk that Sandy 51 apartments want to remove commercial space from ground floor, put in six apartments. The deal to purchase the church behind the German American Society fell through, there are concerns that it is a zone has a high-density property and may not include parking.

*Roseway, Ted Carlston: nothing going on. Have not heard for months about proposed changes to NE 72nd & Sandy intersection.

*Sumner, Yvonne Rice and Karen McAninch: intersection at NE 82nd Ave & Alberta St has been redesigned with a beacon light, no longer able to make automatic right turn going north to the airport.

*Cully, Chris Browne: computer froze, unable to report.

*Madison South, Doug Fasching: trying to slow traffic from the transit center to NE Fremont St, new crossing by the high school, installed electronic speed reader heading north by the overpass on NE 82nd Ave, talked about NE Tillamook St and safe streets updates.

6. Other Business and Announcements, Alison Stoll: asked suggestions for October guest speaker(s). Decided to meet briefly in October. No meetings scheduled for November 2021 and December 2021 due to holidays.
7. Adjourn Meeting: **motion moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm by Jo Schaefer; seconded by Terry Parker, MSP. Motion approved.**