



DRAFT MINUTES

82nd Avenue Business Association
Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 3:00 pm
Microsoft Teams

*Land Acknowledgement

Today, we honor the indigenous people whose traditional and ancestral homelands we stand on: the Multnomah and many other indigenous nations of the Columbia River.

It is important to acknowledge the ancestors of this place and to recognize that we are here because of the sacrifices they endured.

In remembering these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, their descendants and their role in our community right now.

Board members present: Nancy Chapin, *TSG Services*; Monika Hernandez, *University of Western States*; Alisa Fairweather, *University of Western States*; Lori Boisen, *LLBC, LLC*; Jacob Loeb, *Montavilla News*. Guest: Karla Kingsley, PBOT **Board Member excused absence:** John Carter, *PCC*.

Call to order: 3:03pm; quorum was established. Lori read the land acknowledgement. Introductions were made. Paul, the gentleman who wants to put bike racks on 82nd may present today or soon.

Minutes: Nancy asked the group to approve the May meeting minutes. No changes were made.

Financial Report: Lori gave the Treasurer's report and answered questions.

Election of officers: Michael is the current Vice President; Monika agreed to take on the Secretarial duties, Lori agreed to stay on as Treasurer; Nancy agreed to continue for another year as President. A motion was made to elect the board officers as stated above. Lori/Alisa/motion carried.

Newsletter: Nancy reported that she sent out the newsletter yesterday.

Clean-up: Jacob is looking at August 14 as the clean-up date. Alisa, Nancy & Monika will be able to attend. Montavilla would be the boundaries for this one, I-84 to Division Street. Alisa said this is our last one and we have funds still, so the group decided to do another one. I-84 to Sandy Blvd would be good to do again. Nancy said Mainspring worked well for the dumpster. Jacob asked if we could use a dumpster and get truckloads there. People would bring bags back to the starting point for a better account. Jacob asked about putting the dumpster near the Subway for the next clean-up. The group discussed what business we could set up at for the Montavilla clean-up in September. Nancy suggested using Washman as the location. We could also use Washman as the location for the event if interested. The possible dates for the final clean up would be September 18. Regarding the tent & tables, UWS will provide an invoice so the business association can reimburse them and have those items for their own use on future clean ups.

Venture Portland: Alisa reported that Jamie Dunphy presented on the Music Portland Voices; it is a noise policy making it easier for entertainers to perform without facing repercussions from their performances. He may present to business associations for letters of support. Venture Portland received \$530,000 from Prosper Portland and VP will be hiring events people and business district managers. Those hires haven't taken place yet. VP is looking for a bookkeeper and is looking for recommendations. VP is hosting a training tomorrow for social media issues facing businesses; it is part of a series. Alisa put the link to the training in the chat box. The Summit has been postponed until August 10.

82 Dishes – We will discuss in August to have the time for the 82nd Ave update.

Jade District – Meeting is tonight, so no report. Jade is also looking for any businesses who may be eligible for TIF grant funds. Let Nancy know if you know anyone.

82nd Ave update from PBOT: Karla Kingsley, with PBOT, gave an 82nd Avenue update. She is currently the contact person for 82nd Ave. The current amount of funds being leveraged for the project is \$185 million, with more leveraged funds expected. Details are still being worked out before the transfer date; by January 2022, PBOT hopes to know when the transfer will be complete. PBOT is currently looking at project scope. Crossing & lighting will be done first. Nancy asked about repaving; Karla explained the special circumstance as only the center portion of 82nd is concrete and holds up and the outer edges has no concrete and has the most pothole issues, so it is complicated. Alisa asked about how the paving would occur given city street specs vs state hi-way specs and having to spend additional funds to redo other projects. The amount of money in the 82nd Ave project allows for possible curbing and pavement changes. Nancy mentioned a community meeting in September including Lower SE Rising group; Around the World in 82 Dishes is in October; Nancy suggested having PBOT available at the community meeting and/or Around the World in 82 Dishes and asked if Karla would attend a meeting to discuss 82nd Ave improvements with PBOT. She thinks the team will be ready for a presentation around that time, but not ready for an Open House. Karla assumes mid-October would be best. Jacob asked about the 2019 comprehensive plan for 82nd Avenue and whether any of those items may be triggered with the 82nd Ave improvements. Karla hopes some of the improvements will be workable, but moving sidewalks is not in the current budget for the project. Jacob asked about the project's impact to businesses; what can we sell them on with this project. Lighting and increased crosswalks are wonderful improvements. Intersection improvements are planned as well. Improvements may be used to add safety elements such as driveway access. The potential to invest in transit access will be helpful to leverage the 82nd Ave improvements. Leveraging federal transit funding could be helpful to the overall improvement project.

Next board meeting: Tuesday, August 17 2021, at 3:00pm. Are we ready for an in-person meeting? Monika is up to meeting in person; Lori unable to attend; Jacob & Alisa agree it takes the travel time out of it. Meeting will be held on Zoom at 3pm.

Announcements:

Nancy explained that Fubonn wants to develop its property and needs to add a 2nd entrance to be able to do that. She suggested the Business Association could support them in the process.

Jacob announced that he fixed the website so online payments would be easier. He added a \$1 button, so additional amounts could be added. He also suggested an affiliate member level at a \$1 to get folks to engage at a low entry point and we will get them on our email list. If so, Jacob would like to send out flyers to engage new members. Jacob talked about the jurisdiction of the 82nd Ave of Roses and how it may conflict with other business associations. He wants to make sure we follow the procedure correctly to change the bylaws. Nancy explained that Hawthorne goes by the idea that every business is a member and some are financially contributing members. Alisa suggested we could offer scholarships for members who can't afford to pay; Jacob said the Montavilla East Tabor Business Association has been trying to establish something like that. Jacob suggested we could expand our boundaries at the next meeting and make a membership push. Jacob asked for Karla's contact information.

Alisa would like to discuss the bylaws at the next meeting. Alisa will share with everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm (LB) Approved on August 17, 2021