

EPAP General Meeting Virtual Meeting

May 24, 2023 6:35pm

Participants: see attached

Welcome: Bobbie welcomed everyone. She explained the Zoom etiquette. Bobbie summarized the Code of Care for the meeting and read the Code.

Facilitator: Bobbie

Note Taker: Frieda Christopher

Next meeting: June 28, 2023. This meeting will be via Zoom.

Bobbie had each person introduce themselves and their affiliation.

Introduce New Advocate – Bobbi introduced the new advocate, Josee Kangabe. She has been working in East Portland(EP) for 3-1/2 years. She has worked for EPCO working with small grass roots organizations and teaching them how to access the City bureaus and resources. She also handled grants for EPCO. She ran Emergency Household Assistance program during COVID. Her passion is local government and working with small organizations. She is excited to be the new advocate. She wants to elevate the voice of EP and small EP organizations. She wants to make sure those that speech English as a second language can be part of our table. Josee answered questions from groups.

Subcommittee Updates

Housing Subcommittee: Nick reported the May meeting was devoted to a discussion on Housing Agenda for East Portland Urban Renewal led by Nick and Andy. With discussion of developing one or more TIF districts in EP the committee wanted to have a discussion on housing needs in EP and what we would like to see TIF funds spent on regarding housing. At our June meeting we will continue this discussion and Joel Devalcourt from Prosper Portland will be there to share information about the Lents and Gateway Urban Renewal Areas.

Economic Development: Gayle reported there will be meeting on June 5th and the program will be ongoing discussions with Prosper Portland with jobs, community placement, etc. They are going to begin exploring under TIF to see if there are constraints under community place making. She said they received a response from Commission Rubio on Kmart site letter. It was a comprehensive response. She provided other information, such as, Oregon has restrictions on moratoriums and they are very limited in time duration. She said they have released a strategy that included racial and climate justice on Economic Development. Klint asked if the response went to Argay-Parkrose Initiative. Gayle said she sent to the core group involved with the issue. Gayle also announced JR will co-chair Economic Development Committee.

Grants Committee: Schultz said after each round we try to update the application. We will be discussing promotion of grants at next meeting. Everyone is invited to the meetings.

Structure Committee: Bobbi said the Structures Committee met. They are now calling it a governance document. This is more descriptive of what the document is. They took the Leadership section to Operations for feedback and they have some changes to make so we will be working on those and hopefully will have something to vote on next month..

Operations Committee: Frieda reported Josee was introduced to the group and shared information about herself. The committee also prioritized the items to spend excess funds on. Josee said she still had not gotten an amount from Sheila, but hoped to have it within the week. The prioritization on the funds were as followed:

- Website Update \$25,000 (1)
- New Speaker System \$3,000 ordered by June 15th (2)
- Outreach by partners on focus groups \$6,000 (3)
- Promo materials \$4000 (4)
- Laptop Computer \$2,000 (5)
- Fall Retreat \$10,000 (6)

WE also have had regular attendance by Jose and Linda Bauer and they agreed to be at-large members. The approval vote will be brought to the General EPAP. Arlene and Carol are two of the at-large members as chairs of committees affiliated with EPAP. There are still 2 open at-large positions if any PA member are interested in participating in Operations. There was a discussion of EP organizations and questions for the focus groups. This is related to priority 3 above. Josee will bring a list of EP organizations to participate. There were several questions suggested to ask the focus groups.

There was a discussion of having tables at EP events this summer to get our information out to the community. The first one will be a Safety Fair at the EP Community Center on June 24th 10am-noon. We also discussed having training for those interest on Mailchimp so there is a back-up to Josee.

Culture & Language: Layla said they will be meeting 2nd Tuesday and want to start back up in June.

Bobbi wanted to remind people that if they have attend 2 meetings you can sign PA. Old members just need to sign a new agreement by June 30th or they will have to attend 2 meetings before signing. Frieda said members can email the signed document to eastportlandactionplan@gmail.com or mail or drop off the signed document at the Water Tower building or send an email saying they are

officially signing the PA agreement if they are unable to do the other two options.

Main Agenda

Open nomination for co-chair: Bobbi explained the nomination process for the open position of co-chair. Frieda's term expires on June 30th. Frieda said she would be willing to run for co-chair. Bobbi said anyone can nominate themselves or someone else. We will vote at the June meeting.

Districting for City Government Transition – Bobbi introduced Arlene who serves on the Districting Committee. Arlene explained the city will be divided into four districts based on compactness, contiguousness and census blocks. They want equally sized by population which will be around 165000 residents. Because of contiguousness they have had to make some choices. They will be voting and narrowing it to 4 choices to get input from public. The committee needs to get 9 people to agree otherwise the City Council will vote on which map to use.

She said she had 3 possible ways to divide the city to share. She showed the first version and Arlene said she didn't support because many of the EP Neighborhoods were not together and there was a section in the middle that was not included yet. The second map the St Johns people would not be happy and some EP was not with the rest of EP. The 3rd map Arlene proposed keeps Parkrose School District and David Douglas School District together and the neighborhoods are kept together. One objection was the Albina neighborhood was divided. They will be talking about this map at the next meeting. She wants us to comment on the districting website so we can show EP cares and wants to keep us part of one district. Bobbi asked about white section in the map and Arlene said it was Maywood Park. Carol said she went to the site and submitted a map similar to #3. She encouraged everyone to at least comment on the maps they will be submitting.

Schultz asked why the McQuire Island isn't included when the Parks is involved. Arlene said Port of Portland land is included. Bob said please listen to Arlene and give your thoughts so we are listened to. Website: <https://www.portland.gov/transition/districtcommission#:~:text=The%20Independent%20District%20Commission%20is,its%20work%20by%20September%202023> Richard asked if the boundaries are in the law. Arlene said no that is what this committee is doing now. JR asked if they had any pushback from the Columbia Corridor. They are wanting a uniform approach and being in one district would give it to them. She said we want to make sure they know we want to engage with them.

Annette said she was part of a group that did an Airport Future Plan and they are talking about pulling together another group for another Plan. JR said the many of the workers of the Columbia Corridor live in EP or Oregon City. Bobbi asked was there a possibility that they might use the new districts to develop a quadrant plan. Arlene says we should push for a unified plan for EP such as a quadrant plan. Schultz asked about being on these committees and that they are well known. Arlene said we need to do a better job of knowing when to apply for committees. Frieda asked about the diversity question. Arlene said it was discussed and that the Central Eastside was where there was the most issue with placement.

Representative Updates

East Portland Parks Coalition: Carol said they had a May meeting with presentations on the Summer Free for All with Cultural events and Free lunch program. The first event will be the EP Arts Festival in July 8th & 9th. Hazelwood Neighborhood Association is doing a concert on July 14th at Lincoln Park. EP Parks coalition has Facebook page with all information. Next meeting is on July 6th and the topic is Urban landscaping.

East Portland Land Use & Transportation – Arlene said they did not meet in May. Scott Cohan will come to talk about accessory

shoulder treatment in June. There are issues on what PBOT wants to do.

Portland Clean Energy Fund: Gayle reported they have released the final Climate investment plan. It is open for comment. She asked everyone to review the Final version of the plan and take the Survey at

<https://www.portland.gov/bps/cleanenergy/climate-investment/about-climate-investment-plan/climate-investment-plan-full-draft>. Comment period closes June 2, 2023 Frieda mentioned the final draft has criteria for grants for schools which EP schools are positioned to apply for the grant funds.

Portland United Against Hate – Layla said they have a new coalition manager. They are working on event on Native American – missing and murdered women. They have a new fiscal sponsor. She said to please report any hate crimes.

Announcements:

Ben announced The chamber event is on Wednesday May 31, at CORE (82nd and Powell) from 5pm-7pm register here:

<https://eastportlandchamberofcommerce.com/event-5281458>

Every Wednesday morning EP Chamber has a meeting. He said there is a survey for Our Creative Future.

Jr announced on May 31st is Multnomah County has its last budget hearing and it will be a hybrid.

Bobbi announced on Jun 17th she will be having a June nineteenth celebration at 2pm at her home. Bring your favorite appetizer or beverage. Here home address is 14223 SE Alder, which is just off of SE Stark.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

Lastname	Firstname
Abraham	Ali
Assem	Layla
Chapin	Nancy
Christopher	Frieda
Cummin	Michael
Earnest	Bob
Finley	Klint
Gamero	Jose
Hasenberg	Carol
Kimura	Arlene
Lilly	JR
McMullen	Ann
Nolte	Ben
Ofuasia	Alena
Palmer	Gayle
Reese	Kathy
Sauvie	Nick
Schultz	Robert
See	Linda
Stanhope	Annette
Watson	Kim
Woodling	Richard
Yambasu	Bobbie