

## **Shumway Neighborhood Association Meeting via Zoom**

### **Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Michele Wollert. The neighborhood had been notified by a newsletter that was posted on Nextdoor and Facebook, as well as a paper copy distributed to the neighborhood residents. The purpose of the meeting was to receive an update on the I-5 Bridge Replacement project and the Park, hear from our Neighborhood Police Officer, and hear from City Staff about short term housing initiatives, climate plan updates, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Plain Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project.

Anne McEnery-Ogle gave us an update on the Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement project. The recommended local preferred alternative (LPA) includes increasing the new bridge width to 2 full shoulders, 3 traffic lanes, and one auxiliary lane on each side of the bridge. The yellow line light rail would be brought north from the Expo Center, on the west side of the bridge, to end at a new transit center adjacent to the Library on Evergreen Boulevard. There would be variable rate tolling for the bridge. There is a ways to go in the decision making process.

Anne also briefly discussed the progress on our Park renovations due to the VSAA remodeling. The final sprinkler system is in, but will not cover the new trees. These will be taken care of by “water bags” that VSAA would refill. We will need to monitor this over the Summer.

Officer Sam Abdala reported that there were no new significant changes in crime statistics for our neighborhood. He also mentioned that our new Police Chief will be Jeff Mori. Officer Abdala talked about the NOW program and let us know the NOW Academy was starting up. Finally, he reminded us to report any crimes that occur in our neighborhood.

William Cooley, Becky Courtinho, and Jason Nortz, City of Vancouver, discussed the upcoming work on the short term (<30 day) rental issue. The City does not currently have an ordinance for short term rentals in the City. Currently short term rentals are prohibited in residential zones. However, AirBnB rentals have been showing up there. The City Council has asked the staff to provide input for an upcoming meeting this summer. Housing advocates have expressed concern that converting housing to short term rentals could take away from the existing stock of low income housing. Hotel and tourist industries would like to see short term housing held to the same standards and regulations they are. Neighbors expressed concerns short term housing will reduce existing long term rentals. City Council will continue discussions this summer on what regulations, if any, would be put in place.

Aaron Lande, City of Vancouver, discussed the City’s Climate Plan. The strategy to reduce our carbon footprint has been underway for about 1½ years. The goal is to reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2030 and become carbon neutral by 2040.

William Cooley and Nadine Appenbrink (Consultant) discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> Plain Safety and Mobility Project which would provide mobility improvements, along 4<sup>th</sup> Plain Boulevard and Fort Vancouver Way for all users. There are funds available to repave 4<sup>th</sup> Plain from F Street to Andresen Boulevard and Fort Vancouver from 4<sup>th</sup> Plain to Mill Plain. The safety improvements are planned to be included in the repaving projects. They would include lane reconfigurations, signage, and crosswalk improvements.

There was discussion about putting an information “kiosk” in the neighborhood. It was agreed that this was a good idea and Glenn said he would help lead this effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. Minutes were recorded by Dave Brown.