

Emergency Meeting

5/5/2014

7:05pm - Meeting opened 14 people attending

Purpose of the meeting: Having no Knowledge of PBOT's intent to enact traffic pattern changes at the intersection of NE Broadway and NE 37th avenue, and with a deadline on May 7th, does GPNA want to take action to halt PBOT's intent to implement the proposed changes.

A quorum of GPNA board members being present: Kate Davenport, Ken Peterson, Ron Laster, and John Prell; GPNA is empowered to vote on this issue.

The agenda was accepted and approved.

Question from the floor: The topic was presented and discussed at the Hollywood NA meeting but not GPNA? Correct

Question from the floor: How can PBOT do this without an impact study and without talking to neighbors? They can't.

Clarification from the floor: They are only required to inform the NAs, which was not done properly.

Clarification from the floor: PBOT did do traffic counts on 37th, which is not the same as an impact study.

It was moved that GPNA send a letter to stop the process

Amended to clarify that GPNA acknowledges that there is a problem and is not opposed to the project per se, but to the process which has not included proper notifications or impact studies.

A straw poll of attendees was unanimous in favor.

It was moved and seconded that GPNA send the amended letter to PBOT.

The board vote was also unanimous.

7:25pm Formal meeting adjourned

An informal discussion followed

- The representative from the Hollywood NA (sorry I did not get her name. I think it was Alison Stoll but Ron or Ken might know for sure) wanted to make clear that incorrect information has been circulated stating that HNA had approved the traffic change. In fact a presentation was made to HNA but no vote was taken.
  - It appears that neighbors on 37th knew about the issue and the meeting but anyone off of 37th heard by word of mouth or not at all and were given no chance to comment.
  - PBOT has acknowledged that there were procedural problems and indicated that the process will be suspended, but still wanted feedback by the May 7th deadline initially set
  - General opinion was that the proposed traffic change is a flawed solution at best and could create more problems than it solves
  - One issue is that 37th not only divides two NAs, it also divides the NECN and the CNNC, which may indicate involvement at a coalition level is needed.
  - This is a single intersection in a wider group of problem locations
  - General consensus is that a global solution is needed in the area, not another bandaid at a single intersection
  - No information about how this would fit with the Sandy redevelopment plan, which has not yet been fully implemented.
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