

## Summer 2025 Land Use Update

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### Land Use Hearing Scheduled for Grant Bowl Lighting Project

The land use application for the grant bowl lighting project is complete and a date of June 11th, 2025 has been set for the land use hearing. The hearing will be held on zoom at 9am, please email [Andrew.Gulizia@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Andrew.Gulizia@portlandoregon.gov) for more details.

The land use notice can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/lightsnotice>. Public comment can be sent to [hearingsofficeclerks@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:hearingsofficeclerks@portlandoregon.gov) until June 11th. We encourage you to cc [gp.landuse@gmail.com](mailto:gp.landuse@gmail.com) on your public comment.

GPNA has submitted public comment that is consistent with our consensus position on lighting mitigations approved by the GPNA board last September synthesizing a year of community engagement on the issue. Our comment can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/gpnacomment> or on the "News and Events" page of our website, <http://grantpark-na.org/news-events/>

We will send further timely updates on this issue to our email list over the summer. Please go to <http://grantpark-na.org/contact-us/> to sign up.

### PBOT Promises Crosswalks on US Grant Place by End of September

Over a year of advocacy by neighbors and GPNA has led to action to improve traffic safety on US Grant Place south of Grant High School. The Portland Bureau of Transportation has informed us that it has approved the installation of crosswalks at both NE 35th and 36th avenues. We have been told that the work will likely be done sometime before 9/30, and may be prioritized higher depending on maintenance team capacity. Thanks for all neighbors who helped advocate for safer pedestrian crossings and lower speeds on this key stretch of road!

### Your Voice is Needed: Unsafe Driving Near Beverly Cleary School

We have heard from a number of residents living West of NE 33rd about speeding, running stop signs, and careless drivers in this area, especially at the beginning and end of the school day. This behavior is a danger to all our neighbors, including students walking to Beverly Cleary School. To address this danger, GPNA has several suggestions for the community:

- **Please call PBOT's 503-823-SAFE hotline or 311 to report stop sign violations and other unsafe driving.** Please call to report safety concerns, specifically regarding incidents you have witnessed, and the impacts of these safety concerns on you and your family (e.g., on children's ability to walk to school on their own). Share specific suggestions (e.g., stop sign visibility, changes in traffic patterns) to improve safety. **The more calls PBOT gets about safety concerns West of Beverly Cleary, the more likely they are to take meaningful action.**
- **Talk to student drivers about obeying traffic laws and being alert for people walking.** It is an unfortunate truth that the independence of student drivers often comes at the cost of younger students being able to safely walk independently to school. Please

remind student drivers to be watchful for children and other people walking whenever they are behind the wheel.

- **Consider walking, biking, or taking public transit to school.** The more people who travel by bike, bus, and foot, the safer it is for others to do the same. Let's work towards the goal of making our neighborhood one that fosters kids' independence and is walkable for everyone!
- **Join the GPNA Land Use Committee to help us continue to advocate on this issue.** We have found that empowering a neighbor directly impacted by these issues through the GPNA land use committee is one of our most effective strategies for improving neighborhood safety conditions. The GPNA land use committee meets only a few times a year and is a minimal commitment. We would love to have a neighbor from the area West of BCS join the committee to help lead some advocacy on this issue.

### **Gordon's Auction Delayed Again**

The auction for the Gordon's Fireplace building at 3300-3324 NE Broadway St is now scheduled to begin on July 7th, 2025, with a minimum bid of \$250,000. Time will tell whether this is delayed again or whether the auction actually occurs in July. More details can be found at <https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/3300-3324-NE-Broadway-St-Portland-OR/33777733/>

**Look elsewhere in this newsletter for updates on our new Land Use Committee chair Eldo Varghese, speed cushions and crosswalks on NE Knott, and movement towards seismic safety upgrades for Beverly Cleary School and other high-risk schools in Portland.** As always, the land use chair can be reached at [gp.landuse@gmail.com](mailto:gp.landuse@gmail.com)