

## 11/13/17 Boise Neighborhood Association

Q Center 7PM

**Board:** Howard, David, Kay, JP

**Neighbors:** Jen Stack, Sylvia, Anais Tipker (350 PDX – Climate Justice Non Profit), Erin, Anna + Courri (Community Rights of tenants) Stephanie

### Open Comment:

- Stephanie – Says she wants a library, green space
- Huey – said that the parking is getting bad here. David reminds him of the parking toolkit and advisory committee that Kay sat on. Huey said there are big trucks and they shouldn't be allowed to drive big big trucks on Mississippi, and a whole tree was torn down, and that streets are too dark b/w Michigan and Missouri (Mason?)

### Special Presenter: 350 PDX Initiative presents the Portland Just Energy Transition Initiative

Hoping for a ballot measure in 2018 (coalition has been working for 2 years to put this together)

Came from concern about needing to address the climate crisis, and moving to renewable energy. The groups involved didn't want to just focus on climate issues but also on social issues, because they go together.

In PDX, we tend to do the right thing for environment, but not things that impact people (racial justice, this is a Coalition of BAACP NAYFC (Native) Verde (latino), APANO, etc) They began with out reach to faith-based communities.

Proposal: 1% increase in existing business licensing fee. It is currently 2% (of gross receipts in Multnomah county) (so go to 3%) for businesses that gross more than 1 billion dollars nationally. There 120 companies, 6 are from Oregon.

Why: Pay their fair share to help us build infrastructure for clean energy future.

That 1% increase on city licensing fee would raise 30 million a year (only affect 6 Oregon based businesses) most are national and international.

1) This is modeled on children's trust fund e.g. citizens governance – 9 member board)

The new money could go to fund 3 areas:

1. weatherization/ solarization of existing housing including low income and multi family. Would in fact start with POC/ low income
2. Fund job training esp. green jobs like solar energy jobs (we currently don't have the workforce for it). And include people who have been left out of the economic engines of the city.
3. Local food production (urban farming)
4. also 5% set aside for innovation in new technologies hat might address climate issues.

Hope is that this initiative will be different than others in that it is the first city initiative to pay for social justice element. There is not currently funding to help the city meet its 100% renewable energy city goals.

David question:

Use a graduated tax – and make sure more people pay into it and that they have some stake in it passing. His fear is that big business will band together to disrupt it.

The argument is to exclude smaller businesses. They are not contributing to the issues in the same way these large companies (a third of which have an off shore tax haven)

Kay:

How is this different from current weatherization services like Energy Trust?

- Much of it will be spent

How do we know it will not be spent unwisely?

- 5% limit on administration
- How do we measure wisely? Will be focused on goals of project (social justice and equity). Will focus on most energy efficient work

JP to write a letter of support to be discussed via email and voted on in the next board meeting.

VOTE:

3 for David, JP, Howard

1 Against (Kay)

1 Abstain (Karis)

**Survey Results:** David

Spoke to survey results, suggestion was made we speak more about the ideas and content it generated in the next BNA meeting.

**Boise Elliot Native Grove:** Howard

Log tables and chairs, going to Boise Elementary school to get ideas about what they would want. 3 classes from Ivy school went there last weekend, 3 from this week will contribute their ideas. Will sheet mulch the area.

Sheet mulching party Dec 1,2,3 (time to be advertised on FB, NextDoor).

**Update: Land Use Issues**

Upzoning Fremont and Albina (L Roy Gardens, Single Family home)

Neighbors petitioned us CM2 is fine, but not OK with CM3.

LUTC voted to keep it at CM2, letter written by Sarah Cantine.

Single Family home was not included in the letter. Only addresses L Roy gardens.

You can get an extra floor if build affordable housing. Originally was R2, then CM2, now CM3.

In 1970, Emmanuel made a commitment to build 180-300 housing units. This is a 50 year old promise – anything that they build must honor this commitment with right of return. Right of return is not successful because it is not built for family size housing. This does not count the current Unthank Plaza

**New board member:**

Jennifer Stack volunteered to be a board member:

Board carries unanimously

**December LUTC Meeting cancelled**