

**Fairmount Neighbors Association General Meeting**  
**November 16, 2023, 7pm**  
**Ford Alumni Center, 1720 E 13th Ave, Eugene, OR 97403**

MEETING NOTES

Opening of meeting by Co-Chair Kay Rose – 7:05pm

**1) Neighborhood Announcements**

**2) Fairmount Neighbors Board Elections**

- a. Kay Rose moved to vote for the entire slate, seconded by David Wade, Unanimous vote to approve the following slate for the Fairmount Neighbors Neighborhood Association for 2023-24

Officers:

Jeff Philpot, Co-Chair

Kay Rose, Co-Chair

Karen Dunne, Treasurer

Jenna Adams-Kalloch, Secretary

At-Large Members:

John Barofsky

Tom Jordan

Heather Kliever

Danny Klute

Nathan Markowitz

George McCully

Mary Jean Michels

Susie Smith

**3) University of Oregon Updates – Cami Thompson**

- a. Hamilton Residence Hall Update
  - i. Transformation Project to turn space into park/green space
  - ii. On hold until summer 2024
- b. Romania Site Development Update
  - i. Moving forward with new mixed-use modal: Retail and housing
  - ii. Preserves historically designated car dealership showroom
  - iii. Construction expected to begin in 2024, up to three years of construction
  - iv. Private developer leased by UO
- c. Big Dates for the Community
  - i. Hayward

1. June 5-8: NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships
  2. June 21-30: Olympic Trials
- d. UO Onward Community Engagement
- i. Priority-setting initiative by UO President Karl Scholz
  - ii. Centered around:
    1. Student learning and achievement
    2. Elevating scholarship and service
    3. Campus belonging
- e. Community Questions
- i. John Barofsky – Is the University or City considering addressing the intersection of Agate St and 15<sup>th</sup> Street to make that intersection safer? It’s much busier there now that there are new residence hall in the area.
  - ii. Susie Smith – will reach out to Rob Inerfeld to touch in with the city. That area needs new traffic calming study.
  - iii. Parking availability concerns with Romania development

#### **4) Lane Transit District – Pat Walsh and Tom Schwetz**

- a. LTD History/Background
  - i. [Board of Directors](#), district based and appointed by the Governor
  - ii. 170 bus operators, need 215 to provide prior service level
  - iii. 113 buses
  - iv. Paratransit: RideSource is non emergency medical transport for customers needing to go to the doctor’s appointments
  - v. \$141M dollars, half earned through payroll tax
  - vi. [Jameson Auten](#) has been a transformational CEO, he’s been there for a year and “reimaging the ride”
- b. LTD undertaking an operational analysis
- c. Community Questions
  - i. Does EmX need two lanes in the Franklin Boulevard Transformation project? One in each direction for EmX
    1. LTD: Independent lanes needed to prevent delays mid-day, when ridership is peak
    2. Community input: not having independent lanes is a major problem for EmX
  - ii. LTD replants any trees removed for EmX projects
  - iii. Suggestions to add smaller buses/micro, on-demand mobility

#### **5) Friends of Trees – Jeff Lanza, Planting Program Manager**

- a. Overview: Mission of Friends of Trees is to provide relief from the urban elements of sidewalks, transportation corridors, buildings. Trees connect to each other and to nature.

- b. Trees and public transportation both in public right of way
- c. Increased trees can help lessen drastic impacts of climate change
- d. Neighborhood Tree Planting event happening this Saturday. Planting occurs in winter/dormant season.
- e. Mature tree canopy leads to slower speeds on corridors.
- f. Funding: organization always looking for individual donors to supplement grants

Adjournment at 8:30pm