



Hayden Island

Neighborhood Network

General Board Zoom Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 8, 2022 – 7 PM

Call to order – Presiding Officer, Martin Slapikas, Chair, HINooN

Zoom Host – John Stach BOD, HINooN

Secretary – Ellen Churchill, BOD,

II. Board Member Roll Call: [P] Present [A] Absent

Association of Unit Owners of Riverhouse	Martin Slapikas	Chair	P
At Large & Communication Chair	Pam Ferguson	Vice Chair	P
Columbia Point West	Michelle Wemyss	Treasurer	A
Lotus Isle HOA	Ellen Churchill	Secretary	A
Waterside Condominiums	John Stach		P
Hayden Bay Homes	Kristi Brown		P
HI Manufactured Home Owners	Christina Fletcher		A
HI Manufactured Home Owners	Jan Roxburgh		A
HI Manufactured Home Owners	Alastair Roxburgh		A
Columbia Point	Janet Mack		A
Marina River House HOA	EC Mathews		P
Tomahawk Floating Moorage	Be Friend		P
At Large	Tom Dana		P
At Large	Ned Schmidtke		P
At Large	Sam Churchill		A
Non-Profit Hayden Island-CSI	Gary Clark		P
Committee Chair - Transportation	Dave Januzzi		A
Communication Chair	Pam Ferguson		p

Nine Board members attended the December 8, 2022 Board meeting.

III. Approval of the November 10, 2022 HINooN Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as written.

IV. Reports of Officers

1. Chair – Martin Slapikas

Oregon State Legislature convenes January 17, 2023. This is when they will consider approving the commitment of \$1 Billion to the IBR program’s Modified Locally Preferred Alternative proposal if the Bi-State hasn’t delayed their endorsement submission.

The Bi-State Interim 2021/22 Joint Committee on the I-5 Bridge Replacement Project meets Monday, December 12, at 9:00 am. They will review an update on cost and financial estimates and then determine the next steps. Public comment will start at 11:00 am. The meeting will end at 12. Since the meeting will be held remotely you should be able to attend via YouTube.

The HINooN resolution that states concern regarding the Interstate Bridge Replacement Project's conflict of interest when they reviewed a tunnel in place of a stationary bridge was passed via email on November 12th. The approved resolution will go out to each Legislator on the Bi-State Committee December 9th. If you would like to give a public testimony, please register online. You will be allowed 2 minutes.

The tunnel was reviewed with nine IBR staff and five others that were employees from WSP, which is the firm Johnson was employed. At the December 5th meeting one of the IBRP presenters reported that they spent \$100,000 on the tunnel study. HINooN is interested in where that money was spent.

Martin Slapikas asked for a vote from the HINooN Board to request an audit to determine if there was a conflict of interest in the IBRP's review of a tunnel alternative. The names of all the experts participating in the tunnel study are listed in the 33-page report submitted by the IBRP.

It is suspected that the legislatures invested a large amount of money on the current bridge design and didn't want to throw it out to review another alternative. Therefore, we suspect that the IBRP might have wanted a credible document to show people they didn't need another alternative to the IBR proposal. It also appears the IBRP didn't want to have to pay back the money (\$140 million) before 2025. Perhaps, Johnson was hired to try and get the old CRC project reapproved again.

Johnson is doing the job he was hired to do. His resume shows he worked for the Michigan Department of Transportation. Later he worked for WSP, a consulting and engineering firm out of Michigan. While at WSP, he brought in the most Michigan Dept of Transportation contracts anyone had ever brought in before him.

There is interest in exploring why the Oregon and Washington legislature didn't change the purpose and needs statement on this second attempt to replace the Bridge. We are concerned that since the information is the same as the original Columbia River Crossing, this second attempt may not be successful in handling public transportation.

The name of the project is important - The "Interstate Bridge Replacement Project"

A lot of discussion is around the cost of replacing interchanges on both sides of the river. In addition, they are proposing to widen all the lanes and add an auxiliary lane. *Note: Because of the widening of the lanes, the current 3 lanes plus an auxiliary lane could be redrawn at a later date to add more lanes.*

However, the goal is to replace the bridge. The cost to just replace the bridge is a fraction of the cost of the whole project. What they are currently proposing is \$7.5 billion. This is way too much money to replace the bridge. Maybe the project should be called, "Interchange and Freeway Expansion Project."

Be friend reported that the JCA would prefer to have a replacement bridge fit in on what's already built there. Don't build multiple interchanges. The concern is that just adding lanes doesn't make commutes faster or relieve congestion. The JCA suggested that we could retrofit the existing bridge and it would be far less money. The bridge would still need a lift and the IBRP is opposed to a lift.

A letter requesting an audit of the Tunnel review will go to both the Oregon and the Washington Legislature. The letter will change a bit when it goes to the Oregon Legislature for funding \$1 billion. We really need to focus our attention on the legislators. It is a major concern that we could be spending billions on a bridge that will last 100 years but will not even alleviate congestion.

2. Vice Chair – Pam Ferguson

Report on December 5, 2022 HINooN event held at the Holiday Inn Columbia River

Officially, 126 attendees signed-in. However, not everyone signed-in so there were approximately 140 attendees or even more. The event was widely attended. Folks came from Hayden Island, Arbor Lodge, Bridgeton, Ridgefield, Vancouver, and the surrounding area. Greg Johnson said it was the largest neighborhood group he has had on this project.

It took a group effort to pull the event off in such a short time frame. Pam recognized the efforts of the following folks: Sam Churchill, Be Friend, Ellen Churchill, Ned Schmidtke, Gary Clark, and Christina Jarrel, the facilitator.

The total cost for the event was \$1,506. The HINooN Board originally approved \$1,000. The JCA sent a donation for \$250. We are currently over budget about \$250.

We got some really good media coverage. This event was the first in-person event in two years. It was a good first time out and the room couldn't have held many more people. They had to bring in 20 more chairs and still had people standing in the back and even some folks were sitting outside the room.

Folks were asked to write their questions down and the facilitator, Christina, did a good job grouping the questions. There was only one disruption and it was handled well by Be Friend.

Lots of folks brought toys to the event. Four big toy bags were picked up by the Fire Department.

Reimbursement from North Portland Neighborhood Services [NPNS]

Michelle Weymss has the NPNS forms and will get them completed and send to NPNS to apply for reimbursement for the December 5th event..

Sam Churchill videoed the entire meeting from two different angles but is unable to upload it right now. He plans to put it on YouTube.

3. Treasurer – Michelle Wemyss – Report attached

4. Secretary – Ellen Churchill, No report

V. Reports of Standing Committees

1. Executive Committee - Chair, Martin Slapikas - report above

2. Safety – Gary Clark

The security team is evaluating RFPs for an island-wide security patrol. Discussion at the next meeting will explore how they can provide security for all the HOAs. They want to be able to include patrols for people that can't afford it.

NET – [Neighborhood Emergency Team] - John Stach

There aren't any formal Hayden Island activities going on. However, city-wide course trainings continue.

3. Communication – Pam Ferguson

Pam's team created a HINooN flier for the Dec. 5th event, These fliers gave basic information about HINooN; who we are; our email address; our website. She included her name and email address on these fliers. .

4. HINooN Website – Sam Churchill & Tom Dana

Sam is doing most of the work. He has done a good job so far.

VI. Reports of Special Committees

1. Just Crossing Alliance (JCA) – Be Friend, HINooN Representative to JCA

Martin Slapikas and Be Friend attended the day-long meeting on the 2nd of December. The meeting was with all the Alliance members in the JCA. A consultant was hired by the JCA to help identify the JCA's core message and to identify constituents. The question they need to answer is "how do we spread the message and who is the target audience. There may be different messages to different groups of people.

Greg Johnson is not the person we need to influence. We need to get our message to the Governors and representatives of both states.

The JCA talked about simplifying the message. The consultant showed an example with a video of a bridge with an engineer wearing a hard hat and talking about why a bridge was needed. At the same time, in the background you can see a bridge collapsing. The message is clear. If you don't build this bridge you will die.

The consultant said that people have a tendency to believe an engineer in a hard hat. In the same way, we need a common appeal to visually show to the masses. We expect to receive a final report from the consultant within a few days.

Be Friend will share the report once she receives it. Martin and Be talked to Greg Johnson after the Dec 5th meeting. He invited them to come to his office and discuss any questions. He promised to answer and get specific information they request.

Be Friend reported that at the December 5th Hayden Island Event. Chris Smith from the JCA explained the impact of the bridge project on Hayden Island. He talked about the history of Hayden island as a sacrificial neighborhood in the past.

2. Homeless on Hayden Island, Open Discussion

Gary Clark pointed out that we are seeing less homeless camps than we were a few months ago.

ODOT has put truckloads of boulders off to the side of freeways and expressways to keep folks from camping.

VII. Unfinished Business

Audit Request: Martin Slapikas is working on the language to request an audit regarding a conflict of interest by the IBRP when evaluating a tunnel crossing. It was not an independent consultant's review. The engineering study that was done to reject the tunnel would not meet peer review. HINooN would like a second, objective, and independent review of the tunnel proposal.

It will be important to have the audit done before LPA goes to the legislature for funding. When you submit the request for an audit they have to notify all the people involved. Therefore, Martin wants to gather all the facts and information before requesting the audit.

In-Person HINooN Year-End Meeting: Pam Ferguson requested we have an in-person meeting in March. Many people would like to have in-person meetings again.

Google class offered: Be Friend offered to give Google training to those that are interested. Google has free apps and a lot of sharing tools. People can literally work on the same document at the same time. She will work on setting up a date and time.

VIII. New Business

IX. Open Forum

Suggestions for Guest Speaker – Non given

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED:

- a. There is a contact email address on our Website. HINooN Board members will be able to access these emails. **Who is allowed to gain access and are these questions forwarded to the appropriate person?**
- b. Does anyone have access to the hinoon.hayden.island@gmail.com email account other than Ellen Churchill *Note: The answer is "No". Ellen gets all these emails and answers them or forwards them to the appropriate person.*

X. Meeting adjourned

NOTICE

Next HINooN meeting 7 PM, Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Annual Membership Meeting will be at 7 PM, Thursday March 10, 2023



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE CURRENT PERIOD ENDING December 31st 2022

WF INITIATE BUSINESS CHECKING

Beginning Balance November 30th 2022	1,331.39
Deposits/Credits:	2,250.00
Withdrawals/Debits:	
Balance on December 31st 2022	3,581.39

WF BUSINESS MARKET RATE SAVINGS

Beginning Balance November 30th 2022	2,529.07
Deposits/Credits	.32
Withdrawals/Debits	
Ending Balance on December 31 st 2022	2,529.39
Total WF cash accounts December 31 st 2022	6,110.78

HINooN BOTTLE DROP (OBRC)

Bottle drop Account as of 11/01/2022	7,402.50
Withdrawal from Bottle drop	2,000.00
Addition to Bottle drop	509.66
Bottle drop Account as of 12/31/2022	<u>5,912.16</u>

No Access to bottle drop
Requesting reset from Ned/Martin

Total HINooN Cash on December 31 st 2022	\$	12,022.94
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NOTES:

Deposit of \$2250.00 into Wells Fargo checking \$2K from bottle drop and \$250.00 donation for Xmas event at the Holiday Inn.

Requested receipt from Pam Ferguson to reimburse her for the event paid on her credit card.