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**Noise Review Board Meeting November 12, 2015
Minutes**

Present: David Sweet, Carol Gossett, Melissa Stewart, Julie Greb, and Paul van Orden

Absent: Kerrie Standlee

Minutes: Kathy Couch

Call to Order - 6:00 pm

Approve minutes from the August 12, 2015 meeting of the Board –Approved 4-0

Approve minutes from the October 14, 2015 meeting of the Board- Approved 4-0

Review of a noise variance application from Susan Hjorten, representing Bureau of Environmental Services. They are requesting a noise variance for the Tabor Sewer Repair Project. The noise variance is for sewer repair work taking place between February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am in the intersection of NE Glisan and 57th Ave., and in the intersection of E Burnside and 50th Ave. and will require 9 nights of variance work during that time. The work will consist of trench cutting and open trench repair work to replace aging sewers.

Matt Gough- Bureau of Environmental Services presented the variance request:

This work is part of the Northern phase of the Tabor-Powell Sewer Repair Project. They will be repairing sewer pipe, lateral pipes, storm drains and manholes.

The project will last for 1 year total, most of the work will be done in the daytime, but the 2 areas requested are high traffic areas, so the work must be done at night. They are only asking for 9 days total out of the whole project. Specifically, they are requesting 5 days on NE Glisan & 57th and 4 days on E Burnside & 50th.

BES has 6800 people are on their mailing list. They began doing outreach on the project in 2014, including notice of this hearing date as well as a postcard reminder. They only received 2 comments, which they responded to and helped alleviate concerns. They are working closely with Providence to minimize the impact on hospital patients. Paul van Orden will coordinate

with BES and get 5 or 6 hours of noise readings. He will need to know the schedule and the work scheduled.

Julie Greb moves to issue the variance application from Susan Hjorten, representing Bureau of Environmental Services.

Conditions

- Noise variance permit shall run from December 1, 2015 through June 31, 2017.
- Varianced work is to consist of 5 days at 57th & NE Glisan and 4 days at NE 47th & Burnside.
- The applicant (BES) is to coordinate with the Noise Control Office to get noise readings.
- .From 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. the applicant will be required to use "smart alarm" back up beepers instead of a standard reverse alarm for all equipment activity.
- From 10:00 p.m. until 7:00a.m., the applicant is required to disconnect the backup alarms and spotters will be used to safely back up vehicles.
- Saw cutting shall be performed during daytime allowable work hours. If saw cutting is required during night work it shall be done prior to midnight. Saw cutting taking place between 10:00 p.m. and midnight shall include portable sound barriers being utilized to decrease the noise level to nearby buildings.
- The applicant is required to use direct connection to power whenever possible. Use of gasoline or diesel generators or other stationary equipment will be placed away from residential neighbors when possible, and at all times isolated from any residential neighbors with the safe use of a 3/4 inch plywood enclosure that does not impact the need of the unit to be properly ventilated.
- Notice to be mailed and emailed two weeks prior to start of work to a two block radius of the work site. Notice shall include nature of work, anticipated noise sources and a contact phone number for a person on site to explain the work and possibly mitigate the issue.
- Noise office is to be notified once a staging area has been chosen for the project.
- BES Inspector is to be onsite during variance hours with the phone number publicized.
- The applicant will send complaint reports along with a complaint log and details of how the problem was resolved to the City of Portland Noise Control Officer. These logs can be emailed to noise@portlandoregon.gov.
- The applicant shall prepare to develop a noise mitigation plan with the Noise Control Office should complaints arise.
- The noise variance will be reviewed upon receipt of complaints. If complaints are filed, the Noise Control Officer may modify the variance as needed to resolve community noise disturbances.
- The applicant will notify the Noise Control Officer by the next morning if the variance was needed to work outside the permitted construction hours. The applicant will keep a running tally of variance days used. This log shall be made available to the Noise Control Office upon request.

Melissa Stewart seconds the motion.
The motion passes, 4-0 (Kerrie Standlee absent)

Review of a noise variance request from Ronald Larson, representing Oregon Department of Transportation. They are requesting a noise variances for the 1-5 SB exit ramp to Broadway – Weidler Project. The noise variance is for roadway maintenance taking place between January 4, 2016 through September 30, 2016 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and will require intermittent nighttime construction work in order to minimize traffic impacts, maximize safety to the travelling public and neighbors, and to meet the project construction schedule.

Ron Larson from ODOT presented the variance request.

Due to the high traffic in the area, some of the work will require nighttime work.

ODOT will be eliminating the current sliplane to make the merge safer, along with enlarging the intersection, installing new signals, and ADA ramps and a pedestrian crossing. Work includes grinding and paving Broadway, removing the sidewalks and building into a newly constructed water quality swale.

Dee Hidalgo from ODOT discusses public outreach efforts thus far:

They began a project website in 2014 which is regularly updated. A project fact sheet was developed and mailed out and included an invitation to an open house. The Mailout included all addresses within a ½ mile radius, along with affected Neighborhood Associations. The Open House was held on November 19, 2014. They had a turnout of 25 to 30 people.

They also did door-to-door outreach in advance of the work. Door-todoor efforts included the Paramount Apartments, Compass Oncology, Grandmas Place, Left Bank, Madrona Studios, and Econo-lodge.

There will be an ODOT/PBOT preconstruction Open House likely to take place the first week in January. It will be construction-focused. They will include a noise hotline number, which will be published.

So far there have been no noise concerns shared by anyone. They have not received any calls or emails regarding the hearing tonight.

Julie Greb moves to approve a noise variance request from Ronald Larson, representing Oregon Department of Transportation for the 1-5 SB exit ramp to Broadway –Weidler Project. The noise variance is for roadway maintenance taking place between January 4, 2016 through September 30, 2016 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Conditions below:

- All equipment will be properly maintained and operated with exhaust mufflers and will meet all noise limits.

- All equipment will follow the equipment noise standards provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- Smart alarms will be disconnected after 10:00 pm. After 10:00 pm, spotters shall be used instead.
- Sawcutting shall take place when the shift starts, prior to midnight. Between the hours of 10:00 pm and 12:00 am, all sawcutting shall include sound barriers.
- The contractor will have portable noise monitoring equipment available on site during nighttime work and have staff knowledgeable on maintaining and using the equipment.
- Notice shall be given 2 weeks prior to the start of work within ½ mile of the site. Notice shall include a contact number.
- The contractor will provide a 24-hour hotline available to nearby residents to record and respond to nighttime construction noise complaints. A site representative will respond to all complaints within 24-hours of the complaint.
- Complaint reports shall be made available to the Noise Control Office within 7 days of the complain, and shall include a report of how the complaint was dealt with.
- In the event of nighttime construction noise complaints, the contractor will be required to construct or erect temporary noise barriers or shields to limit construction noise from stationary or slow-moving noise sources.
- All haul trucks will meet or exceed the standards outlined in Chapter 34, Section 35 of the Oregon Administrative Rules, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, April 1983.
- The project manager will insure compliance with any and all noise variance conditions including the management and application of any and all mitigation measures

Melissa Stewart seconds the motion.

Motion passes, 4-0 (Kerrie Standlee absent)

General Open Public Testimony - no public here

Adjournment- 6:59