



CITY OF

**PORTLAND, OREGON**

OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT

**AMANDA FRITZ, COMMISSIONER**

Amalia Alarcón de Morris, Bureau Director

**Noise Control Program**

1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 110

Portland, Oregon 97204

*Promoting a culture of civic engagement*

Noise Review Board  
Minutes  
July 13, 2016

Present: Kerrie Standlee, Paul van Orden, Carol Gossett

Absent: Melissa Stewart

Minutes: Nicholas Carroll

Call to Order

Carol Gossett calls meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Open Public Testimony – Rhetta Drennan

Request from Kurt Robinson, BES to repair sewers on the Northbound lane of NE MLK Blvd at NE Killingsworth, and along NE Killingsworth, for 385 feet east of MLK for 36 nights within the time period of April 28, 2017 to May 4, 2018 for the hours between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

To replace a manhole on MLK & NE Killingsworth, PBOT believes it would cause too long of a queueing during the day at the traffic signal. Asking for 36 nights over 365 days. Commercial zone with car wash and parking garage along Killingsworth. Close down lanes and flag traffic through that intersection instead of closing the road.

Buslines # 72 and # 6 would be affected by the traffic disruption. TriMet is aware of the proposal. Work on MLK would be the smaller portion of the work, but a larger manhole. Probably take at least a week or more. Pipes in this project average 90 years old. Abandoning a line and adding in a larger line for greater capacity.

Held meetings with: Woodlawn Neighborhood Assoc., King Neighborhood Assoc. (had concerns about pile driving and jack hammering), Alberta Business group.

Staging area left up to the contractor and what the market will bear. A lot of staging areas are not readily available.

Considering storing on side street and possibly private property.

Paving restoration work will have to be done at night. Some of the soils in this area are not the best.

Any sawcutting after 10 p.m. would require a buffer. Other restrictions are referenced from the document / contract.

Carol: So we are in agreement to accepting this request?

PVO confirmed.

Carol: Recommend final review to PVO.

Request from Kurt Robinson BES to repair sewers trench NE Alberta between N Vancouver and NE Cleveland Ave and at Rosa Parks Way ½ block west of MLK; (CIPP) between N Williams and Cleveland along back property lines, from NE Alberta to Sumner St. for 42 nights within the time period of January 3, 2017 to May 4, 2018 for the hours between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Rosa Parks has inlets that need to be connected to the manhole in middle of roadway. Crossing the right turn lane into the bike lane, which could put cyclists at risk and potential traffic backups. Work should last no more than a week.

PVO: Busy daycare across the street.

Rhetta: Daycare is not a big fan of the project, though the kids might get a big kick out of seeing construction work.

Pedestrian zone might be disrupted at night. Crosswalk put further back in alley.

Bureau sends out neighbor notification at least 10 days in advance of project start.

NE Alberta has undersized pipe on northside of the right of way. Two new manholes need to be put in with a new line under the center of the right of way. One night for CIPP lining between two houses. This will be very disrupted for a lot of reasons, because of busy intersection and all the traffic on Williams and on Alberta. Alberta is a smaller width street. West of Williams allows parking on side of street. Big equipment will be used and parking will have to be restricted.

Big state government building on N Webster has a lot of agencies with parking lot across Webster. A lot of employees park along the street.

Streets are plated during the day and traffic allowed to go through. Catastrophic failure / sinkholes require street closure, or huge manholes being put in requires street closure.

Row of condos to the north. Resident therapist who works at home was concerned about daytime work but okay with night time construction work. Another resident in area didn't want work during the day because they work nights and sleep during the day.

37 nights of phased work for Alberta and 5 nights for Rosa Parks. Contractors don't want to pay overtime, so she believes that work will be done during the regular schedule.

Contractors need to be in the right of way to get the work done, which is why it has to be done at night. Old school on Gant might be available as a staging area if the school doesn't re-open.

In and out of the manhole, which will not affect the housing line.

Same conditions as the other project.

It's getting difficult to find land anymore for staging areas.

Talked to neighborhood groups about potential weekend work and construction methods and what are acceptable work hours for day time and night time. Had an extremely large outreach within the area, over 4,000 people.

Delegate final review to staff. Adding statement about staging area to PVO. Contract is not finalized yet. Whatever is in the variance will be in the contract.

Minutes are carried over for the next meeting.

PVO asks public about noise process questions. They want to learn the process or see how it works.

Some people ask why doesn't every variance have a review at NRB?

Question about ongoing neighborhood issues, such as church bells.

PVO: Most complaints about church bells involve change in church bell volume and frequency due to automatic / electronic bells.

Church in neighborhood went from no bells to electronic bells. St. Stephens Church. Varying times of the day. 20 minutes of bells during a funeral.

PVO explains how the process might work in regards of the noise of church bells.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.