

# Swan Island –North Portland Neighbors

## Air Quality Forum

### Meeting notes: October 21, 2013

#### Participating:

Metro Councilor Sam Chase, Co-Convener

State Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Convener

Christine White, Port of Portland

Jeff Rook, University of Portland

David Trebing, Daimler Trucks N.A.

Stacy Schroeder, North Portland Neighbors for Clean Air

Tom Griffin-Valade, North Portland Neighborhood Services

Lenny Anderson, Swan Island Bus Assn

David Goodyke, Overlook Neighborhood

Brian Mannion, Vigor Industries

Bobby Lee, Governor's Reg Solutions Center

Mary Peveto, Neighbors for Clean Air

Heather Hoell, Venture Portland

#### Aspirations for the Forum

- Better dialogue (Chris W)
- Involvement in reduction of emissions (Jeff R)
- Create a model for other communities: looking at quality of life impacts with all key stakeholders at the table (David T)
- Decision-makers at the table so that we can achieve actual emission changes and transparency (Stacey S)
- Ensure that neighborhoods are adequately represented (Tom G-V)
- Utilize data for discussions and decisions, support living close to where you work (Lenny A)
- Better Communication, better understanding of the issues (David G)

- Get to know each other, understand the issues, and find something to work on together (Brian M)
- Identify how government can do better (Bobby L)
- Actual emission reductions. Want discussions that are substantive and authentic, with accountability. Achieve actual emission reductions (Mary P)
- Recognize we are all neighbors, and make the neighborhood better (Heather H)
- Better communication, linkage to regulatory process, but try to resolve issues outside the regulatory or legislative process. (Tina K and Sam C)

### **Purpose of the Forum:**

1. Focus on Air Quality issues
2. Focus on Swan Island Industrial area
3. Information Sharing
4. Address and Resolve issues, hopefully preventing some issues from having to go to legislature, EQC, courts, etc.
5. Work on specific issues or projects to bring about tangible outcomes
6. In the process of doing the above, learn more about each other and build trusting relationships that will help prevent or resolve issues in the future.

### **Priority Topics for Initial Focus:**

- Identify and Address Toxic Emissions, reducing health impacts in the neighborhood
- Data Transparency/ Access
- Emission Reductions
- Economic Impacts
- Odor solutions
- Funding for implementation

### **Proposed Representation for the forum**

Note: Other persons or entities may be invited to help address, or provide technical assistance on specific issues. However, the on-going participants would include:

- Swan Island Business Association
- Venture Portland
- Neighbors for Clean Air
- Port of Portland
- University of Portland

- North Portland Neighbors for Clean Air
- Daimler Trucks North America
- Vigor Industries
- Overlook Neighborhood Association
- Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Association
- University Park Neighborhood Association
- North Portland Neighborhood Services

Other suggestions for additional representatives to be considered:

- DEQ (in a technical assistance role)
- Organized labor
- Addidas
- United Parcel Service

Final note: There was a discussion about what, if any groundrules there should be about representing what has happened at this meeting. Representative Kotek finally summarized her guidance, based upon the discussion: No specific rules or prohibitions about public representations of the process so far, however – don't do something that will create an inability for the group to move forward with an agreement.