Mt Tabor Yard Planning Group Work Session
Monday, June 5, 2017
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Mt Tabor Yard, 6437 SE Division St

Outcomes:
• Understand Horticulture Program needs and space challenges
• Review and discuss options for future Horticulture space
• Provide guidance on next steps for Planning Group and community

This work session will be focused on providing information and discussing options with the Planning Group members to allow for a meaningful discussion so the Planning Group can provide guidance and recommendations to PP&R.

Role of Non-Planning Group members: Observers
*To use the work session time most efficiently, the discussion will be limited to the Planning Group members.
*A broader community meeting will be held at a later date which will have general public participation as the primary focus.
*Space is very limited at the Yard meeting spaces, and we will be changing locations during the meeting for a site tour.
*Due to space limitations and the security considerations of meeting in the Yard after-hours, any non-Planning Group members who wish to attend need to RSVP to: maija.spencer@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-5593 prior to the meeting.

PLANNING GROUP WORK SESSION – NOTES AND PRESENTATION MATERIALS

6:30 Welcome & Introductions Maija Spencer

6:35 Ground rules Barbara Hart
Barbara reviewed the ground rules used by the Planning Group in 2008 (attached). The group agreed they were generally still useful with the exception of “voice concerns at the meeting,
not outside the meeting” with the understanding that people may have discussions in a respectful manner outside of meetings.

6:45 Review history and context of this process John Laursen
John spoke about the history that led to the Mt Tabor Planning Group work in 2008, and how the group’s role has been to consider the best use of the Yard, Nursery, and Long Block spaces.

7:00-7:55 Tour of existing and future spaces Heather McKillip
Heather led a tour of the existing Horticulture spaces, then at the Upper Nursery area where services will move so the Planning Group could better understand what activities need to move and some of the space limitations created by the slopes of the Upper Nursery area.

8:00 Review Horticulture program Heather / Susan Meamber
Heather shared a handout that outlined the programmed space for Horticulture in the 2008 Master Plan, current usage, and future needs for the new space. She noted that their request for the future space is smaller in square feet than both the 2008 Master Plan allocations and the current space.

8:10 Review options considered by Opsis and Discussion by Planning Group
Paul Kinley with Opsis ran through the attached presentation and answered questions to clarify the constraints of the sloped area and within the Yard. Opsis did study keeping the Horticulture functions within the Yard, but it would mean breaking it into many small areas in an already constrained space. This would result in making Horticulture staff’s work spaces worse, less efficient, and possibly less safe. The group discussed options for reducing the impact of seeing vehicle traffic such as a hammerhead driveway with only one access point from the street and screening with trees. There was also discussion of flipping the Community Garden and the plant storage area, and this might allow for an expansion of the Community Garden now or in the future.
8:45  Next Steps  Maija

- Planning Group Meeting – John and Dawn will help with agenda again
- Community Meeting following that.

9:00  Close
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PROPOSED MAINTENANCE BUILDING
Study looking at slope issues of upper nursery

Slope Area: 26,590 sf
Long Block Area: 23,240 sf
Study of options within the Yard
## HORTICULTURE SERVICES CRITERIA

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The following photos show the Long Block when it was actively used as a tree nursery.