

## Neighborhood Liaison Committee Meeting 12/13/19

In attendance: Karen Coronna (NSC), Randy Morris (NSC), Adam McClure (NLC), Matt Napoli (Councilmember Thao's Office), JoAnn Tracht-Lawson (Dimond Improvement Association), Rosanna Mucetti (HRS), Crystal Land (HRS), Jerry Mullaney (HRS), Jennifer Beeson (HRS), Mary Fahey (HRS)

- **Welcome from Rosanna Mucetti**

Thanked the group for coming together for continued dialogue. Announcement from Randy Morris that he is stepping off of the NSC due and will find a replacement.

- **Introductions:** The group had the opportunity to meet Matt Napoli, who was in attendance on behalf of Councilmember Sheng Thao's Office.

- **Traffic and Transportation Discussion**

HRS Director of Neighbor Relations, Mary Fahey, reviewed HRS processes in place for traffic flow. The School gets routine, unannounced inspections from a third-party to ensure traffic protocols are being followed. Randy has noticed the increase in security presence in the neighborhood. Karen relayed neighborhood concerns around traffic: perception that afternoon pickup seems disorganized, with some drivers not adhering to the queue for turnarounds. Some drivers are parked on both sides of the street along Burlington, and cars have been seen waiting on Tiffin, which narrows the street considerably. Other concerns noted include speeding in neighborhood streets, the number of single occupancy cars, drivers parking on the South side of campus and exiting vehicles on the street side. Crystal said that the School continually emphasizes respect for driving rules and has also been subsidizing bus ridership to encourage families to use public transit. Karen additionally noted drivers making u-turns out of the queue, and pulling out of the queue without signaling or looking. She wondered about the status of the planned speed bumps on Whittle Avenue. HRS hadn't received any word about that, so Matt is following up with the Oakland Dept. of Transportation to find out. Karen also noted that security guards have been seen congregating and occupied on phones. Mary said she would follow-up with the security company about this specific feedback. Randy offered that perhaps the presence of a supervisor would make a difference in traffic monitor behavior. HRS has requested supervisor presence moving forward. Regarding pending street closures on Alida and Potomac, Karen wondered if HRS could ask the utility companies to notify the School of any planned outages so as to proactively communicate road closures to families. Similarly, if neighbors have information about potential closures, they can let us know. Karen agreed to communicate that to the NSC.

- **Vegetation Management and Fire Safety**

HRS CFO, Jerry Mullaney, gave an update on HRS's compliance with vegetation

management and fires safety requirements. The School has been adhering to a maintenance calendar (posted on the [neighbor website](#)) and has been able to exceed the scope outlined there. All certificates are posted on the website; every HRS property has been deemed compliant. Neighbors should let Jerry know if there are other areas of concern (jmullaney@headroyce.org). Good news: We've gotten approval to remove the 6 eucalyptus trees on the South Campus. The work will be completed over the next three months. Karen noted that the topic of the Eucalyptus trees has come up among neighbors, so this news is good to hear. Karen noted that the mowing of ANBA field is very loud and takes longer than she thinks it should. She inquired as to whether HRS might get a sound muffle for the mower, and not start mowing before 8 am. Jerry explained that the School formerly had an outside company doing lawn maintenance but will be doing that within the School's facilities department now. Randy recommended a muffling system. Crystal wondered if neighbors have complained about kid noise from the field. Karen hadn't heard of any neighbor complaints of athletics noises from the ANBA field. Karen asked if there would be any construction over winter break. Jerry noted that the only project scheduled was the remodeling of a student locker room in the center of the North campus.

- **Compliance Matrix**

Mary noted that the School's Compliance Matrix is published on the neighbor website. The Matrix lists every Condition of Approval and explains how HRS is meeting it.

- **Neighborhood Safety**

Jerry shared that the School has had several campus break-ins this school year and have taken steps to prevent entry, including removing valuables from classrooms and added nighttime security on campus. Randy noted that there have also been increased burglaries in the neighborhood.

- **Conversation around NLC Membership**

Randy said that HRS shouldn't unilaterally pick new members on NLC, and it's great to have committee presence from both DIA and District 4.

- **Closing and Next Steps**

The NSC will determine the next neighbor seat (Randy's replacement) and also establish protocol for back-ups in case of absences. Composition: 2 NSC; 1 DIA; HRS: Rosanna, HOS, Mary & 2 staff support; District 4 Rep; 1 parent rep - HRS choice. Sam will propose a date for the next spring meeting.