



I am the chairperson of the Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Association and we support Committee 3.96's necessary work. The strength of our city lies in its diversity of voices coming together and learning to work in harmony. We agree that City Code should provide equal access for all residents to be involved in shaping city affairs and have access to city bureaus, regardless of the avenue they choose.

Creston-Kenilworth is one of the poorest parts of SE Portland. We have multiple low-income housing complexes, half of our grade school kids qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, and we have a high percentage of renters. We are also home to immigrants and refugees from all over the world. Our neighborhood is quiet, and has low participation in city affairs. Folks struggling to meet basic needs don't want to come to meetings about land use planning or new construction projects. But when a contractor next door is flinging asbestos siding on the ground without abatement, or an unpermitted Air BnB repeatedly causes issues for an entire block, people come to us for help because we know who to call and we will advocate for them.

Neighborhood Associations are the only avenue that many poorer neighborhoods have to make their voices and concerns heard. And, the Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Association has been defunct in the past. It was only with the help of paid SE Uplift staff that it is active again and can advocate for our neighbors. We are concerned that removing the Neighborhood Association structure from City Code will not create more equal representation as intended, but instead make it easier for groups with more money and resources to dominate city discourse, while pushing poorer neighborhoods like mine even further to the margins.

To fulfill Civic Life's mandate and make city code match the city's values, we ask for specific structural details:

- roles and responsibilities of the office
- engagement needs of the community
- methods for community groups to gain recognition
- clearly defined funding opportunities for community groups with achievable methodologies
- specific benefits that will be available to recognized and funded community groups, such as notifications and technical assistance
- clearly stated expectations of funded community groups, and
- avenues for the public to stay informed and have input on things like land use decisions

Providing these details in Code 3.96 will do two things: first, create a sort of “regulatory certainty,” where all community groups know exactly what is expected and what they can gain from engaging with the city; second, ensure that it outlives the current leadership of the overseeing Commissioner and Civic Life Director. Relying on Administrative Rules is insufficient because those can change without public notice or input, and are vulnerable if future leaders hold different priorities.

We fear that the current lack of structural detail will result in a less equitable distribution of resources and disproportionately benefit those already skilled in navigating existing social and political power structures. Neighborhoods like mine could go defunct and get left out entirely. In order for an equitable system to have staying power, details and structures must be included in City Code Chapter 3.96. We feel that this is the only way to ensure that Portland ends up with a civic engagement system that matches its values.

Thank you for the time and effort that you have put into this issue.

Rachel Davies, Chairperson
on behalf of the Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Association

From: daviesfamily@comcast.net
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Cc: Mary Ann Schwab; joh@joehovey.com
Subject: Re: Replacement for Mary Ann Schwab on October 23rd, 2019 - To Speak at City Council
Date: Friday, August 16, 2019 11:56:24 AM

Yes, I am confirming my request to speak to City Council on Wednesday, October 23rd.

Thank you,
Rachel Davies

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 16, 2019, at 11:37 AM, Moore-Love, Karla <Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Joe – Thank you for sending Rachael’s information.

Rachael – Please confirm with me that you are requesting to speak to the Portland City Council on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

Regards,
Karla

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From: joh@joehovey.com <joh@joehovey.com>

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<daviesfamily@comcast.net>

Subject: Replacement for Mary Ann Schwab on October 23rd, 2019 - To Speak at City Council

Karla - please see information below for Rachel Davies who will be taking Mary Ann’s spot to speak to Council on the 23rd of October.

Rachel Davies
4222 SE 33rd Ave
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Topic: Code 3.96

Thank you.

Request of Rachel Davies to address Council regarding Code 3.96
(Communication)

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