

Fred Cooper - Candidate for Treasurer

My wife Joy and I have lived in Laurelhurst for almost 30 years. Our home is on Ankeny Street in the SE quadrant. We have been Oregonians since 1962 plus childhood years residing on Oregon's coast. I am fully committed to the values of the Laurelhurst neighborhood and am willing to do my part to preserve and improve them.

I have been very active with the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Emergency Team (LNET) for the last twenty years with my current responsibility being Logistics. Before we moved to Laurelhurst from SW Portland, I spent several years as President of the Tigard Parks & Recreation Committee. I have served on the LNA transportation committee and for the last year, have been Laurelhurst's representative on Multnomah County's Citizen Task Force for the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project, a very challenging and important project to eastside residents. A number of years ago, I received the Mayor's Spirit of Portland Award for serving on the City's diversity committee. With regard to finance matters, I am well qualified to be a responsible treasurer having served for the last ten years on the finance committee, and two years as president, of a major international water organization. I am a retired professional service business owner with considerable experience with accounting practices, financial reporting, and state & federal filings for non-profits.

The Treasurer interacts and coordinates with all LNA committees and activities. I consider pro-active work on pedestrian and bicycle crossings of major streets to be very important. Laurelhurst is now a national historic district, but there are still rules to be developed and potential conflicts with city and state historic district programs as well as urban infill and design code changes. Everyone loves Laurelhurst's old street trees and the wonderful tree canopy in Laurelhurst Park. LNA's effort to ensure we have healthy trees and address dangerous, diseased trees must continue. The status of Portland's neighborhood associations is in study and needs our attention. Homelessness is a chronic problem in Portland and our park and certain neighborhood streets have incurred problems in recent years. This is a problem that will not resolve itself soon and we must be proactive in working with the City in finding solutions.