

RCPNA Board Meeting—March 1,2016

Location: German American Society Building, 5626 NE Alameda, Portland, Oregon

In attendance: Tamara DeRidder, Chair; Anne Lindsay, Vice Chair; Richard Crockett, Treasurer and Board Members Nate Carter, Robert (Rob) Coleman, Deborah Field, David Gates, Craig Lindsay, Terry Parker, Amanda Petretti, Ramona Reule, Erich Stiefvater, and Gail Zuro.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 7:00 pm by Tamara Deridder who opened the meeting with board members introducing themselves. About 40 neighbors were in attendance who also introduced themselves.

Tamara then turned the meeting over to David Gates, Environmental Committee Chair to speak on neighborhood air quality issues and what he has done. A written handout was given out.

The following discussion included questions to as the DEQ, a neighborhood response and introducing Keith Johnson, a DEQ employee who was at the meeting unofficially. Mr. Johnson provided some additional information on arsenic and the moss samples that were taken. The exact source of the toxics are unknown at this time.

State Representative Barbara Smith-Warner said that the legislature approved \$2.5 million for air testing and spoke about a central depository for air quality questions.

Discussion concerns included issues about the Rose City Park School playground, what can be done to protect users of the playground and that a byproduct of glass making electro plating is Mary Peuetu from the non-profit Neighbors for Clean Air was introduced. She talked about the arsenic, diesel and other toxins in Portland's air. She also said she was a member of the Portland Air Toxics Solutions Advisory Committee.

One neighbor who went through the trash of a local (glass) bong manufacturer found a box with a Bullseye Glass label on it. With some input from neighbors, the board briefly discussed the issue. Rob Coleman made a motion seconded by Craig Lindsay to send a non-accusatory letter to the bong manufacturer asking them if they are using colored glass with arsenic and to stop using it if they are. A good neighbor agreement was also suggested. The Motion passed unanimously. David Gates Environmental Committee Chair will write the letter.

The board discussed planning a for neighborhood meeting on air quality. Questions that need to be answered include: Is there a local hot spot? What is it? What can we do about it?

Information from DEQ is needed. The board came up with a short list of who should be at the meeting. They list includes Multnomah County representatives, Portland Public Schools representatives, State Representative Barbara Smith-Warner, State Senator Michael Dembrow and local day care people. David Gates Environmental Chair will follow up and notify the board.

The air quality issues took about approximately an hour of the board meeting time prior to addressing other agenda items.

A motion was made by Rob Coleman seconded by Nate Carter to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. The motion passed.

Due to the time left for the meeting and the length of agenda, Terry Parker made a suggestion that the board only deal with the action items on the agenda.

Land Use: 1) A motion was made by Terry Parker, seconded by Nate for the board to support for the Land Use and Transportation Committee recommendation to down zone the Euclid Heights area of RCPNA from R2.5 to R5 . The Motion passed. 2) A motion was made seconded and approved to support the Land Use and Transportation Committee recommendation for the option 2 land use designation (as presented to the City Council in January) in the Portland Comprehensive Plan Update. Terry Parker questioned the zoning in that he had added an amendment to the LU&TC recommendation to maintain the existing base (mostly R5) zoning.

LU&TC Chair Tamara DeRidder was unclear about the purpose of the amendment. Alan Brown who lives in a 100-year-old house on NE 60th and was at the LU&TC meeting where the amendment was made spoke to the board about zoning and the narrow sidewalks on 60th. Ha also agreed with the intent of Terry Parker's amendment. The motion to recommendation for the option 2 land use designation in the Portland Comprehensive Plan Update passed without any zoning amendment or requirement.

It was also noted that zoning hearings will be held before the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission on April 12th, and the City Council April 14th,

Communications: The Communications Committee passed out sample wording for a proposed postcard to be sent out to RCP households. After a short board discussion and questions, the concept will be further refined. No action was taken on the Bylaws:

Anne Lindsay briefly went over the proposed bylaws changes. Since it is limited to a couple of sections, Terry Parker asked if they conflicted with other sections. The changes must be presented and approved at two general membership meetings before they can be adopted.

Planning for the next general membership meeting continues. So far there have been few responses for the candidates forum. Candidates have been asked to respond by March 10th.

Car to Go: Due to a service boundary change, clusters of Car to Go cars are now being parked near Sandy on NE 60th (the edge of the new boundary) taking up on-street parking and at times blocking driveways. During the day, people are leaving their own cars parked in the neighborhood and taking the Cars to Go downtown so they do not have to pay for parking. Car to Go did not give adequate notice of the reduced service boundary. Neighbors have asked RCPNA for support in correcting the situation and have suggested re-expanding the boundary - similar to what was done in Seattle. A motion was made by Terry Parker, seconded by Rob Coleman to support a letter to be sent and composed by neighbors. The motion passed. Richard Crockett, David Gates, Deborah Field and Anne Lindsay abstained.

For the purpose of preparing the upcoming budget, the next board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday April 5th at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.