

Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) Board Meeting Minutes May 3, 2016

Meeting was held at the German American Society Building, 5626 NE Alameda, Portland, Oregon

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Members in attendance: Tamara DeRidder; Anne Lindsay, Vice Chair; Richard Crockett, Treasurer; and Board Members Robert Coleman, Deborah Field, David Gates, Craig Lindsay, Terry Parker, Amanda Petretti, Ramona Reule and Gail Zuro.

Special Guest Monetary Request

Neighbor Joey Razzano made a monetary request of \$168.50 to repaint the intersection of 61st and Tillamook on Sunday, June 5. The artwork painted last year by neighbors has slowed down traffic and been effective in bringing the community together, according to Joey. She has a painting permit from last year and has requested a new block party permit. Tamara indicated that neighbors are considering doing something similar at the intersection of 60th and Broadway to slow down traffic. Rob made a motion to approve the donation and Deborah seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously. Craig and Anne said this event might be a good opportunity to share some basic emergency preparedness information with the neighborhood and will set-up a table for a part of the event.

April Board Meeting Minutes

Richard made a motion to approve the April Board Meeting Minutes and Deborah seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously.

Budget Discussion

We are trying to get a good idea of what our income/expenses will be next year, so that we can develop a realistic budget that will allow us to function as a viable neighborhood association and purposefully decide what we want to give back to the community. We may want to have an official application process for a period of time next year for future monetary requests, so that we have a more fair way of reviewing/granting requests. Gail and Deborah said we should carefully review our expenses/income this year and decide if we need to cut back on anything. We decided to have a separate meeting on Tues., June 7, 7 – 8 pm to focus specifically on the budget.

Committee Updates:

Clean-Up

Rob told us that Metro made significant changes to what they will allow to be dropped off at neighborhood clean-ups this year. They will no longer accept yard debris and construction materials, which will most certainly impact participation. Although no one is currently recycling Styrofoam in Portland right now, we will accept it and will most likely just throw it out. Current sewer repair work should be completed in two weeks and should not impede vehicle access. Rob and Richard said that we need more volunteers. Board Members volunteered to put up lawn signs throughout the neighborhood and Ramona said she'd post the yard sale on Craig's list and other garage/yard sale websites. The group had a short discussion about whether we want to continue this activity, since Metro's rules have changed,

we've had a drop in volunteers and there seems to be a saturation of these events in spring. No decision was made.

Environment

David said that he approached the Grant High School National Honor Society to request volunteers for the Clean-Up. He said that plans for the Tree Survey, in conjunction with Portland Parks & Recreation are underway with 4 dates scheduled for our neighborhood: July 9 & 20, August 13 & 27. David has flyers/posters for distribution and volunteers will receive buttons. He will try to get an article into the Hollywood Star. (See attached flyer with more information).

Local Businesses

Deborah said that she and her committee were trying to solicit local businesses to market their services via a hand-out at the Clean-up event. For \$20, businesses could hand out coupons, announce specials or upcoming events in a format no larger than 8 ½ x 11.

Homelessness

Ramona said that she didn't have an update. The last meeting was rescheduled and the next meeting would be held May 18th.

Communications

In Erich's absence, Anne reminded the Board that the articles deadline for the June newsletter was May 10th. The Board encouraged David to submit an article about the Tree Survey for the newsletter. The Board discussed that there are numerous distribution issues that need to be addressed. It appears that the newsletters aren't being printed timely, which means that they aren't being delivered to the captains and delivery members in time for distribution. In addition, we are in need of additional delivery members to make sure that all our neighbors are covered and receiving the newsletters.

Entertainment

Craig said that he was finalizing the second group for our summer picnic concerts. This second group performs Brazilian music and uses dancers and lots of different instruments. The other group scheduled to perform is the Midnight Serenaders a local swing group.

Emergency Preparedness

Craig said that Tamara, Gail and he are now officially NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team) certified. He would like to do more outreach in the neighborhood in the coming year. RCP will host the next Hollywood/RCP NET meeting on June 14th.

Land-Use

Tamara made a motion to support "Removing Halsey Road Diet – Replacing the skip strip on NE Halsey from the 60th Ave., intersection eastward up to the bridge," and having "RCPNA help Host the Residential Infill Project Forum sometime between June-August 2016. Richard moved and Terry seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

Recap of April 26th General Meeting

Richard said he thought the Candidate/Ballot Measure Fair was successful, even though he was disappointed in the attendance. He said there was a lot of opportunity for the candidates to converse with fellow neighbors and that was appreciated. It was suggested that Board Members be more interactive and engage with neighbors they don't know.

June 21st General Meeting

Ramona said that she was going to have a meeting with the Director of Living Stages to discuss the 1-hour-long interactive presentation with Living Stages/Right 2 Survive on the Houseless Issue.

Other potential items for the meeting include:

- Residential Infill Project Overview
- Emergency Preparedness Presentation
- DEQ/Air Environmental Issues Update
- Elections for next year
- Committee Updates (summaries of accomplishments?)
- Recruitment for new Board/Committee Members

CNN Update

Rob and Anne shared that the Grant Neighborhood Association is considering joining CNN, because they believe their interests are more aligned with our neighborhood. The Board decided that we were not ready to make a decision on whether we'd like to support this. One of the concerns voiced was what kind of impact this might have on our current relationship with the Hollywood Neighborhood Association. Another concern was what kind of impact this might have on the current CNN budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Ramona E. Reule