

Rose City Park Neighborhood Association  
Board meeting minutes  
July 5, 2016  
German-American Society  
5636 NE Alameda Street  
Richard Crockett, note taker

The meeting was called to order by vice chairperson Anne Lindsay at 7:08 pm. Board members present were Richard Crockett, Gary Points, Terry Parker, David Gates, Craig Lindsay, Anne Lindsay, Stephen Effros and Ramona Reule. There was a quorum present.

There was a brief introduction of the Board members and then Mr. Gates introduced the four invitees who were asked to update the latest on the moss arsenic hot spot that was found in the local area. Michael Orman, Keith Johnson and Brian Boling from the Department of Environmental Quality and Jere High from the Oregon Department of health were the four gentlemen.

Mrs. Lindsay asked the DEQ/OHA representatives to specifically address what impact and information about the current air toxic quality issue pertains to the RCPNA residents. Mr. Johnson took the lead.

Back on March 2, the information from the Forest Service was new and raw. There was data, but there was no plan how to handle that data. Since that time the emphasis has been to work with the Bullseye Glass area because there was an obvious cause and effect situation. Two other sources have been identified and are being treated in the same fashion (Uroboros Glass Studio in north Portland and Precision Cast Parts in southeast Portland). DEQ learned how glass was produced and then set about writing rules to control toxic emissions from that production into the air shed. Four monitors were placed around each facility. Bullseye has been subjected to a couple of cease and desist orders and are working to install appropriate filters or to change production methods to stop the release of the toxins.

The long term solution is to create better rules to establish a health based regulatory program. The current rules are from the 1970s era and are industrial/technology based. California and Washington have rules that are health based and DEQ is looking to use them as templates.

The main Rose City Park concern is about the moss arsenic hot spot that was part of the March 2 report. The United States Forest Service kept their information close to the vest until the data was processed. The location of the RCP sample was at NE 52<sup>nd</sup> and Broadway. The analysis of the USFS data created a nebulous map based on the readings. The level in RCP is much lower than in other areas and no real origin has been identified. Mr. Boling took the floor and explained that looking at the dataset, there are a large number of metals that are represented but only 22 are under analysis. The moss only tells about what is in the moss – nothing else. DEQ is looking at combining the analysis of the moss and air data together, specifically the cadmium and arsenic results. The arsenic shows no differentiation from historic data in both the nation and Portland. The origin can be from combustion, native volcanic soil or some other source. The moss has been calibrated for cadmium, but not for other metals.

A sample from the Cully neighborhood on Portland Highway has become a high priority for follow-up for potential health concerns. DEQ is learning as they go. Modeling predictions from 2010 are true for arsenic. The follow up on the moss involves air quality monitors, and the number of possible monitors is limited. The moss data is three years old and the current plans are to re-sample and increase sampling in

the areas. December 2016 is the target for the larger sampling to start. The release of data from the mosses may be affected by the species being samples.

Mrs. Lindsay asked that the Office of Neighborhood Involvement be used for communications about the status of the project and the results. She wanted to know what the procedure for the December follow up would be. Mr. Boling responded that Europe has a five year moss monitoring for trending purposes. Here we use the monitors to identify areas of interest for deeper investigation. After the re-sampling, data should be available by the end of the first quarter of 2017. High lead may result from house demolition since there is no requirement that dust be abated if the structure is demolished. The question was raised if there were other metals found in the RCP sample. There were a number of them found, but none at elevated levels.

Mr. High stated that air data is need to start assessing what the health effects might be and that establishing benchmarks on 24 hour and ambient levels will be a goal of the re-sampling. Mr. Gates said that there is a summer forum for the Central Northeast Neighborhood associations in the planning stages. Mrs. Lindsay requested that the date for the CNN meeting on the air quality question be set soon and communicated through the CNN and RCPNA websites.

After the presenters left, the remainder of the agenda was addressed.

The minutes of the June 7 Board meeting were accepted with the additions requested by Board member Deb Field.

A neighborhood association orientation was given to new Board members Steve Effros and Gary Points. The history of the ONI system in the city government was reviewed and the path that leads to our local group was outlined (ONI>CNN>RCPNA). There are four general meetings and eight Board meeting during the year. General meetings will have a theme, planned by the Board. Minutes of all meetings are required. Votes do not to have to have a detailed tally reported. The minutes are typed up for Board review with an appropriate deadline and are finalized at the next Board meeting, then sent to CNN with the sign in sheet for the attendees. There are standing committees and there are a number of important vacancies (Secretary, Clean-Up, Newsletter distribution, fund raising and Communications). Anyone interested in assisting with a neighborhood table at Fremont Fest on August 6 should contact Deb Field.

Stephen Effros volunteered to be the RCPNA secretary, effective August 2 (Thank You Steve!).

Committee reports were given. See the incorporated Board Packet for the treasurer's, the communications committee and the Land Use and Transportation committee reports. Craig Lindsay submitted the attached entertainment report and announced that he would be resigning the chairmanship of the committee after the 2016 concerts have been completed and closed on the books. The Houseless committee will have a proposal to partner with the Rose City Methodist Church in a project. Cully and Parkrose Neighborhood Associations are being informed of the committee's activities. Chair Ramona Reule said that the people involved with her area are doing a great job. Outgoing Communications chair Erich Steifvater presented a proposal to send a gift to all of the newsletter distribution network volunteers to show our appreciation for their hard work in the past year. Richard

Crockett moved to table this question until the August Board meeting. Terry Parker seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Living Stages presenter from the last general meeting will share the video they took once it is edited into final form. Mr. Gates has distributed cards and posted posters about the upcoming event (4 dates).

Mr. Parker added some information about the Land Use and Transportation Transmittal in the Board Packet. Mr. Lindsay will send all Board members a color logo for use in transmitting Board approved information outside the Board Membership. The Transmittal was approved and Mr. Porter will be sending that off as well as submitting official RCPNA testimony on July 12.

Mr. Crockett mentioned that he is attempting to see if Case Study Coffee would be willing to host a "Coffee with a Cop" event like the one that was recently (June 3) at the Fremont Starbucks.

Mr. Parker wanted to be certain that his concern about Board members not making CNN Board and CNN LU&TC meetings is causing our votes to be invalid in those consideration.

Under a motion by Mr. Crockett that was seconded by Mr. Lindsay, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Attachments: RCPNA Board Meeting July 5, 2016 Board Packet (11 page)  
Entertainment Committee Report