

Rose City Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors meeting

September 1, 2015

German-American Society, 5626 NE Alameda

The meeting was convened at 7:11 by Tamara DeRidder, chair. Since there were only 9 board members and 7 guests present, a lack of a quorum was declared. With the arrival of an additional board member later in the meeting, a quorum was declared. An additional guest arrived toward the end of the meeting.

All present introduced themselves as the first order of business. The three visitors from Our Lady of La Vang indicated that they were there to reach out into the neighborhood to become more active. They pledged to take care of noise issues from future large events.

The addition of new board member Tim Spofford was tabled until a quorum was established.

Vice chair Anne Lindsay circulated conflict of interest statements for signature of the members present. She explained the reasoning behind having the signed statements and used her personal situation of having property in two different neighborhood association boundaries as an example of when a board member may want to recuse themselves from consideration of an issue before the board. Anne circulated a paper copy of the latest board member listing and asked for all to make any corrections necessary. Craig Lindsay asked that board member indicate if they will need a name badge for the October 13 general meeting to notify him so he could have badges ready. Rob Coleman will follow up on the Conflict of Interest forms with the members not in attendance.

The treasurer's report was sent by e-mail. The only change from August 28 is the addition of 42 cents in interest, so the current balance is \$5,936.92.

Land Use and Transportation Committee did not have a written report submitted. The regular meeting has been changed to a week earlier, September 10. Minutes of the prior meeting have been distributed via e-mail. There is a proposal that is just being suggested by the city to have overnight (8pm-6am) on street parking for the entire city handled under a permit system. The charge per household would be progressive for more than one vehicle. Parking in driveways and during the day would not require a permit, but there is concern that if this system were put into place, all on street parking would be limited to 4 hours (or less) except for residents of that zone. Meetings will be started soon, and there is a sense of urgency since the consultant for this project is under contract only through October. The sense of the meeting was that RCPNA should publicize these meetings (which will be open to all) on all available outlets (Facebook, Next Door, Website, newsletter, etc.) in simple English to explain the proposal and the process.

Erich Stiefvater reported that there had been no Communications Committee meeting. Gail Zuro is working on the website and e-mails. The newsletter deadline is September 9. Nate Carter asked about a problem he had with sending out the Land Use minutes using the board list e-mail system. Vince Schiro's alleycat address has been changed and he needs to send his new address to Erich or Gail for updating. Erich did say that the spam filter can be a bit aggressive, but it is doing a good job keeping us from being buried in non-pertinent messages.

There was no written report submitted by the Environmental Committee. David Gates and Rob Coleman reported on the 57<sup>th</sup> and Euclid agreement that had been sent out from the city. The incorrect form had been sent and no replacement has appeared yet. Alison Stoll has been asked if the Central Northeast Neighbors insurance would be usable for the liability that the city is asking about. She has not responded yet. The city will send out crews for the planters, but will not maintain the trees and grass. David said that there are neighbors willing to volunteer to take care of the grass and the trees. He wondered if enlisting the assistance of Green Street volunteers would be the solution, especially if the two neighbors could become part of that group.

Chair Tamara suggested that a Good Neighbor agreement could be entered into with Our Lady Of La Vang and invited the three guests to attend that meeting. Nate Carter will send a blank form to the info email for the church. They were also invited to consider having a representative become a member of the RCPNA board.

The tabled issue of adding Tim Spofford as a new board member was addressed next since an additional member had arrived and a quorum had been declared. Mr. Spofford was elected to the board with no negative votes cast.

Terry Parker (and others) reported on the planning for the October 13 General Meeting. Senator Dembrow will have 25 minutes for a presentation and questions. Shawn Wood will have the same number of minutes for his presentation and questions on deconstruction. We will add the on-street parking permit proposal. We anticipate having music start at 6:30 as well as the potluck, and the actual meeting beginning at 7:00. We will have a door prize drawing for new neighbors and should have clean-up done before 9. Ramona Reule and Nate Carter will look into getting the door prizes. Nate reported that the owners of the Lucky House/Seven Elements restaurants would love to cater the meeting at no cost to widen their exposure to the neighborhood. This offer was enthusiastically approved. The board members will provide dessert. We anticipate about 60 attendees. Chair DeRidder will send an e-mail to vice-chair Anne Lindsay outlining the procedures for chairing the general meeting since her physical status precludes her being able to effectively take that position for this meeting.

The next topic was the planning for the upcoming retreat. We expect to have 12 to 15 people in attendance. Anne Lindsay circulated two documents for the members to consider before the date of the retreat. The first was a list of priorities for the year that Craig Lindsay had compiled and the second was an update done by Anne based on the ad hoc planning committee that met in August. Attendees have been asked to e-mail Anne with their personal take on the priorities no later than September 5. Since the proposed agenda is very robust, we should look for a way to streamline the day. The question of updating the by-laws was raised, since the last revision was in 2006. The board will look at a revision, but through another avenue, not at the retreat. At the retreat there will be discussions, but decisions will be set off to the next board meeting. We need to think about how to narrow the afternoon to focus on the priorities – what will we do to address the identified issues. We should focus on a plan of action at the November board meeting. How can we better serve the neighborhood? What is our role? Is there something that some other organization does that we can support? Chloe Altman presented a proposal for catering the retreat. It was decided that we did not need a breakfast served, we would prefer the lunch wraps have no peppers and that seasonal fruit should be added to the snacks category. Chloe will revise the menu and re-submit a proposal to us as soon as practicable. Richard Crockett will be providing the coffee grounds and Ramona Reule will bring a coffee maker capable of making 12 cups. If a couple of people bring thermal carafes, we should have the coffee situation under control.

David Sweet from the Cully neighborhood has been appointed the CNN representative to the City's Residential Infill Task Force. There is one representative from every neighborhood coalition. The question is how does RCPNA plan to engage with David in this role. He has to make himself available to Land Use and Board meetings. How do we get information to him? Does the Board need to be proactive to engage with him? What is the fabric of our neighborhood? Chair DeRidder will message David to let him know that we will be making contact with him to let him know what the neighborhood is thinking on the issues.

Can CNN help the neighborhood associations provide adaptive communications avenues for our meetings? Is there a source and funding for translation and interpretation? The Communications Committee will look into this question.

There was a discussion about dropping non-attending board members per our by-laws. Anne Lindsay will look into the appropriate procedure.

After a review of action items, the meeting adjourned at 9:06

Richard Crockett, acting secretary