

RCPNA Board Meeting
February 7, 2017, 7-9 pm

1. Introductions
 - a. Tamara DeRidder, Board member
 - b. Catherine Burke, new to RCP, here to observe
 - c. Ramona Reule, Board member
 - d. Ed Gorman, was a member, on land use, now retired
 - e. Shelly McIntire, lives nearby
 - f. Terry Parker, Board member
 - g. Larry Wilder, Board member
 - h. Anne Lindsay, Board member (Craig Lindsay fell and in recovery)
 - i. David Gates, Board member
 - j. Gary Points, Board member
 - k. Steve Effros, Board member
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Introduction and Approval of New Board Members
 - a. Ed Gorman: previously on Board for 5/6 years, on land use/transportation committee; worked at PGE, with PBOT; all in favor of Ed joining Board
 - b. Catherine Burke: nurse, works in Vancouver, in chronic care management; first time homebuyer, moved over summer, went through NET training; all in favor of Catherine joining Board; description of committees and process for joining
4. Recap of January General Meeting
 - a. Tree presentation: surprise about desired size for planting strip trees; there are some limitations based on high voltage wires overhead; the City and Urban Forestry and Friends of Trees try to make sure you have the right combination of location and species; great reception by public for street tree presentation; good questions for Morgan Tracy, hope that he takes this back to City; David Gates will look to get video of presentation; also, will try to post electronic version of presentation
 - b. Attendance: about 65 people; attracted people outside of neighborhood because of subject matter; CNN (Central Northeast Neighborhoods) attracts people to RCPNA meetings
 - c. Crime/Police: a lot of petty crime, theft from vehicles and of vehicles; concern about homeless, parking around Normandale and camping near Binford Apartments at around 70th; anxiety about increase in crime; message was to not be afraid, but to be smart about how you maintain your house; some good experience with Police about reporting break-ins; you can't guess or profile who is going to commit crime; good practice is to let neighbors know when you are going away so they can watch out for your property; important to get to know your neighbors; Neighborhood Watch has been in decline, they don't have as many crime prevention officers and they are assigned to much larger areas due to funding restrictions; they used to see crime prevention as a community building exercise; some interest in focusing on block-by-block group, starting

with emergency preparedness and building out from there; with advent of more renters, it could be a good opportunity to bring them into neighborhood, but it can be tricky to deliver to secured/locked multiplex apartment buildings

- d. Contacts: good to take advantage of General Meetings to build up neighborhood email list; look at volunteer leveraging based on neighborhood list of supporters; City gets a lot out of volunteers, with less support for neighborhood coalitions
 - e. Action Items:
 - i. Sign-up from email lists from General Meetings
 - ii. Gary Points will talk about Block Watch for NET education
5. Committee Reports
- a. Business: Deb Fields absent
 - b. Clean-up:
 - i. Steve Effros presented a summary of the recent CNN clean-up meeting
 - ii. Styrofoam: see Far West in Hillsboro; sometimes it varies on a case-by-case basis; are there any more reliable locations?
 - iii. Treated wood + lead paint not allowed; new Metro rules generally prohibit all construction material
 - iv. Garage sale/reuse: see Terry Parker for expertise; need to get more people to come to it; stuff coming in all day long, but sometimes people aren't there at the right time; price it reasonably; but also haul away a lot at the end; Northeast Emergency Food Program + Goodwill provided some support; is there a way to get space at St. Rose Church?; look at option to bring it ahead of time and then sell at the event, would require support
 - v. Need good article for newsletter: need to focus on what you can't bring + yard sale concept, including volunteers
 - vi. Volunteers: need to focus on recruiting volunteers to assist in screening effort
 - vii. Form for garage sale: charitable contributions
 - viii. Dale Bailey ran it in the past, see Ed
 - c. Communications: no meeting this past month; will look at publicizing Clean-Up event; will determine newsletter deadline
 - d. Emergency Preparedness: Craig Lindsay absent; Gary said last meeting was cancelled due to snow, Tuesday is next meeting; want to come up with formal RCP NET team, looking at start of summer to submit papers; have about 14 NET team members; NET team was activated during recent storms to watch live downed live wires
 - e. Entertainment: Gary and Larry Wilder spoke about artist selection, possibly bringing back Tony Starlight and a Hawaiian act; Craig going to present local band to Gary; Ramona recommended Matt Tabor, keyboardist for Tony Starlight with his own band; Larry is interested in getting a performer who is completely engaging with audience like Norman Sylvester; Anne is looking for diversity of bands from year-to-year

- f. Environment: David said that Tree Coalition met with a solid team that is interested in moving forward after tree inventory; put off tree walk, need to go through heritage tree nominations; see publication “From Stumptown to Tree Town” as a possible model for RCP neighborhood; this could be a good part of the tree walk; see example of monkey trees that were given away as part of Lewis & Clark Exposition in 1905 as a possible nomination for heritage trees; trees that are pruned when they are young will have a better chance of surviving ice storms; workshop in fall to show how to prune; looking at grant to remove and replace old trees; potential grant to plant trees at intersection of Sandy & NE 57th; also Rose City Park/Fernwood school is interested in planting trees there
 - g. Houselessness: meeting tomorrow night at Ramona Reule’s house; Bob Durston, Co-Chair of the Houseless Committee and former City of Portland employee, knows a lot of people, including Marshall Runkle, Chloe Eudaly’s chief of staff; invited Chris Aisoa, head of Do Good Multnomah, a Multnomah County-sponsored veterans program, which is currently housed at RCP United Methodist Church; unfortunately the church’s pastor, Courtney McHill, is leaving after Easter, but there is hope to keep program going; Jessica Hecox, a neighbor, has taken it upon herself to create a grassroots outreach program to the houseless (food, clothing, etc); more information after tomorrow’s meeting; change in Mayor’s office will hopefully improve situation; see possible inclusion in next newsletter
 - h. Land Use & Transportation: Taco Time coming under review at next meeting; Tamara DeRidder emailed architect to update on tagging of property and use by homeless; new owner is now liable for issues at site; see other properties not keeping their right-of-way clear; Tamara said that there is a PBOT number to call; Terry went to Montavilla PBOT Growing Transit Communities meeting; at March meeting our area will be presented to RCP, including sidewalks on 60th Avenue Station Area; Catherine asked about self-storage building near where she lives, Tamara clarified that this is a permitted use
6. Planning for Next General Meeting – April 25
- a. Ramona brought up a possible clean-up update by Steve, including getting volunteers together and discussing plans
 - b. Terry brought up the possibility of bringing Ted Wheeler and/or Chloe Eudaly or their staff to introduce them to neighborhood and maybe also discussion about houselessness; Tamara will try contacting them
 - c. Board Elections: for all members; one person is not re-upping; might delay this until May
 - d. Taco Time update
 - e. Safety/Community Building update by Gary; see new preparedness calendar per Tamara’s discussion that can build up neighborhood resources
7. New Business
- a. Expansion of Fremont bus line: used to have a frequent bus, but doesn’t anymore; it used to go across the river; now there is new interest due to growing population; Beaumont-Wilshire and Madison-South are both interested; Tamara

waiting to hear back from Deb regarding Beaumont business community; after some discussion of the pro's and con's, the Board decided to support this effort

- b. CNN supports non-neighborhood associations that ONI (Office of Neighborhood Involvement) also supports; Chloe came to meeting; they presented their work with neighborhood associations; Chloe decided that she was going to support draft advisory committee budget; might be doing some restructuring to help ONI function better, paying attention to audit report; RCPNA should look at auditor's report to see if there is anything that impacts us and how we would support issues

8. Adjourn