

RCPNA Board Meeting
December 6, 2016, 7-9 pm

1. Introductions
2. Review and Approval of the October 25 General Meeting Minutes and the November 15 Board Meeting Minutes
 - a. October 25 notes: Gary points not attendance; meeting notes accepted
 - b. November 15 notes: Gary agreed to sit on Public Safety Action Committee; agenda item 7 Homelessness Neighborhood Program, deferred to this meeting; meeting notes accepted
3. Treasurer's Report (Richard Crockett)
 - a. See Treasurer's Report
 - b. 3 newsletter ads came in
 - c. Newsletter printing paid bill as presented
4. Homelessness Report & Discussion (Ramona Reule, Catherine Wilson, Bob Durston)
 - a. Have met for the past year to talk about houseless and homeless issue
 - b. Very committed group of people
 - c. Wanted to share thoughts with the rest of the Board; would like Board support if project becomes available so they can take action
 - d. Rose City Park United Methodist Church has been housing people; Do Good Multnomah project; they spend the night there; no complaints from neighbors as far as they know
 - e. Bob Durston: would like to get direction from the Board, and whether to meet in the future; grew out of neighborhood forum on homelessness; has personal interest in this issue; issue can become volatile, no right or wrong about how to address it; were in touch with Josh Alpert at the City; some local issues at Normandale Park and along the freeway; how to bring value to overall effort; how to respond when an issue arises; Oregon Catholic Press put together training; Josh asked group to sit tight in effort to help people find affordable housing and deal with homeless campers in a positive and productive way, but Josh left a few months later; now there is a new mayor
 - f. See Findings and Values section of Work Group document; see concerns about how we use our public spaces collectively; understanding what expectations are for all sides; yes, we care, but there are responsibilities
 - g. See Recommendations: including increasing number of affordable housing units, finding shelter options, supporting community efforts to address mental health or addiction issues, acknowledging the housing crisis and supporting temporary camping rules with specific caveats that address rights and responsibility for conduct, establishing a permanent working group to monitor housing and homelessness issues, and request that City and County expand and replicate successful homeless intervention programs
 - h. Catherine Wilson: see original concern about homeless encampment at Rose City Park Golf Course hillside; see possible solutions that expand beyond overnight shelter and look at use during the day

- i. Tamara DeRidder: brought up possibilities for vetting individuals to allow homeowners to house these individuals in their homes; possible tax write-off
 - j. Anne Lindsay: surprised that a lot of people in the neighborhood were compassionate about issue but weren't sure how they could be helpful; people looking for leadership; looking for how to get action from City; see event at Buckman community event tomorrow with Dan Saltzman; would like to hear a coherent plan since the bond passed; this working group document should be promoted on the web since it is so well put together
 - k. Parkrose Business District: they have wetlands adjacent to business district and see campers coming into business district; set a really good model for balancing interests and responsibilities
 - l. Issues: the number of people has increased dramatically, and the staff at the City and County are doing a good job at getting people into housing, but the need is so great; politics is getting in the way; neighborhood can push a little to get the City to move forward
 - m. Looking for a mission or a task: could start with a script of how to address people in need; could put together a list of resources; could put together a list of local organizations on next year's holiday newsletter; see potential job resources and food pantry volunteer opportunities; see church's efforts to help people in transition (Daybreak Program)
 - n. Look for good ideas for newsletter and website
 - o. Is there a message to be sent to CNN Board? Anne and David Gates could report to the CNN Board and that they would like to come back in the new year with ideas; could ask about other neighborhood associations and what they are doing
 - p. See three primary efforts: (1) practical efforts; (2) communication tools; (3) political efforts at the CNN level
 - q. Board approval of Recommendations 1 thru 5 of Working Group document
5. Planning for January 24 General Meeting:
- a. See planning from previous meeting
 - i. PSAC (Portland Safety Action Committee): Gary Points introduction and invitation to group to find out what sorts of issues should be brought to PSAC
 - ii. Neighborhood Air Quality: DEQ and Forest Service Update
 - iii. City of Portland Tree Update
 - iv. City of Portland Infill Update
 - b. Speakers invitations have been taken care of
 - c. Make copies of homelessness working group document available
 - d. Ramona will post event in the Star
 - e. Food arrangements: people could bring desserts or could get food from Costco (Long Truong) with ability to donate; will need to supply plates and plastic silverware; the count should be for about 60; Craig Lindsay will bring water
 - f. Come early to set up
6. Committee Reports
- a. Business: Deb Fields is out sick

- b. Clean-up: Steve Effros will get an outline from Rob Coleman and set up a meeting in new year
 - c. Emergency Preparedness: Craig made presentation about emergency kits to a neighborhood group; this group used neighborhood watch as the template for organizing this effort; could feature this group in newsletter and have a workshop; would like to organize Rose City Park Neighborhood at the block-by-block level; could include the schools as well
 - d. Entertainment: no updates; in the new year, present ideas for music that you would like to see
 - e. Environment: see other agenda sections; see tree inventory report; early tree pruning is important to maintain the health of the tree
 - f. PSAC: Gary will attend meeting next week; Tamara and Ramona attended one meeting; a liaison from Board will help the Police because they are short-staffed; allows them to hear the local issues; Police commander has access to all sorts of resources
7. Land Use and Transportation (Tamara DeRidder): recommends denial of 2 setback adjustments to a new garage located at 2825 NE 63rd
- a. Board approves
 - b. Additional item: Terry Parker made recommendation for how to build more affordable housing at City meeting; Terry brought up issue of elimination of new parking with Amanda Fritz
 - c. Tamara: brought up City's centers and corridors meeting without any public notice
8. New Business & Recap Next Steps
- a. The City is trying to improve communication with neighborhood associations; asking each of 95 neighborhood associations to identify snail mail and email addresses for City communication (notifications, general correspondence, and certified mail); have used CNN for mailing address; CNN has in the past PDF'ed these documents; see David Fellows to set up an email address for group
 - b. Submit bio to David Fellows
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