

**Rose City Park Neighborhood Association
February 2, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes**

Location: German American Society Building, 5626, NE Alameda.

Attending:

Officers: Chair, Tamara DeRidder; Vice Chair, Secretary, Anne Lindsay; Treasurer, Richard Crockett

Board Members: Robert (Rob) Coleman, Deborah Field, David Gates, Craig Lindsay, Terry Parker, Amanda Petretti, Ramona Reule, Erich Stiefvater, and Gail Zuro.

Minutes:

The RCPNA Board meeting was to order and began at 8:05 pm.

1. The Minutes of the December 5, 2015 Board meeting were unanimously adopted with minor revisions.
2. Treasurer's Report: No change from December. However the newsletter bill (\$750) arrived today. A detailed report and summary of income and expenses for CY-2015 was provided. Attachment A.
3. Committee Reports:

Communication Committee: Recent activities were provided in a written report. Attachment B.
Report Summary:

- The deadline for the April 2016 RCPNA newsletter is March 10;
- There are openings on the newsletter delivery team and our current newsletter distribution coordinator is leaving and will be working with us during the transition.
- Gail Zuro has made refinements to the web site and set up Mail Chimp for our email.
- The committee is considering setting up a monthly electronic newsletter.
- The committee applied for and was awarded a \$350 grant from CNN to prepare an informational postcard.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Craig and Anne Lindsay are to provide a draft to the committee. The committee intends the card to be ready to help publicize the April general meeting, which will be a candidate and issue fair.
- Next Communication Committee meeting will be on Feb. 23.

Erich Stiefvater, Committee Chair, announced that due to increased work and family activities he will be transitioning out of the Newspaper Editor and Board Membership during the coming year.

Cleanup Committee: (Clean up and Garage Sale May 21)

- Richard Crockett, volunteer coordinator, will outreach for volunteers beginning Feb 14.
- The yard sale was discussed: particularly how to market it both for drawing people in and for getting contributions in order to increase sales. It might be useful to collect items a week or two before the sale, but storage is an issue that may be hard to overcome.

Entertainment Committee: (Music in the Park Picnics, July 23 and 30)

- Permits have been obtained from the city. Sign-off approvals will be sought starting in April (completed approvals due June 23.)
- RCPNA may take possession of the stage, providing we find a place to store it.
- Many suggestions were made for music.

ACTION ITEM: Craig Lindsay will contact Larry Wilder and they will investigate musicians. Craig will also contact the current stage owner to see if he is still interested in transferring it.

Emergency Preparedness: Craig Lindsay and Gail Zuro

- Craig and Gail have been attending Hollywood/Rose City Park NET (Neighborhood Emergency

Team) meetings.

- Craig is taking the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training at University of Portland. This training is accepted by Portland's NET.
- Since emergency preparedness covers all types of emergencies—fires, power outage, water outage, wind storm damage—as well as earthquakes, we would like to start a program (and find someone to manage it) that would encourage neighbors helping neighbors in any emergency. Contacts and information sharing could be done through block parties or other events. Board members had a number of suggestions on how to get started reaching out.

ACTION ITEM: Craig and Gail will provide a list of preparedness suggestions to Tamara and investigate other avenues suggested.

Environment: David Gates

- First tree planting will begin on March 19. Must be on the list by Feb 15. Inform friends and neighbors.
- 60 families in our neighborhood want trees.
- Discussion of using bicycles for planting.
- East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District will be having a sale of native plants. Orders close tomorrow, Feb. 3.
- The tree survey will have a March 12 organizing meeting. The survey will take place from June to Nov.
- Discussion of whether to honor people with a tree instead of a plaque.

ACTION ITEM: Unanimous vote to have David develop a plan/recommendation.

- Report on Sandy Crest neighbor's dog poop problem. David investigated and there is quite a problem. There doesn't seem to be a simple resolution due to management disregard. Getting a lawyer looks like the only solution, but the homeowner is reluctant to do so.

Homelessness: Ramona Reule

- There was a meeting yesterday, Feb 1. Next meeting is March 7.
- Issues: Resources, RV parking, camping were discussed. May be some outreach to businesses.
- Anne Lindsay reported CNN has discussed the issue. Sumner NA has a particular problem with some of the campers around Rocky Butte since METRO and ODOT own the property and don't want to deal with the issue.

Local Business: Deborah Field Attachment C

- Beaumont Business District on March 20th will be having a "Dash to Doughnuts 3K" in promotion with the World Indoor Track and Field Championship being held in Portland. Businesses have been invited to set up "obstacles" in front of their businesses. Participants will get coupons and doughnuts from businesses.
- Motion was made and unanimously voted that RCPNA will have a table to give out water to participants and provide a \$75 contribution.
- Proposal to develop a packet for local business inserts was discussed.

ACTION ITEM: Deborah will work with the business associations on details.

4. By-Laws Proposal: Anne Lindsay, Attachment D

- A side-by-side of current RCPNA By-Laws (2012) and Office of Neighborhood Involvement By-Law Template was provided. These are the sections relating to complaints by a neighborhood member about the nature of our by-laws.

ACTION ITEM: Board Members read the side-by-side and be ready to discuss at next board meeting.

5. April 26 general meeting will be a candidate/issue fair.

ACTION ITEM: Richard Crockett will set the agenda.

6. Land Use Issues: Tamara DeRidder

- Discussion of various continuances: Euclid Heights Subdivision down-zone from R2.5 to R5, the 60th Ave station redesign, Proposed transit improvement and impact on parking on Halsey, and the neighborhood impact of the new Car2Go boundary of 60th.

7: New Business

- Discussion of budget and planning following retreat recommendation.

ACTION ITEM: Budget Committee: Develop a plan to discuss at next Board meeting

A motion was made and unanimously adopted to adjourn at 9:20pm

Craig Lindsay
Minutes Recorder

Attachments: