

Rose City Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2016
7:00 – 9:30 pm

1. Introductions
2. Review and approval of previous meeting notes
 - a. June 21 General Meeting: no notes
 - b. July 5 Meeting: see corrections and approval of notes
3. Treasurer's Report – Richard Crockett
 - a. Gathering final concert numbers; no update
 - b. See bills from Craig from concert
 - c. Walker Award money returned, made donation instead
 - d. See July 30 concert cost as well
4. Better Oregon Presentation – representatives not present
 - a. General discussion: there are enough signatures to put Measure 97 on ballot; this would tax corporations with revenue of \$25 million/year or more; this was just intended to be a presentation, as the Board can't support or oppose it; would need to have both sides present at a General Meeting
5. Website Presentation – David Fellows
 - a. New features:
 - i. Direct signup for email list (MailChimp) makes the process easier
 - ii. Social media links provide access to active communities
 - iii. Our Neighborhood section: see photos; historical photos would help, see photo scans/original from history book
 - iv. Make a call to community for content; include an article in the next newsletter
 - v. About RCPNA section: provide profiles of Board members; documents archive can include minutes
 - vi. Newsletter section: see neighborhood stories; build up delivery volunteer capacity; advertise local
 - vii. Our Neighborhood/Highlights sections: see new information
 - viii. Helpful Info section: see good information/links; see information from newsletter
 - ix. Calendar section: see link to CNN calendar
 - x. Contact Us section: see email list and links
 - xi. Volunteer sign-up: Deborah Field and Ramona Reule will provide a list of what volunteers can sign up for; Tamara DeRidder recommended including entire calendar in this section
 - xii. Website font size: Deborah recommended confirming if font size is legible, and increasing it if necessary

- xiii. Board Access section: see password protection; Anne Lindsay recommended including a location for Board-related documents, including by-laws, addresses, conflict of interest forms
 - b. Timeframe: David indicated that it will take a little time before cut-over to the new website will occur, likely around mid-August
 - c. Communications input
 - i. Roger Farnen and Helene Farnen will coordinate on the Volunteer section
 - ii. Cost of ads for newsletter: advertising rate sheet not yet set
 - iii. Anne referred to the upcoming Communications Committee portion of the agenda; there has been communication with the printers to get estimates, but this won't be ready to switch for October newsletter; at September Board meeting could be ready to discuss advertising rates
 - iv. Ramona indicated that the new size will help determine these rates
 - v. Anne recommended some discounts for thank-you's to businesses for doing favors for RCPNA
 - vi. Ramona recommended having a more consistent system of rates
 - vii. Deborah recommended comparing rates with other neighborhoods
 - viii. Tamara indicated that community sponsors could be highlighted on website
- 6. Committee Reports
 - a. Board note: Jack will not be able to serve on the Board due to too many commitments
 - b. Board Committee needs: each Committee will update and identify where there are needs for Board members or other volunteers to participate and/or take on responsibilities
 - c. Committees
 - i. Communications Committee
 1. Anne called to pick up route; Tamara indicated that Kelly (last name?) wanted to volunteer
 2. Right now they have 2 of 11 captain roles to fill; need 4 more delivery people
 3. Article writing: need new system for article writing
 - a. See possibility of Board members writing articles (eg, David Gates can follow up on tree inventory)
 - b. Look at articles on new volunteers to show opportunities to get involved
 - c. Deborah presented idea of local business involvement, expanding relationship with Communications Committee
 - d. Emergency preparedness is another possible article topic
 - e. Could include a section about getting to know neighbors
 4. Committee discussed how it should use its tools, such as email blasts (limiting to 3 emails/month) and Facebook + NextDoor to present issues as they come up
 - ii. Budget Committee

1. Fundraising efforts
 - a. Anne recommended that RCPNA be more active in fundraising
 - b. Deborah, Tamara and David pointed to a possible community partners program, as an example, finding businesses to pay to get a major place in the newsletter, web, etc
 - c. Members called for prioritization of how much of budget is going to come from different sources
 - d. Steve Effros recommended a possible raffle with local business donations
 - e. Members indicated that a local business committee could do outreach for ad submissions, but would need more members
 - f. Deborah recommended setting up a fundraising team to focus on this effort
- iii. Clean-Up Committee
 1. Steve offered to be new Chair of Clean-Up Committee
 2. Members recommended contacting Rob Coleman, the previous Chair
 3. Richard indicated that he has volunteer sources for clean-up event
 4. Ramona indicated that she is working on volunteer form for community members to show interest; she recommended creating a location for this form on the website
- iv. Business Committee
 1. Committee called for more members, to meet for coffee once a week
 2. Committee looking to find another business owner to be represented
 3. At Fremont Fest on Saturday, there will be a table in front of Paper Jam; Richard will drop off banner and more books; will include 2 sets of cards for RCPNA + emergency preparedness; will work with Katie Meyer, the lead for Fremont Fest, to find possible opportunities for coordination
- v. Emergency Preparedness Committee
 1. There are enough people to form NET team
 2. There are events the Board could promote, including:
 - a. National/Oregon Exercise on October 20
 - b. Block party information, encouraging neighbors to have meetings with NET team to support
 - c. Tamara indicated that a CNN grant could fund a neighborhood-wide drill; Anne indicated that RCPNA +

Hollywood Boards could support grant proposal through NET people; grant offers up to \$3,000 in funding

- d. Gary Points indicated that he will discuss this with the NET team; Tamara said that fire trucks and ambulance could go out to fall block parties to promote emergency preparedness

vi. Entertainment Committee

- 1. This committee needs a new chair
- 2. Other needs include getting volunteers for event
- 3. Gary volunteered to become the new chair
- 4. Members discussed previous Golf Tournament events; this went away when Board member left; historically the donations went to cover golf course use; this could be a possible future fundraiser

vii. Environment Committee: David Gates not in

viii. Homelessness Committee

- 1. Ramona indicated that team is looking at its work over the last 6 months
- 2. Terry Parker pointed to today's announcement from the Mayor that changes the rules for camping
- 3. Members indicated that there is additional camping occurring at South Madison

ix. Land Use + Transportation Committee

- 1. Tamara indicated that there is a new proposed development at 51st & Sandy, designed by TVA Architects; the proposal would include 90 studio and apartment units; its location is the old Taco Time; the September land use meeting will include a discussion about it; it would be the first new tall building since the Hollywood Whole Foods building
- 2. There is a proposed demolition of an old foursquare house at 2747 NE 62nd Ave.
- 3. Allen Brown toured the 60th Ave. Station Area and determined that while there is a lot of history in that part of the neighborhood, it is not enough to provide National Historic District Status; there may be some potential landmark homes in this area

7. Residential Infill Discussion & Recommendations

- a. Tamara indicated that there was a public comment period while many neighborhood organizations were taking breaks; August 15 is the deadline for comments; the Survey Monkey survey results are included in an attachment to these notes; this survey was run for 9 days
- b. Tamara provided an overview of the Residential Infill program:
 - i. Infill projects came online because of all of the demolitions that were occurring and their replacement with monster homes
 - ii. A residential infill committee was created

- iii. The Mayor decided to look at housing types and how to achieve more density
 - iv. So-called “middle housing” would offer opportunities to increase density and make housing more affordable, particularly for people of moderate income; there hasn’t been an analysis of this conclusion; developers can’t necessarily make money on this type of housing
 - c. The Board considered the proposals presented by the LU & TC committees, as well as input gathered through the neighborhood survey, with the following Board votes on these proposals
 - i. Proposal 1 – Establish house size square foot limits proportional to lot size; Board = yes
 - ii. Proposal 2 – Measure from the lowest point 5 feet from the house; 30 ft max in R5; Board = yes
 - iii. Proposal 3 – Increases minimum setback by 5 feet with exceptions for matching front setbacks on existing, immediately adjacent homes; Board = yes
 - iv. Proposal 4 – Housing Types; Board = yes, with 2 abstaining, with internal conversion
 - v. Proposal 5 - Allow Cottage clusters on lots larger than 10,000 sq ft; Board = yes, with 1 abstaining, but 10,000 sq ft lots don’t exist in RCPN + desire to have truth in zoning
 - vi. Proposal 6 – Establish minimum unit requirements for R2.5; Board = yes
 - vii. Proposal 7 – Allow new houses on historically narrow lots near Centers and Corridors within the R5 zone; Board = abstain
 - viii. Proposal 8 – Do not require parking and do not allow front-loaded garages for detached houses on narrow lots and historically narrow lots; Board = yes
- 8. Board Operations
 - a. Conflict of interest: there are forms to fill out
 - b. Attendance
 - c. October General Meeting Planning
 - i. Air Toxics: see possible invitation to DEQ air toxics group; the general consensus is to hold off until new sampling occurs
 - ii. Election Issues: see candidate forum; Board members will consider which ballot measures to include as part of this meeting and present a report at the September 6 meeting
- 9. New Business
- 10. Adjourn