

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

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review and Approval

- June meeting minutes – all approve
- August meeting minutes – all approve
- Send meeting minutes to Ronda Johnson at CNN
- Do we post minutes? – Yes – Send to Dave or Communications
- Changes to agenda? – No

3. Treasurer's Report (Richard Crockett)

- sent report end of July
- paid for talent and sound
- see Fremont Fest book sale
- almost \$4 k in balance
- Details on bills
- Anne Lindsay's action plan: didn't bring copies; never finalized version from Spring; can approve this evening and get it to CNN during this fiscal year; high level; commits to what RCPNA normally does; Tamara reminded to remove golf tournament; Deborah asked to have the budget compare actual to budget
- Vote: all in favor

4. New Board Members

- David Fellows: moved to RCP; worked on website; decided to join Board; moved to Portland recently with family; went to NYC to help start a company, OLO.com
- Gary: lived in RCP about 10 years; has been in IT for about 25 years
- Steve: moved to RCP with family from SE PDX 3 years ago; works in design/construction project management at PPS
- Need to approve David: all approve
- Larry Wilder: will work with Board where there are needs; went back to teach at PPS as a substitute teacher; would like to be on Board – all approve
- See new Board member material: see list of items to find on website at next meeting

5. Planning for the October General Meeting

- Ramona Reule: at last meeting talked about having a Measures fair
 - o Reached out to an organization to find speakers, but did not provide that service; contacted League of Women Voters, heard back today; Anne found someone at Hollywood Farmer's Market; LOWV could provide one speaker that could talk about measures; their goal is to be unbiased and present both sides; different approach than before; do all of the research on the measures; could also do a

- pros and cons for measures, but they don't want to be on one side or the other; could present official list on the 8th
 - Also will present 2 candidates for City council
 - Amanda Fritz contacted RCPNA and would like to show up at the next Board meeting; Board recommends that we wait
 - Speakers from Renew Oregon will present; non-partisan, grassroots group that will present issues related to energy; not on the ballot
 - Timeframe -
 - Renew Oregon as first items before election items
 - 99: outdoor
 - 26-179: affordable housing
 - 97: corp min tax
 - 98: dropout prevention
 - Metro Parks measure
 - Couple candidates: about 5 minutes a piece should work, based on previous forum; Steve Novick + Chloe Eudaly
 - An hour presentation should work for LOWV
 - Anne: see pro + con for 97, but other measures are not as contentious so don't need this
 - Deborah Field: will they have written material? Mostly for pro/con on 97
 - Ramona: will come up with tentative agenda; Board meeting reports will be hard copies, just a welcome
- Tamara DeRidder: material about how to prepare for General Meetings
 - Pre-planning for next general membership meeting
 - See possible music before meeting, potentially as background; not in the current budget; save for January meeting
 - Ramona: volunteers to help plan for meeting?
 - Deborah: can do refreshments; will put out sign
 - Amanda: timer
 - Steve: publications
 - Richard: audio-visual; Ramona will ask about possible presentation; can use the projector with set-up by Dave
 - Ramona & David Gates: can do greeting
 - Tags: most people need a tag
 - Larry: can help set up
 - Richard: has the banners
 - Opening: 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7 pm
 - Anne: 3 more general meetings; at November meeting would like to talk about ideas for those other meetings; Ramona recommended DEQ; David will discuss with DEQ possible January meeting
 - Setup: 6:15 pm is a good time to arrive
 - Tamara: make sure Chairs of committees have written reports; make copies (30 copies); get reports to Anne by October 21st so that she can make copies; half page is a good amount; send as Word document

- Introduce to new website at the start of the meeting; project on the screen

6. Committee Reports

- Business
 - Fremont Fest: record crowds; some traffic at table
 - Suggestions for next year?
 - Gary and Craig helped in morning with setup
 - Hollywood Farmer's Market: still have openings for tables; Richard can contact volunteer coordinator to find out which dates are available; one shot; located in front of Grocery Outlet
 - Outreach for funding/sponsors
 - Next local business meeting: will look at Hollywood and Beaumont; International District is defunct; no Sandy business organization
- Clean Up
 - Handoff of event from Rob Coleman to Steve Effros; Craig will forward Rob's email
 - Will need new clean-up signs
- Communications
 - David: volunteered to be Chair
 - Deadline is September 10 for content
 - Will be working with future advertisers
 - Who do they write checks to? RCPNA is good for checks, indicate what is for
 - Anne: when Eric did newsletter, he and Tamara did the bulk of writing; would be helpful if people came up with ideas and/or wrote articles
 - Terry Parker: recommended including an historical photo; could come up with games to draw people to website
 - Newsletter is a transition issue
 - Tamara: looking for new graphic designer; does anyone know? Deborah will try to track down
- Emergency Preparedness
 - Craig: trying to establish NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team – trained by Emergency Services)
 - Trying to encourage neighbor-to-neighbor discussions
 - Always looking for more people to take NET training
 - Do we want to have a safety committee? Tamara has been invited to meet the Precinct Captain; CNN-level committee
- Entertainment
 - Craig will help Gary transition
 - Will continue with picnics/concerts; need to lock in permits in October; January/February will start to lock in entertainment
 - David: recommended capturing some of the background activity on playground; can post on website
 - Signage: could make patches; signs, need good locations; Richard will work with Craig

- Tamara: it may make sense to have the re-usable plastic signs with inserts
- Anne: a lot of people might want to come from Madison South
- Anne: communications is going to ask for
- Environment
 - David: EMSWCD; postponing event till Spring
 - Tree inventory is done; report will be available in November; will make a link to RCPNA website; identify species, size, voltage lines above; want to have as much diversity as possible as well as longevity; a lot of trees not in great condition; looking for opportunities of where to plant
 - Tree summit: last group to do it; will find out strategies; RCP tree coalition to try to improve health of trees
 - Would like creative ideas for people to get excited about trees
 - Bioswale: someone chopped down tall grass; would like to work something out to do maintenance through neighborhood
 - Air quality: felt reassured by Board meeting; would like to bring in Cully neighborhood because they are in worse shape with sources; will contact them
- Homelessness
 - Ramona: will present a proposal at November meeting; would like to discuss for about 15 minutes; will send it to Board ahead of time
 - Terry: see tents and bicycles near freeway
- Land Use & Transportation
 - Recommendation to have a support letter for Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association regarding Campus Institutional Zone and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) which brings more people by car; Terry abstaining from voting for letter
 - Deborah: sees problems with limiting cars on the road when they haven't provided sufficient transportation options
 - Amanda: this can incentivize better transportation options
 - Vote: all in favor; 2 abstentions (Deborah didn't have time to read it during meeting)

7. Budget

- Getting Started on Fundraising:
 - Community sponsorships
 - \$500 commitment from Laurelwood
 - David: would like to have time to review options with other team members at a Board meeting
 - Could outline benefits and who does RCPNA currently has
 - Could have a separate meeting of Business and Communications to discuss community sponsorships and bring recommendations to larger Board
 - Amanda: will be time keeper on Board committee reports
 - Deborah: try to have tiers of sponsors; could have local business meeting as setting for this discussion; will send out email with dates

8. Board Operations

- Conflict of Interest Statements

9. New Business: RCPNA street signs are fading away; could contact manufacturer to have new ones printed out

10. Adjourn