

Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) Board Meeting Meeting Notes

August 1, 2017

Meeting Items:

1. **Welcome & Introductions – Tamara DeRidder**
 - a. 2017-18 Directory and Calendar - updated
2. **Minutes from Previous Meetings**
 - a. See Richard Crockett email notes
 - b. May notes – all approve
 - c. June notes – No “s” on Field; all approve
 - d. July notes – Deb will add suggestions for record; remove password; change radio to KBOO; all approve pending Deb additions & other corrections
3. **Errata Map/Map Refinement Project Zone Change from R2h to CM1 – Item #1683 – 5024 NE Fremont, Rick Peterson – Owner: LU & TC Recommendation**
 - a. LU/TC committee on July 20, re-zone discussion – a number of people showed up, Rick did not attend but submitted written testimony; committee unanimously in support of neighbors and recommended against the zoning change for this parcel
 - b. Deb Field public comments: see her history in the neighborhood, role as small business owner, looking to build relationships, looking to the reality of growing Portland development, looking to challenge those issues that affect livability in neighborhood, looking to work with Prosper Portland to develop smaller properties for small business owners; we have all chosen to live close to our neighborhoods and businesses, see history of Fremont as a main road, see the beauty of a walkable neighborhood district; see concern about NE 50th property and development; feels that development at south side of Fremont, matching north side of street is appropriate; see approximately 50 business districts throughout City; see RCPNA business partners; see reasonable nature of long-time resident to convert their property to business zoning; see designated 12 blocks of commercial development; see Paper Jam, with business located there for over 30 years; see success of business district on both sides of street; Deb and John are in favor of providing CM1 designation to all 3 properties; the City made a mistake; they don't see a reason to deny owner this designation as part of the Comprehensive City Plan; look for appropriate mixed use, with parking; see survey of businesses on Fremont
 - c. Board discussion: City did not notify anyone except those individual properties; support to allow neighbors to be involved in a semi-judicial process; Kelly Davis supports LU/TC committee; see Ed Gorman's support of LU/TC committee recommendation to allow for standard process; property on 50th is part of City-wide document that is fixed in state process; Gary Points agrees with the consensus, but would like to put a “swap” concept in letter even if there is not a

great chance that it would be considered; Steve Lewis supports LU/TC consensus; Craig Lindsay supports the three properties becoming commercial; Terry Parker supports limiting the damage by going through regular process so neighbors have a voice; Steve Effros discussed about how development can be impacted through planning requirements; David Gates was considering how impact can be mitigated; Lynn Dorr asked about how many neighbors were in support and Kelly indicated that the letter was by 59 neighbors

- d. Board Decision: Board supports (1) decision of LU/TC recommendation and (2) would recommend an addendum, that it be considered that the NE 50th property retain its residential zoning and the Fremont property be re-zoned to CM1; Board, most in favor, 2 oppose

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. See attached report
- b. See \$100 surplus for year
- c. Community Partners: payments received from all partners except PGE
- d. Concert: over \$900 from pass the hat
- e. Clean-up: only received \$193 for metals but they did not reimburse for any other expenses except the tipping fees; look at breaking down expenses and income, see report

5. Concerts in the Park: Recap Gary

- a. See positive feedback from concerts

6. Planning for October 24 General Meeting – New neighbor & business, Community Partner tabling?

- a. New neighbors – Ramona will reach out to new neighbors, Lynn offered to help
- b. Look at door prizes
- c. Community Partner table – see German American society with a possible table, as well as for other partners, Deb offered that Local Business committee will help, will reach out to Fremont business district as well
- d. November election? – off-year, no measures to present
- e. Elected officials – first choice would be Chloe Eudaly; if not available, Nick Fish hasn't been to any recent meetings
- f. Street tree update?

7. Committee Reports

- a. Communications – Craig reviewing roles of committee; see design and issuance of newsletter; website and Facebook post information; email lists; send items to communications@rcpna.org; also keep up the Board directory and schedule of events; some associated roles need to be filled such as historian/curator (don't need to be on Board), sign keeper, email coordinator to send out emails; deadline for stories is September 1
- b. Safety/Emergency Preparedness – need space for equipment stash; look to Board/community to find a potential location (garage?); look at access during an emergency; look at new storage development under construction at 60th north of 84

- c. Environment – David provided update regarding maintenance on bioswale at 47th and Halsey, CNN-provided insurance company said RCPNA volunteers can participate; bioswale company said they can provide training and safety support to volunteer effort; meetings 7-9, third Wednesday at CNN office; BES going to provide free trees and watering for 3 years for commercial, industrial properties, with August 15 deadline, will distribute to Dave Fellows and Deb; Lynn wants to be on committee, looking to increase conifer trees on Sandy; \$8 million funding opportunity from NOAA, deadline September
- d. Houselessness – vacant
- e. Land Use & Transportation – support from LU/TC recommending amendment to City planning code to have setback for food cart pods; Board – most approve, 1 opposes; Terry raised August 10 Growing Transit Communities hearing regarding Halsey
- f. Local Business – see “Favorite” project, planning is ongoing; see ongoing Fremont Fest, possible RCPNA involvement; see RCPNA books as possible raffle prize; see some of pole signs; see other possible raffle prizes; looking for Local Business committee members; look at diversity of Board members; new owner of Bottles; see possible Sandy businesses; track November enhanced transit coordinator; Lynn raised idea of community garage sale, like Laurelhurst

8. New Business

- a. See possible future food for events from Trader Joe’s (and others?)
- b. See resource list on back

9. Adjourn