

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

September 5, 2017

Meeting Items:

1. **Welcome & Introductions – Tamara DeRidder**
2. **Minutes Aug. 1 Board meeting**
 - a. Re-send and print out Aug. 1 Board meeting notes for next meeting
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Not much activity except purchase of RCPNA books
 - b. \$5,600, including partner funds
 - c. RCPNA street signs: provided by RCPNA and attached to street signs by PBOT; replacement signs may not fit new City of Portland street signs; could put large sign up for option; could present to German American Society as part of package of sign and RCPNA hardback book as a donation for their auction
4. **Organization**
 - a. RCPNA committee meeting location options
 - i. German American Society would like RCPNA to reduce its use of space, limiting it to Board and membership meeting options
 - ii. Albina Head Start (next to Frazer Park): could hold Land Use & Transportation meeting there, free of charge, for next year, but other committees need a dedicated space
 - iii. RCPNA United Methodist Church: one option, but at a fee; willing to discuss and negotiate; they are a non-profit, have utility bills, need someone to open and close; RCPNA would be a partner; look at a possible fee for a year's use; Ramona Reule will pursue this option
 - iv. Hollywood Library: possible meeting location, 6 – 8 pm, but may need to leave 30 minutes early
 - v. Laurelwood Brewing: noisy, converted previous meeting room into dining room
 - vi. Committee Meetings: for 2-3 committees, about 24 meetings maximum, typically 20 meetings per year
 - vii. NET Team: can meet at Senior Center
 - b. Fall Retreat – Date, location, & committee needed
 - i. Typically 4 hours Saturday morning
 - ii. Purpose is to find out what new and existing members are interested in; is our action plan accurate; does our 3-5 year plan reflect the goals of neighborhood
 - iii. In the past, action items came out of previous Fall Retreat that presented the priorities of Board members
 - iv. Kristin Gustafe brought up idea of doing more surveys/questionnaires of neighborhood ideas and priorities

- v. Look for option to include survey/questionnaire at October General Meeting
 - vi. Think about Fall Retreat ideas for next meeting, including possible sensitivity workshop
 - c. Invitation for participation in German American Society activities
- 5. Planning for October 24 General Meeting – New neighbor & business, Community Partner tabling**
- a. Craig Lindsay will bring in an approach to discussing ideas in a balanced way
 - b. Kristin brought up idea of having multiple committee tables for community members to participate in; summary of each committee, survey for each committee, facilitator for each committee; this will take some time and preparation and can be announced at next General Meeting in January
 - c. See possibility of Chloe Eudaly's chief of staff, Dave Austin
 - d. New neighbor and new business agenda
 - e. Try to expand reach for new neighbors who are renters; look to possibly using Next Door as avenue to reach more occupants
 - f. Include survey about residential infill process at General Meeting
 - g. Committee Updates: include a summary and contact information for each, with a table for each
 - h. Community Partners: include a table for each and have each of them speak; stop 15 minutes early
 - i. Door prizes: community partners can bring in door prizes; David Gates and Deb Field will reach out
- 6. Committee Reports**
- a. Communications: Craig Lindsay proposing to revise Community Partners Program and will present to Board; email address list with rcnpa.org, emails are reviewed/confirmed and then forwarded; committee can support others with communications
 - b. Environment: David Gates mentioned the elms trees at Normandale Park, street trees have been removed, it is a Parks site decision based on presence of disease; see article for next newsletter on tree inventory; tree stewards program (7 Saturdays, 2-5 hours each, October thru November), learn about tree biology and urban forest management, begins October 14; street stewards, bioswale at 47th and Halsey, will be trained to maintain that bioswale, will be provided with equipment/vests, will provide a description for Next Door; Kristin provided an on BES grant to cut cement and install trees, did outreach at a number of locations; Kristin gathered neighbors to talk about sustainable gardening
 - c. Houselessness? – not active
 - d. Land Use & Transportation: Tamara DeRidder presented LU/TC review protocols so neighborhood knows what is going on; Terry Parker put together application for Portland and the Streets grant, applied for 2 pedestrian-scale street lights and 60th and Halsey, letter of support from Trimet and Plaid Pantry, sent in by Ronda Johnson at CNN, selection committee will review and will notify grantees in November

- e. Local Business – not present
- f. Safety – NET and emergency preparedness need to outreach to neighbors; 20 people in NET organization, but 10,000 people in NET area; ONI could be a resource for notifying neighbors and reaching out; PBOT has a database regarding block parties as a resource for reaching out

7. New Business

- a. German American Society – for OctoberFest, will be applying to close down Alameda, 9 am – 10 pm; all in favor
- b. PSU – professor who put together demographic study, Terry would like to present a paperback version of RCPNA book

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