

Livability Committee Meeting Minutes- April 18, 2011

Members Present: Jan Valentine, John Baymiller, Stephanie Shaffer, Amy Williams, Blake Pack, Bill Dolan, Helen Jones, Jack Featheringill, and Crista Gortmaker

Members Excused: Susan Nellor and Michael Feldman

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes from April 4, 2011 have been reviewed and approved by the LC.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

-Polish the Pearl: Helen reported that we have everything in place, and just need to solidify the Team Captains. Most of the LC will be volunteering for the day, so we should have plenty to help. Helen will also be sending around an email update of times, etc. Those who are new will still need to sign registration forms the day of, or they can go to the SOLV website and register. Helen also handed out flyers to post around the neighborhood.

-Graffiti Busters: Julie reported that the Graffiti group will be contacted and invited to participate for Polish the Pearl. We will have the entire supplies ready, and appreciate the extra help. "Gerding and Edlin" agreed to allow CleanScapes to paint their building on Everett, between 11th and 12th. The entire block that they own is being consistently tagged due to "vacancy". They are donating the paint, and we will supply the volunteers to complete the work. John, Jan and Julie worked with 4-5 graders from Emerson Elementary Charter School after Bill gave a school wide training on graffiti. We will also be attending a regional Graffiti Summit in Portland. Wednesday and Thursday of this week the three of us would continue helping with the Emerson project to find and clean graffiti near their school.

-Trash Can Program: Overall the program is going well, but we have had a delay in the getting some of the sponsor signage installed. Due to the delay, Jason (Stephanie's husband) will donate his time and help install them for us. The goal is to try and get these completed in the next few weeks. Jan did meet with PremGroup about removing a can from the "Brewery Blocks". The need is to only remove 1 can to make room for "Big Belly Cans". The area will be getting about 9 Big Belly Cans. Once this project moves along, we will need to communicate with any sponsor about moving our can to another location. The Big Belly project is still TBD.

-Welcome Ramona: This event is moving along, but we still need volunteers throughout the day. Stephanie communicated that we could use additional food vendors. We have a few currently, but having additional snacks for the kids would be great. The event is May 14th from 1-4pm, and flyers have been distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

-The LC discussed the structure of the committee and the “subcommittees” that we have incorporated. It started out discussing “do we have a need” for implementing subcommittees, but evolved into a larger discussion of defining what our LC mission is for the neighborhood. The LC did agree that we would like to table more discussions such as neighborhood development, program crossovers with “Old Town” while nurturing our on-going programs. We did not make any final decisions, but will continue the discussions in the next meeting. The LC would like to host “Earthquake” training for the neighborhood in the fall. The idea is to have “NET” come and provide a training, and invite the neighborhood HOA’s. We would like to see them gather the info to take back to their buildings/safety committees. We will continue this discussion, and talk with Gary about the format NET can provide.

-Valuation of Programs: Jan provided the LC an itemized report of all the donations that the neighborhood has received from local businesses and residents. This will also be provided to the Board for review.