

Livability Committee Meeting Minutes-May 2, 2011

Members Present: Crista Gortmaker, Jan Valentine, Michael Feldman, Jack Featheringill, Helen Jones, LeRae Hunt(Guest), Julie Donaldson, Bill Dolan, John Baymiller and Elena Morgan.

Members Excused: Susan Nellor

MEETING MINUTES: The LC has reviewed and approved for our Meeting on April 18, 2011.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Polish the Pearl/Graffiti Busters-The Polish the Pearl event was a success and we had over 100 volunteers! The LC agreed that the event went well and having our sponsors (Via Delizia, Deschutes Brewery, and Little Green Grocer) was a great help. In the future we will re-organize the registration tables so that we have multiple stations to help with multiple groups. We also talked about having First Aid kits available to our Team Captains and the MSI volunteers. Dan Rhein, our volunteer, is certified in CPR and would be happy to provide the additional training to us. The LC did agree to acknowledge the MSI volunteers for their efforts and will look into getting some GC donated for them. Jan is meeting with the Manager of the Starbucks opening on 11th and Couch, so will touch base with them about donations. They are opening a new location and requested to get involved with neighborhood events.

-Adopt-A-Trashcan Program: Bill reported that he noticed more signage going in for our sponsored cans. He will make a list of which ones and let Jan know. John will also follow-up about Brewery Block can locations so we can notify our sponsors about changes to the can locations. The Big Belly Cans are slotted to go in sometime in May, but no specifics have been communicated.

Social Programs: Elena reported that Welcome Ramona is well on its way and have solidified most of the details. We have several food vendors and will also be getting cupcakes donated in addition to what we already have in place. Volunteers are still welcome. The event is Saturday May 14th from 1:00-4:00pm between NW Quimby and Raleigh.

Pet Stations: Jan reported that the Pet Stations are such a huge hit that we are going through "waste bags" more than originally budgeted with CleanScapes. The LC talked about some options, as we are not sure how bags are being utilized. The group did decide that is important to keep implementing education and resources on overall "pet care". In the meantime, CleanScapes will continue to provide a specifics amount of bags rather than consistently replenishing once it is empty. Jan will also look into gathering data from the City (Downtown Clean and Safe) and see what their bag usage is from the areas that provide Pet Stations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emergency Preparedness Training: The LC still intends to provide an “Earthquake Awareness” forum for the residents in the Pearl. We are still in discussions to how the format will be and when this will happen. The idea is to have this event a week or two after the Pearl Party in September 2011.

Pooches in the Pearl: LeRae joined our meeting to discuss the upcoming Pooches in the Pearl event. It will be held again on the bottom floor of the Encore (Hoyt St Properties) and will be on Saturday May 21st. LeRae has most of the vendors available from last year, but still needs some additional help with snacks. She will provide the group with electronic flyers to hand out and will keep us posted on details.

Sundown at Ecotrust: The Ecotrust building has extended to us the opportunity to have tables at some upcoming events. This will allow the LC to have discussions with our community about the programs our committee has in place. Jan will keep the group posted on upcoming details and invites any members to attend.