

Livability Committee Meeting Minutes-October 18 2010

Members Present: Jan Valentine, Crista Gortmaker, Julie Donaldson, Bill Dolan, Tina Penman, Michael Feldman, Bruce Levy, Elena Morgan, Susan Nellor, Helen Jones, and Blake Pack

Guest: Barbara Kruger

REVIEW OF PRIOR MINUTES: The LC group approved meeting minutes from 10/4/10

POLISH THE PEARL-November 6th 2010: Helen (PP Chair) reported she has about 5 commitments for Street Captains, but in need of 2 more. The LC group all provided some additional friends and family members that may help will contact Helen with names etc. Helen also asked for group members to assist with collecting raffles prizes for the event. This entails of small gift card/prize donations from local businesses or vendors in the Pearl Neighborhood. Members will also email Helen with any prizes/raffles they obtain before next meeting. LC members will also help post fliers around the buildings, and talk to HOA's about the event. Susan will also have the Communications Committee assist in handing out fliers.

LC ORGANIZATIONAL CHART/COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURING: Jan handed out binders to all of the "Chair" Committee Members for their particular committee groups. The binders are a tool meant to be used for documenting and organizing the committees as needed. A few members also added themselves to the chart, and Michael will adjust changes. The group also discussed adding a link, and/or document to our PDNA website for residents to contact a committee chair for specific issues ex: "Julie Donaldson" if they have a question regarding "Graffiti Abatement/Graffiti Busters Program". Also, during this time, Jan handed out a "Goals Sheet" for the committee. This will help outline in the next year our short-term and long-term goals. Over the next few meetings we will review these and refine them together.

Follow-up: Michael will update the chart as changes are given prior to next meeting (this will be a Google doc). Susan will talk to JT about adding the chart as a link to the PDNA website. LC Committee Chairs will review their committee binders, and update the group with info/planning accordingly.

SIDEWALK USE ORDINANCE: Jan reported that Commissioner Fritz did receive our revised letter (proposing the extension of the neighborhood boundaries) and it will be forwarded off to the City Council for conversation. Jan, Michael, and Joan will be attending public meeting on 11/1/10 from 3:30p-5:30p to initiate further discussion on this topic.

PET STATION PROGRAM: Jan has recently met and discussed pricing to coat (protective sealant) our Pet Stations. The goal is to protect these so they are easier to clean if they become a target for graffiti. The cost to complete this project will be a total of \$2500.00. This includes pick-up maintenance/modification, and installation from the vendor. The group encouraged to look at multiple bids for comparison, so Crista will provide Jan additional vendors and contact info. Bruce will also look into seeing what the City uses for the "parking meters". They also have a protective coating on them, so he will see if that could be affective for us? Bruce will also look into getting permits (BES) for each station, and possibly getting fees waived. We have a total of 16 stations...

Follow-up: Bruce will talk to Commissioner Saltzman's office and BES to see about permits on each Pet Station, as well as looking into the coating that is used on the "parking stations". Crista will forward additional vendor (Protective Coating) names and contact info to Jan.

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM: Julie has reported that overall the neighborhood is looking good and the Abatement Volunteers are taking care of their blocks and spaces. She did notice some tougher areas, and blocks that may need additional help. She will talk with Bill in getting additional block support to cover more area, and also re-assign blocks that may be more convenient to businesses locations ex: Powell Books would want their block, as opposed to being in a different location. CleanScapes is also donating their time for Graffiti Abatement (2 hours per week), and recently was able to identify a "tagger" from their clean-up. They are donating an estimate of \$9,000 of time and materials to the neighborhood.

Jan and Bill did meet with Dean of Students, Michael Hall at PCNA and had a very positive conversation about having student involvement in the Pearl Neighborhood. Michael agreed to distribute Pearl events like "Polish the Pearl" to their email distribution, so students have volunteer opportunities.

Follow-up: Julie will continue to report on the Graffiti Volunteer progress and also work with the LC to get additional volunteers to adopt blocks.

TRASH CAN PROGRAM: Jan reported that we are in a place to start moving forward with this program. We have a total of 60 cans that were donated from the City and recently from the Seattle Seahawks. Jan passed around the grid that was developed to show where the cans area needed, and where the City has agreed to place them. We now need to get sponsors for them, so we can get them placed around the Pearl. In the past, the concern was getting maintenance in place once the cans are sponsored. Jan did get a bid from CleanScapes on the cost for maintenance that ranges from so many times per week. Bill and Susan will put together a cost guideline for the LC to distribute.

Follow-up: Bill and Susan will organize what we currently have in place, and what is needed to get the cans placed in the neighborhood (with using our existing grid). This includes the exact costs, expectations for our sponsors, and specific placement locations. The LC will organize sponsors and give names and contact info to Bill and Susan.

A-A-B CHARTER CLUB RECOGNITION EVENT: Bruce did a great job getting "thank you" letters out to all of our A-A-B members and volunteers. The LC group felt the "street car luncheon" was such a great success, so we want to have another event within the next 6 months. The group is encouraged to share future event ideas over the next few meetings.

Follow-up: Susan and Crista will assist in getting ideas for future A-A-B events, and report progress by the next meeting.