

## Livability Committee Minutes-November 1 2010

Members Present: Jan Valentine, Crista Gortmaker, Bill Dolan, Jack Featheringill, LeRae Hunt, Jason Larson, Blake Pack, Bruce Levy, Susan Nellor, Tina Penman, and Michael Feldman

REVIEW OF MINUTES: The LC has reviewed and approved the past minutes from October 18 2010.

LC RESTRUCTURING: The Organizational Chart has been updated and posted to the PDNA website. If you as a chair or committee member have an agenda item to discuss, please contact Jan by the Friday prior to our scheduled Monday Meeting. She has the meeting agenda completed by the weekend.

CHINESE GARDEN: Jan distributed fliers and coupons to the LC group. These are promotional items for guests to attend the Chinese Gardens. The information distributed is also available on their website [www.lansugarden.org](http://www.lansugarden.org).

POLISH THE PEARL: The event is this Saturday November 6 2010. Please don't forget to register on the PDNA or SOLVE website. Helen has already sent updated emails regarding times and team captain responsibilities. Volunteers can also arrive and register on site.

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM: Jan recently applied for a "Graffiti Abatement" grant. This would allow additional funds up to \$3000 for the support of our program. Jan will keep us posted on the progress, and so far we are the only applicant. In addition to this grant, Jan is also looking into the LC becoming an educational platform for this program. Bill reported that we now have a young teen sponsor that wants to participate as an "in-service project", but also invited the LC to come and do a presentation at Childpeace. Since the LC has become recognized for our neighborhood efforts in the Graffiti Abatement program, we now have additional neighborhood committees that want our help. Jan will be meeting next week with Nwana leaders to discuss our program, and how they can implement the same ideas for their neighborhoods. Jan reported (Julie was not present) that overall our volunteers are maintaining their blocks, and the areas are looking really good. LC members also commented that when buildings are painting over spots multiple times, the taggers are less likely to come back.

PEARL DISTRICT CLEAN and POLISH SYSTEM: Jason has written a new "Business Plan" called "Operations and Funding Plan". This plan outlines the specific funds needed to Adopt-A-Trashcan, and has a consistent service provided by CleanScapes. The LC was presented with a minimal budget of \$20,000 and a second budget that increased to over \$58,000 annually. The change in rate was due to having additional materials, as well as increased service. The LC group discussed and agreed that until a plan is in place, we will not be able to know the amount of service needed. We also discussed the overall concern of getting the funds to support the plan. We are aware that the overall funds will need to come from the sponsors, PDNA, and possibly outside sponsors like HOA's in the neighborhood. Through much discussion, the group decided to re-negotiate the budget to be around \$35,000. Jason will discuss this further with CleanScapes, and report to us next meeting. The goal is to have this implemented along with our sponsors by the end of 2010.

Follow-up: Jason will provide an updated budget as discussed for the next LC meeting. Bill will email a copy of available cans/locations to the LC members. LC members will report to Bill any interested volunteers.

ADOPT-A-TRASHCAN PROGRAM: The new trash cans that were donated by the Seattle Seahawks are in the process of being painted and coated for the neighborhood. Bill reported that so far we still have some cans left that need to be adopted. He will email a list to LC members as we are continuing to get more volunteers. Jan mentioned that the blocks that have X's are where the cans will be going in (they are already mapped and zoned). If we notice a block with an X that is marked in red, this means the block is no longer available. If any LC member sees this around the neighborhood, please report to Jan and Bill so we can re-adjust the maps.

Follow-up: LC Members need to report to Bill if they have any volunteers/prospects for the A-A-T Program.

NOISE ABATEMENT: Tina reported that she is waiting to hear back from Paul Vanorden. He is a City representative that can assist with any noise ordinances/resources in the area. Her goal is to provide the group with info as we are addressing any noise issues with our LC. Jan also discussed some noise issues with "leaf blowers" that she has noticed in the neighborhood, as well as gave Tina an article to read. The LC group acknowledged that the "leaf blowers" are becoming an issue as we reach the rainy/fall months.

Follow-up: Tina will utilize the article when discussing noise issues/resources with Paul Vanorden. She will follow-up with the LC group about ordinance info at the next LC meeting.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Fido House pet Station Program-updates from Bruce