

MINUTES / ANNUAL MEETING

Pearl District Neighborhood Association

Bay 13 Restaurant, Portland, Oregon

October 8, 2009 / 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm. with introductions of all in attendance.

-- **President's Report:** Joan Pendergast provided an overview of the meeting as well as background of the PDNA's role within the community. Minutes of the October 9, 2008 PDNA Board Annual Meeting were approved.

-- **Zimmerman Community Center:** Guest speaker ZCC Board member Otto Papasadero announced that a new Executive Director, Nancy Davis, will join the ZCC. Furthermore, in 18-months the ZCC will move-in to its new home at the Pearl Family Housing site @ NW 13th & Quimby. Ms. Davis described the ZCC's outreach effort via focus groups, surveys, etc., as they start their family & adult programming.

-- PDNA Board Elections:

The Nominating Committee presented the following nominees for the Board -- for a **2-year term**:

Current PDNA Board members: Carter Case, Sue Horn-Caskey, Judy Gibson, Pat Lydon, Joan Pendergast, Jan Valentine

New nominees: Dan Christensen, Carla Mansur, John 'JT' Tarantino

The Nominating Committee presented the following new nominees for the Board -- for a **1-year term**:

Brad Atchley, Yasmine Foroud, Sheila McCoy

After a motion to accept the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates, the group was elected unanimously.

Returning for a second year are current members: Dave Davis, Patricia Gardner, Bob Girsberger, John Hirsch, Bruce Levy, Debbie Russell

-- Annual Party & fund-raiser

Carter Case described how the PDNA's annual block party (held each September) serves as PDNA's sole annual fund-raiser. This year, the 18th, raised about \$11,000, surpassing last year's record of about \$5,000. This past year, PDNA's financial support helped "put over the top" the necessary funds for the Parks Bureau to erect the just completed Rainwater Pavilion in Tanner Springs Park, dedicated in the memory of our neighborhood's City Planner Graham Clark.

-- Treasurer's Report:

Dave Davis substituted for Treasurer Judy Gibson

-- Livability Committee

Chair Jan Valentine reported on the LC's progress of the past year. Many neighbors have observed a significant decline in the overall cleanliness throughout the neighborhood, thus making the critical issues of on-street trash cans, cigarette butts, pet waste and graffiti the focus of the LC's work in recent months. Upon

gathering research on these sanitation related topics, the Committee is developing a position paper to address these issues -- with recommendations -- by year's end.

-- Planning, Design & Transportation Committee

Chair Patricia Gardner announced the Committee's twice-monthly meeting schedule: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays; all are welcome. She reported that despite the economy, "we had a very good year", with several new projects underway including the Resource Access Center to serve homeless; the Quiet Zone at the northern end to silence train whistles; the Rainwater Pavilion at Tanner Springs Park.

She reiterated that the "Pearl is the most misunderstood neighborhood," with a growing need for student housing. We have 2 colleges here; one, PNCA, is the fastest growing in the nation. A new student-like housing project @ NW Pettygrove & 14th will soon start. "Unlike other neighborhoods," she noted, "we all live on-top of each other in a symbiotic relationship."

The code was changed to better accommodate the building of "affordable family housing." The first of that type will start shortly @ NW 14th & Raleigh. A school will occupy 16,000 sq. ft. of ground level space.

Future projects include a unique "Green Street" design for our 4 blocks of Pettygrove Street; The Fields park (our last of the planned trio), is expected to be complete in 2011; Centennial Mills, a renovated scheme will go forward where the City meets the river.

-- Adjournment

After former PDNA President David August thanked the Board & its various committees for all their hard work this past year, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Next Annual Meeting: Thursday, October 14, 2010