

MINUTES

Pearl District Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
PREM Group – 351 N.W. 12th
August 12, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Attending:

Joan Pendergast, Brad Atchley, Carter Case, Dan Christensen, Dave Davis, Patricia Gardner, Judy Gibson, Bob Girsberger, Jason Larson, Bruce Levy, Pat Lydon, Carla Mansur, Sheila McCoy, John Tarantino, Jan Valentine, Joshua Ryan

Absent:

John Hirsch, Yasmine Foroud

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Pendergast. A quorum was present.

Minutes

- Davis made a motion to approve the April 2010 minutes as corrected. Gibson seconded. The motion was approved.
- Valentine moved to approve the June 2010 minutes. Gibson seconded. The motion was approved, with 1 abstention.
- Gibson moved to approve the July 2010 minutes. Atchley seconded. The motion was approved.

Police Report

- Officer Wollstein reviewed the crime report for past month. There were three serious crimes reported primarily centered near the North Park blocks.
- Officer Wollstein discussed that due to complaints of camping and verbal abuse near the community garden located next to I-405 along 16th between Johnson and Kearney, patrols have been increased.
- In addition, the police have stepped up patrols along Broadway and Burnside due to the construction in the area.

Treasurer's Report

- Gibson presented the Treasurer's report for July, as well a revised June report. The beginning balance for June was \$14,645.35, with a June ending/July beginning balance of \$8,576.18. There were several deposits related to the 1st Thursday fundraiser, with several expenses related to various items including Mutt Mitts, Pearl Party, and legal services for the 14th Ave right-of-way issue.
- Gibson presented a draft budget for the neighborhood for fiscal year 2011 (Oct 1 to Sept 30). The budgeted items and the amount budgeted were based on past revenue and expenses, as well as estimates for expected expenses such as the Fido house purchase and maintenance.
 - Gardner discussed the Land Use Reserve line item budget of \$3,500. The plan is to have \$10k available when land use issues need to include legal advice and when issues must go to LUBA. The plan is to set aside an amount each year until the \$10k goal is reached.
 - Valentine discussed that a budget for maintaining the Fido house would be available soon.
- Gibson suggested tabling the budget discussion to the next meeting.

Sidewalk Use Ordinance

- Valentine discussed that Commissioner Fritz is going to be holding a town hall style meeting about the upcoming sidewalk use ordinance. Valentine pointed out that the ordinance stops at Hoyt. Gardner described the historic nature of why the boundary for many Pearl projects in Hoyt and that we are working with PBOT to have it changed.
- Levy made a motion to contact Commissioner Fritz to have the north boundary include all of the Pearl. Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President

- Pendergast announced that the Annual meeting will be in October, with the location to be determined.
- At the next Board meeting in Sept., the PDNA goals will be reviewed to determine if they are being met.
- Pendergast discussed that in the PDNA Development Plan from 2002, a community center was suggested, and now Zimmerman Community Center is being built. A hard-hat tour is planned for Sept 16th.
- Pendergast announced that the PDNA has received a grievance related to the Jamison Square bathroom. The grievance will need to be studied to determine how to proceed.

Pearl Party

- Case asked that there be more Board support of the event. Meetings have not been well attended, which means that those involved have too much to do in preparation. Help is needed with logistics and fundraising.

- As another way to help provide funds, it was suggested to include an entry fee. It would require that the entrances be limited, and the volunteers would be stationed to collect a suggested fee of \$2 to \$5. Gibson mentioned that would like to continue the openness of the party and not have a entrance fee. Davis made a motion to ask for a suggested \$2 donation to enter. No one seconded the motion, therefore no entrance fee will be collected.
- In addition, due to the limited time left, it was suggested that there be fewer, but larger raffle items. Last year there were 18 baskets of items, but took time to organize.
- Case reminded everyone that the Committee is meeting every Tuesday at 5:30pm at Paragon.

Livability

- Valentine announced that there were 78 volunteers at the last graffiti clean-up in addition to the city contractors.
- An adopt-a-block program has been created for trash and graffiti, and as of the meeting today, 73% of the blocks have been adopted. To kick-off the project, Valentine is arranging for lunch meeting on the Streetcar.

NWNW Coalition

- Gibson reported that the Coalition didn't meet this month.
- Gibson discussed the NWNW Coalition imitative for training. NWNW surveyed all of the neighborhoods for training topics, and developed a list of 23 potential training areas. The neighborhoods are now being asked to select the top 3 to 5. The Board identified a list of 6 topics that were thought to be helpful.

Planning

- PNCA is coming to talk about a new student housing project that would be located on the ½ block across from the Avenue that is currently being used as a parking lot.
- It was mentioned that HSP and Commissioner Fish and the Parks Bureau have come to a resolution about the land for the park. The current plans will not have to be changed.
- Gardner and Levy discussed a workshop they attended on the Pettygrove green street. In attendance were property owners along Pettygrove, City staff, and NWDA representatives. The meeting was well received.
- It was determined that the City could not do anything about the previous decision about no 14th Ave right-of-way improvements. However, it was determined that the property owner does want to move forward.
- Vestas will be renovating the Meier & Frank warehouse located between Everett and Flanders, and 14th and 15th.

Old Business

- The city archive initiative was reviewed after Levy provided clarification of previous concerns. It was determined that fees would be waived for access.
- Levy made a motion to make a provisional approval of putting old archives so long as access and privacy issues are resolved. Gardner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Gardner made a motion to adjourn Levy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting is Sept 9th, 2010.