

MINUTES

Pearl District Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
PREM Group – 351 N.W. 12th
January 13, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Attending:

Dave Davis, Karen Beninati, Craig Boretz, Jack Featheringill, Yasmine Foroud, Judy Gibson, Bob Girsberger, Crista Gortmaker, Ron Jennings, Jason Larson, Bruce Levy, Pat Lydon, Sheila McMahan, John Tarantino, Joan Pendergast, Jan Valentine

Absent:

Helen Jones, Patricia Gardner, Joshua Ryan

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

Police Report

- Officer Wollstein reviewed the crime statistics from the past month. In general the crime rate is good. There were 44 larcenies reported, with many concentrated at the corner of 10th and Lovejoy. Wollstein was not able to provide an explanation for that location.
- Foroud asked about reporting drug dealing, especially along 15th. If the crime is in progress then use 911, else call the Police non-emergency (503-823-3333).
- Levy asked about homeless with mental illness and what to do. Wollstein discussed that the police do an initial evaluation, and will sometime contact Project Respond for mental health crisis. Wollstein discussed that since there is a lack of mental health programs, many homeless patients return to the streets after help is provided.

Minutes

- Gibson moved to approve the November 2010 minutes. Gortmaker seconded. The motion carried with 3 abstentions.
- Gibson moved to approve the December 2010 minutes as corrected. Gortmaker seconded. The motion carried with 4 abstentions.

Treasurer's Report

- Gibson presented the Treasurer's report for December 2010. The December beginning balance was \$14,636.98. The deposit was related to the Pearl Party, while the expense was due to mutt mitts. The ending December balance was \$14,762.64.

President

- Davis discussed that at the next meeting, he will have a list of assignments for the Pearl Party.

Livability

- Valentine discussed that she is in the process of finding people or businesses to adopt a trash can. There are about 20 cans left to be adopted. Adoptees can either pay to have Cleanscapes maintain the trash can or they can do the maintenance themselves.
- The cans are being installed in two phases. Phase 1 is to place the 23 cans donated from the City in the area between Glisan and Burnside. Phase 2 is to place the 36 cans donated by the Seattle Seahawks north of Hoyt. The Seattle cans are being installed by Cleanscapes at a cost of \$103/can.
- The first can installed was at the corner of 10th and Hoyt this past Monday.
- Valentine reported that she has had to reassign some blocks for the Graffiti busters program due to high volumes of tagging, which are too much for the assignee. There has been a recent wave of graffiti. Lydon asked if it would be possible to get more police patrols. Valentine mentioned that two graffiti artists have been caught in recent months, but to call 911 if you see tagging in process.
- A grant of \$3,168 was received from NWNW to buy better graffiti cleaning equipment.
- Valentine reported that she is having difficulty placing the new Fido House pet stations. The City does not consider them standard street furniture, and is not issuing permits. The alternative is to place them on private property.

Planning

- Girsberger discussed that at the 2nd Planning meeting in November, a contractor for Clearwire discussed a proposal for placing an antenna at the corner of 13th and Kearny. No one was able to speak about a follow-up meeting in December about the subject. Lydon discussed that at the time of the Nov. meeting it was believed that the City of Portland had very few options, but as he has read more, he believes that there are options that could be pursued. Gortmaker discussed that she had contacts with the Irvington neighborhood, which recently were able to block a proposed antenna in their neighborhood. She offered to send several documents about the issue.

Communications

- Meeting are the 3rd Thursday at 5:30 at PREM Group
- JT reminded everyone that Zimmerman was chosen by Whole Foods as their local fundraiser for the quarter, which was being held this evening.

NWNW Coalition

- No report

Old Business

- Gibson discussed that she talked with former Board members Wally Gibson and David August about reviewing and updating the by-laws. Wally Gibson and August did an update several years ago, and provided Gibson with documents from that work. Gibson will review and organize the documents she received.
- Valentine discussed that there were discussion from a year ago about redesigning the PDNA logo, and wanted to re-start the effort.

New Business

- Gibson announced that she is resigning from the Board. McMahon will be taking on the Treasurer's responsibilities. Davis thanked Gibson for her years of service.

Davis made a motion to adjourn. Gibson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm