

## MINUTES

Pearl District Neighborhood Association Board Meeting  
PREM Group – 351 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup>  
July 14, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

### **Board Members Attending:**

Dave Davis, Jack Featheringill, Yasmine Foroud, Patricia Gardner, Bob Girsberger, Jason Larson, Bruce Levy, Pat Lydon, Sheila McMahon, Bruce Morrison, Joan Pendergast, Jan Valentine

### **Absent:**

Craig Boretz, Karen Beninati, John Tarantino

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. The crime rate has remained steady for the past few months. There were 39 larcenies, 4 robberies, and 3 aggravated assaults reported.
- Officer Wollstein introduced Officer Ryan Albertson. Ofc. Albertson is replacing Ofc. Wollstein as the PDNA police representative. Davis and others thanked Ofc. Wollstein for his service to the neighborhood, and welcomed Ofc. Albertson.

### ***Minutes***

- Gardner moved to approve the April 2011 minutes. Pendergast seconded. The motion carried with two abstentions.
- Gardner moved to approve the May 2011 minutes as corrected. Levy seconded. The motion carried with two abstentions.

### ***ODOT***

- Mike Mason from ODOT discussed the upcoming construction and closure schedule for the top-deck (south-bound) of the Fremont Bridge. They are replacing the original decking of the bridge, which was constructed in 1973. The project will remove all material down to the metal bridge deck, and then build the layers backup.
- The work will be conducted on the weekends with closures starting at 11:00pm on Friday, and then reopening Monday morning in time for the rush hour commute. The bridge will be closed for several weekends in a row, starting 7/22. Construction will take a break for the annual Bridge Pedal event held the second weekend in August.
- A question about noise was asked. Mason responded that it shouldn't be too bad, since it is a small section of the overall bridge.
- Pendergast asked about ownership under I-405. Although sections are owned and maintained by ODOT, the sidewalks are the responsibility of the City. Pendergast mentioned the litter and the homeless camps under 405.
- Valentine also asked about the graffiti tagging under 405. Previously, the PDNA was told not to clean the graffiti. Mason was not aware of the issue.

### ***Planning***

- Gardner discussed that additional funds have been added to the Fields Park to help maintain aspects of the original design. She also discussed that there is a lot of pressure on Parks to move up the schedule. The project is currently scheduled to start Jan 2012 and be completed in Oct 2012.
- Centennial Mill is being re-worked. PDC wanted a change of purpose to include more focused economic development. The LAB was focused on their original plan to be more food centric and didn't want to change to meet the new PDC focus. PDC is looking for new developers. Gardner and Steven Shain, of the PDC, discussed that the project will still need to meet the original goals. Gardner emphasized that the MPU unit needs to stay in the area.
- The 6-story apartment building at the corner of 12th and Everett has been approved and demolition of the previous building has been completed. Peter Stott is the developer, and GBD is the architect.
- Gardner discussed that the Planning Committee was meeting once per month during the summer.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

- McMahon presented the Treasurer's report for April and June 2011. The April beginning balance was \$9,806.95. The deposit included donations for the Pearl Party, and Graffiti Buster event, as well as a \$710 communication grant award. Expenses included Mutt Mitts, NWNW fundraiser, trash can install, and web content. The ending June balance was \$11,765.23.
- In addition to the Treasurer's report, McMahon presented a Profit and Loss statement for Fiscal year 2010 (July 2010 to June 2011), that shows a net income of \$3,189.05.

### ***Livability***

- Valentine presented the Graffiti Buster 97209 video. The video shows the evolution of clean-up from a warehouse in the neighborhood that included trash, stickers, needles, and graffiti. The video includes a dramatic before and after view. Guy Bodin produced the video. The video can be seen on YouTube - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ded8ISbzliI>
- Valentine discussed that there have been some issues with the trash pickup. She cited the recent Gay Pride parade, which assembled in the North Park Blocks. There was a lot of trash generated, which required additional pickup. Since the trash can sponsor pays based on the pickup demand, large events cost the sponsor more than originally planned. Lydon suggested that event permitting include a trash pickup requirement. Levy will contact the City to see if changes could be made to the permitting process.
- The pet station installation proposal was accepted by Parks, but they want \$500 to install the stations in the North Park Blocks. Morrison made a motion to approve paying \$500 to get the Fido houses in the North Park blocks, Larson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- MSI has purchased several remaining Fido houses for \$1,200. All but two stations have been placed.
- Valentine discussed that planning has started for an emergency preparedness meeting for Saturday, Sept 24 from 9:00 am to Noon at EcoTrust. The meeting is for residents and businesses.

### ***Communications***

- Larson reminded Board members that he can set up a PDNA email address for them to separate from other email addresses.
- Larson announced that the web site is moving to a City paid hosting site. There will be no material changes to the site, but the move does allow for additional pages to be included. NWNW is helping with the move.
- Larson asked if there were any specific needs for a new \$750 communication grant.
- Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 at the Tea Zone.

### ***Fundraising***

- Davis reminded everyone that the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Pearl Party is set for Sept 16<sup>th</sup> and that fundraising is very important, given the loss of Board members.
- It was decided to have a separate meeting on 7/21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at PREM) to discuss how to redistribute the list of condominiums, restaurants, and business for Board members to solicit.
- Although it has been successful, it was suggested that we not have a raffle due to the time and effort associated with soliciting and then running the raffle the night of the party.

### ***Old Business***

- Pendergast checked with the Sitka, and discovered that Ron Jennings did pass away.

### ***New Business***

- Valentine asked for help with the historical practice of paying for and then supplying Mutt Mitts to MSI. Davis and Pendergast said they would help.

### ***Announcement***

- Justin Freeman introduced himself. He is the legislative assistant to both State Senator Bonamici, and Representative Greenlick (working part time for both). Freeman asked if there were any particular needs from a state perspective to let him know.

Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm