

## MINUTES

Pearl District Neighborhood Association Board Meeting  
PREM Group – 351 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup>  
November 10, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

### **Board Members Attending:**

Dave Davis, Karen Beninati, Bill Dolan, Julie Donaldson, Jack Featheringill, Yasmine Foroud, Bob Girsberger, Michael Hall, Bruce Levy, Pat Lydon, Kris Moore, Bruce Morrison, Joan Pendergast, Jason Sharkey, Jan Valentine

### **Absent:**

Michaela Bancud, Patricia Gardner, Sheila McMahon, Bryce Stephens, Kate Washington

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

### ***Crime***

- Levy volunteered to contact the Police Bureau on absence of a representative.

### ***Minutes***

- Levy moved to approve the September 2011 minutes with corrections. Featheringill seconded. The motion carried.

### ***Officer Nomination***

- Morrison discussed that the existing officers have agreed to serve again. McMahon asked for an assistant due to her work commitments. New member Bill Dolan agreed to serve as the Assistant Treasurer.
- Morrison made a motion to nominate the existing officers (Dave Davis – President; Patricia Gardner – Vice President; Sheila McMahon – Treasurer; Bob Girsberger – Secretary) and Bill Dolan as the Assistant Treasurer for the new year. Donaldson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### ***Trash***

- Valentine discussed that she contacted Cavalia about trash generated by the event, but has not received a response.
- Levy discussed that in his investigation about the trash from the Pride Parade that originated in the North Park Blocks, that there are two different City bureaus that are responsible based on the type of event. The Bureau of Transportation is responsible for street closures, while the Revenue Bureau is responsible for larger events such as parades. In an email to Levy from September, it was suggested that the Revenue Bureau would add rules for events to plan for trash.

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

- The Treasurer's report for October 2011 was reviewed. The September 30 beginning balance was \$18,797.19. The primary deposits and expenses were for the Pearl Party. The October 31 ending balance was \$18,984.12.

### ***Livability***

- Valentine discussed that the emergency preparedness meeting that was held in September. There were representative from 23 buildings, including some from NW and downtown. The Committee will be putting together goals for developing emergency preparedness guidelines and plans.
- There were 100 volunteers for Polish the Pearl and was another success. Valentine thanked Brix for the great lunch they provided.
- Valentine announced that a supplemental grant that she applied for graffiti abatement supplies was approved.
- Valentine discussed the need to understand the agreement with Hoyt Street to support the Mutt Mitts has not been done. Even though we have replaced most of the Mutt Mitt stations with the new Fido Houses, PDNA continues to pay for Mutt Mitt bags. Since 2003 thru July 2011, the PDNA has paid out over \$10k. With the new Fido Houses, the model has changed to have sponsors. Pendergast discussed that to date no one has information about the original agreement. Pendergast made a motion to no longer support payments to supply the Mutt Mitt station. Donaldson seconded. Pendergast followed that we would let MSI know of our intent, and if there was an issue to then discuss options. The motion carried with one against. Lydon volunteered to draft a letter to MSI and HSP about the decision.

### ***Communications***

- Pendergast discussed that there were three people in attendance at the past meeting, including Lewis from the NWNW Coalition office. She mentioned that they are trying to get the Committee going, but has been a slow process.
- Valentine mentioned a contact that could help put notices on Facebook. Also it would be good to do sponsor spotlight articles to highlight local persons and businesses that help the Pearl.
- Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 5:30 at the Zimmerman Community Center.

### ***Old Business***

- Davis discussed that there will be a new member orientation meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM, at the Zimmerman Community Center. Gardner will lead the discussion. Davis asked that all Board members attend. Valentine asked about Mark Seiber from the NWNW Coalition office attending as he did last year. Davis will contact Mark to see if he can attend.
- Valentine asked when the goal setting exercise that the Board had gone through previously would occur. Davis will contact John Hirsh, former Board Member, to determine a time that he may be able to facilitate the meeting.

### ***New Business***

- Valentine would like to have the old mutt mitt along Glisan pulled out. Dolan volunteered to pull out the station.
- Featheringill asked about the Pearl Party budget, and whether we met our goals. He suggested, and several agreed, that it was not well known that the party was a fundraiser. It was suggested that the party be renamed to something like the “Pearl Fundraiser Party” to highlight the purpose. Several discussed that this year was a little different from past years, when a separate Committee did most of the work. It was thought that a combination of a focused Committee as well as having all Board members participate would work best. Foroud volunteered to chair the Pearl Party.

Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm