

MINUTES

Pearl District Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
PREM Group – 351 N.W. 12th
September 8, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Attending:

Dave Davis, Karen Beninati, Jack Featheringill, Yasmine Foroud, Patricia Gardner, Bob Girsberger, Bruce Levy, Bruce Morrison, Joan Pendergast, Jan Valentine

Absent:

Pat Lydon, Sheila McMahon, Jason Larson

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

Police Report

- Ofc. Albertson reviewed the crime report over the past month. Several of the assault crimes were reviewed. The Board discussed the recent attack outside of Starbucks at 11th and Lovejoy that didn't appear on the report. It was not known the reason for the attack. It was mentioned that in most cases, the victim knew their attacker, and that a random attack such as this one is very rare.
- Gardner asked if the Police have classes to ease people's fears. Valentine mentioned that Frank Silva, the NWNW Coalition crime prevention officer sends out informational newsletters.
- Valentine asked about car thefts, and if there could be more patrols in the northern end of the district.

Minutes

- Gardner moved to approve the August 2011 minutes. Featheringill seconded. The motion carried.

Cavalía

- Duncan Fisher introduced Cavalía, a theatrical show involving horses that was created by one of the founders of Cirque de Soleil in 2003 in Montreal (Cavalía is not associated with Cirque de Soleil). Cavalía would like to open a show that would run from mid-November through December, and be located in the area of 13th and Quimby (west of the Ramona). Cavalía is presented under a large big-top tent.
- The show will be held Tuesday through Sunday. During the week, there will be one evening show each night, while during the weekend, there will be an afternoon and evening shows. Each show can accommodate approximately 2,000 people. The show will have a parking lot, but Gardner asked that transportation to and from the event will need to be detailed to lessen the impact to the area. It was hoped that the Streetcar would be promoted and used.
- Gardner made a motion to support bring Cavalía to the Pearl, with the understanding that they will need to work with Hoyt Street Properties on transportation issues. The motion carried unanimously.
- Fisher mentioned that the production should create about 100 jobs in the neighborhood.

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's report for August 2011 was reviewed. The August beginning balance was \$12,104.35. The primary deposits and expenses were for the Pearl Party. There were also several expenses for Mutt Mitts. The ending June balance was \$15,496.14.

Pearl Party

- Davis reviewed the status of fundraising efforts for the party, while Carter Case reviewed the setup schedule.

Nominating

- Davis asked for someone to volunteer to lead the Nominating Committee. Morrison and Beninati agreed to be co-chairs.
- Several people have already been approached, however it is still to be determined which existing members will be returning.

Planning

- Gardner quickly reviewed that the Planning Committee has been reviewing transportation issues
- Gardner discussed the re-start of the Centennial Mill development project. PDC is asking for developers to propose ideas that focus on a key target areas (e.g. high-tech, clean energy, athletic, etc.) .
- There will be a meeting next Tuesday

Livability

- Valentine discussed that the emergency preparedness meeting is on Saturday, Sept 24 from 9:00 am to Noon at EcoTrust. The meeting is for residents and businesses. Valentine was frustrated with the lack communication.
- Valentine reported that the last few Pet Stations will be placed by Parks. In addition, she asked that the Board revisit the original contract for supplying the original Mutt Mitt stations to determine if the current practices should still be continued.
- Levy provided an update on trash that arose from the Pride parade this past June during their assembly in the North Park blocks. The extra trash required an additional pickup and expense for the trash can sponsors. The City will go back to the organizers of the Pride parade to get reimbursement. More important, they will be updating the codes for future parades and events.

Communications

- Pendergast reported that the Communications Committee was working on getting the announcements out, but has been difficult in the past few weeks.
- Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday at 6:00 at the Tea Zone.

Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm