

Pearl District Neighborhood Association
PDNA Board / Planning, Design & Transportation Committee

Minutes for July 6, 2010

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| Craig Boretz - Resident | Michael Hall - Member - PNCA | Deni Richardson - Resident |
| Thom Brockmiller - Resident | Tom Harvey - Resident | Karly Ritter - Cloud Seven Café |
| Robert Care - Resident | John Hirsch - Member | Victoria Russell - Resident |
| Allan Classen - Northwest Examiner | Sue Horn-Caskey - Member | David Sheik - Resident |
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| Craig Derby - Resident | Barbara King - Resident | Abel Weinrib - Resident |
| Jerry Dickanson - Resident | David Kulg - Resident | Pat Wilson - Resident |
| Katie Dlenn - Resident | Jason Larson - PDNA | Vivian Wrinn - Resident |
| Bill Dolan - Resident | Bruce Levy - Member | |

Jamison Square Restroom Options

- Pendergast asked Gardner to give a background of the issue to the group.
- Gardner gave a background of the park and that it was not planned to have children using the fountain as they do now. As years have passed the PDNA has looked for options for placing a bathroom in nearby buildings.
- Commissioner Leonard's announcement of the Loo in Jamison in the Oregonian was the first notice that the PDNA received, along with the neighborhood. The Planning Committee reviewed the possible sites and based on the location of water and sewer line location, chose the corner on 11th and Johnson in the current Zip car location.
- At the December 2009 Board meeting, it was decided to give additional time to allow residents to find an alternative to the Loo. The Board asked that any alternatives be viable – Meet River District design guidelines, at Jamison Square, and have funding.
- The following were the suggestion for a restroom at Jamison:
 - Place the Loo at NW 13th between Johnson and Kearney – It was thought that the site would have excellent solar access, serve First Thursday, and other Pearl events. No residents would be adversely affected.
 - Place a porta-potty in Jamison – It was suggested that they would fill a temporary need during the summer, be less costly than the Loo, and could be locked at night.
 - Create a permanent restroom in the SW corner of the 2-story Park Place townhome building. The City would lease and maintain liability insurance.
 - Create a permanent restroom under the stairwell in the Eco-Trust building that the City would lease and maintain liability insurance
 - Place the Loo at 11th and Johnson in the Zip car location. The location was chosen by the Planning Committee due to the location of lighting, water, and minimal trees surrounding so that it could be seen for safety. Gardner mentioned that this site does have issues due to the location of the sewer line, and would cost an additional \$30k.
 - Place the Loo mid-block on 11th under the street light in a built out parking space. The location has been determined by the Water Bureau to be the most desirable.

- Place the Loo in the Eco-Trust parking lot area
 - Create a space in the Pearl Court building
 - Create an ecologically friendly bathroom in the Eco-Trust area to make a positive statement
 - No bathroom (status quo)
 - Provide funds to one or more local businesses to provide restroom facilities. The funds would help for the additional cleaning and maintenance. It was viewed as a positive step to help local businesses.
 - Since the City has office space in Eco-Trust, the City should open up the facilities for the public.
 - Place the Loo in the walk way behind Banner Bank next to the Burlington.
- Gardner discussed that the budget for the Loo is from a Water Bureau grant. The grant will only pay for the installation of the Loo, and not other solutions (such as porta-potty). Maintenance for the current Loo along Glisan is provided by Portland Clean & Safe, however the one for Jamison would most likely be maintained by Multi-Services (or other local property management company). Also, it was mentioned that Parks doesn't have the funds to pay for something such as a porta-potty. An alternative would be for the local surrounding building to pay for an option other than the Loo, possibly through the Hoyt Street Yards master association.
 - A resident mentioned that there is porta-potty at Tanner Springs, so why not have one at Jamison. In was mentioned that it was for the construction project.
 - Several residents mentioned that the need for a bathroom was only for the summer months when it would be in use. However a resident mentioned the need for tourists walking the neighborhood at other times of the year. He mentioned that the Pearl receives national press and the Portland has a "friendly" reputation. Not having a bathroom available would in his option be "unfriendly".
 - Many residents were concerned that the 24 hrs per day 7 day / week mandate would attract criminal activity as well as homeless, which would impact home values. The cost would be more than just the economics of the Loo itself.
 - It was mentioned that the PDNA was given a petition of 200 signatures of residents that didn't want the Loo. Gardner reminded the group that the PDNA is charged with a larger view of the neighborhood.
 - Greg Madden of Madden Fabrication, which has built the initial Loo prototype, discussed the Loo. He mentioned that the next Loo will be placed in Tom McCall Park. He mentioned that the City is trying to sell the Loo to other cities and government agencies, such as Tri-Met. When asked about putting a lock on the Loo, Madden was surprised that Leonard didn't want locks. He did mention that it would be fairly easy to install a lock.