

PEARL DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2009

Board Members Attending:

Joan Pendergast, Dave Davis, Judy Gibson, Patricia Gardner, Jan Valentine, John (JT) Tarantino, Brad Atchley, Dan Christensen, John Hirsch, Bruce Levy, Pat Lydon, Carla Mansur, Sheila McCoy

Absent:

Yasmine Faroud, Debbie Russell, Carter Case, and Bob Girshberger

Invited Guests:

Nathan Wollstein, Portland Police Bureau. Peter Ogle, USS Ranger, Lydia Cornin, Ride Connection

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairperson Pendergast. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Approval of the previous meeting minutes was postponed.

Treasurer's Report

Judy Gibson, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report for November, 2009. The November beginning balance was \$18,066.26. There were two Pearl Party Corporate Sponsorship donations during the month and no expenses. The ending balance for November was \$18,266.26.

Police Report

Officer Wollstein reviewed the crime report for past month and reported crime relatively low compared to the past. There was one robbery and assault; an apartment resident was assaulted with a metal object when he came upon two male thieves. In addition, there were three aggravated assault cases. It was recommended that valuables not be left in your vehicle, especially in plain sight. The Board thanked Officer Wollstein for taking time to attend tonight's meeting.

Guest: Peter Ogle – USS Ranger

Peter Ogle discussed the retired aircraft carrier, the USS Ranger and the possibility of Portland (T-1 North) being selected as its home base in 2011. The USS Ranger has been mothballed and stored for years. The ship is currently being stored in Bremerton, WA. The US Ranger will be the largest museum ship in the world. The cost to retrofit the ship from warship to a museum (based on the cost of the Midway) would be \$9.3 million dollars and require \$200,000 per year in upkeep. Eight of these ships were built; one ship was deliberately sunk for scientific reasons. The pre-World War II constructed ship is 60 thousand tons, 1,000 feet long and has 5.5 acres of flight deck. The cost of caring for the ship is from private donations. Tax dollars are not allocated for this project. The ship is expected to generate tourism in the Pearl District and create jobs 60-full time jobs aboard the ship. An emergency triage hospital is expected to be installed in the ship. If a home is not found for the USS Ranger, it too will be sunk.

AGREED: A motion was made and seconded by Judy to write a letter of recommendation to the City, to allow the USS Ranger to be stationed at T-1 North. Pat Lydon abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Guest: Lydia Cornin – Ride Connection

Ride connection provides transportation for residents' 60-years old and older as well as individuals with handicaps to ensure they are able to get to the doctor and other appointments. Lydia has been meeting with Associations to get the word out. Ride Connection has a fleet of 90-lift equipped vehicles with about 600 drivers, two-thirds of whom are volunteers and use their own personal cars for transport. Ride Connection also trains individuals to use public transportation. Four days advance notice is requested.

Sandra Ammerman and Sheila McMann – Tanner Place Unit Owners

Sandra requested the discussion to install the restroom or loo in the Tanner Place area be re-opened. A petition was circulated sighted by 12-residential buildings and 19-business to halt the installation of the Jamison Square loo. A meeting in mid-January or February was requested to discuss this issue. A copy of the petition was not available at the meeting, nor did the Board receive prior notice of a petition.

The PDNA Board requested viable alternative solutions be provided at the February meeting, Alternatives should not be farther than one-block from the park. Patricia Gardner addressed this matter on behalf of the Board. Patricia briefly discussed the previous public meetings held relative to the installation of the Jamison loo. All past planning meetings have been public meetings. During these past meetings there was only one objection to location, Operational issues were the only concerns noted during the past meetings.

Planning, Design and Transportation Committee - Patricia Gardner

Patricia discussed construction going on in January on Lovejoy for the Streetcar, The Fields Park and Centennial Mills will be discussed at Bridgeport Brewpub on February 19th,. Patricia also advised her work number has changed as well as her e-mail address.

Presidents Report - Joan Pendergast

Joan reported former Board member, Ron Jennings has had health issues, if neighbors would like to contact him the Board has his contact information.

The Neighborhood Walk Foot Patrol will begin in January. It is difficult to find volunteers during the holidays through New Years. Residents are encouraged to join the Foot Patrol.

Those who took the time to participate in the Fall Polish the Pearl event were thanked. Eighty-two neighbors and Pearl workers and eight children made this event a great success. Three thousand pounds of trash were collected and 120 pounds were recycled.

Livability Committee - Jan Valentine

Jan discussed health and safety concerns relative to traffic lights and stop signs. John Hirsh addressed pedestrian safety; cars consistently roll through stop signs to beat traffic lights at Lovejoy, Burnside and Gleason. Bicycles are also ignoring signs. Officer

Wollstein was asked his opinion on this subject. Officer Wollstein commented that when there is police presence, these infractions do not occur. The areas of concern were noted. The non-emergency line is a way to communicate safety concerns. Jan reported the Holiday Food Drive was underway and doing well.

Communications Committee – J.T. Tarantino

J.T. is working on the website, has changed the banner and now has the capability to track visitors. There have been 15 – 20 hits per day. The committee page has been updated.

Treasurer's Report – Judy Gibson

Judy reported two more donations were received for the Pearl Party. The total profit from the Pearl Party was \$11,000. The total income is now \$18,266.26. Judy discussed placing \$10,000 in a 6-month CD; the checking account does not earn interest.

AGREED: Judy made a motion to place \$10,000 in a 6-month CD at the best interest rate possible. The motion was seconded by Dave Davis, motion carried.

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be held on January 14th, 2010, 6:00 PM at Dynagraphics.

Respectfully submitted

Brad Atchley,