

## RNA January 2007 Minutes

President Tyler Whitmire called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Board members present: Melinda Palmer, Bonnie LaDoe, Nancy Fredricks, Catherine Wilson, Lauren Schmitt, Dorothea Van Duyn, Jeff Selby, Sean Batty, Jeff Bernheisel, Connie Pilcher.

Guests were introduced. About 23 were in attendance.

A motion was made to approve minutes of November meeting. Sean moved, Melinda seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: We have \$7279.22 in the bank. All outstanding bills are paid.

Skate Park Update: Lauren gave report. It will open this spring. The park needed additional fencing. It was suggested RNA consider a \$1000 donation to be given and directed as to where we wanted the money applied. As the park nears completion, we could look at our options where the money is needed.

Big Box Update: Lauren reported the CUP still had not yet been completed. Many individuals as well as associations have expressed concerns. An activist group has been formed "Save Madison South". Neighborhood canvassing has been going on to get public opinion. To date, more than 90% have opposed the construction. Suggestions were made as to how our neighborhood can help: letter writing, attending meetings, hearings, go door to door with questionnaire, contact local commissioner, and be a volunteer to help.

Brad and Dawn, representing Save Madison South, had yard signs made and are selling them for \$12 as a fund-raiser to assist in the fight regarding the land use action. Montavilla Neighborhood Association has concerns with 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, traffic congestion and safety being an issue on a street that already has many problems.

Dorothea, on the Ad hoc committee, is looking for ways to get the traffic study analyzed for problems. One possibility would be looking into a university student to do it for credit.

Sean moved for RNA board to allocate funds to the land use chairman and ad hoc executive committee which gives them authority to spend the funds to oppose the land use proposal and to further use it for creating a vision plan.

Dorothea seconded. Motion passed.

Sean further requested the RNA board allocate \$1500 for the fund amount. Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

Tyler needs door-to-door people to get neighborhood response to a short questionnaire regarding the “Big Box” land use proposal.

Brad and Dawn have a great method for tracking and have been using it in Madison South. They will be happy to share their knowledge.

Calendar Sales: Tyler reported all 750 calendars sold in five weeks. He has also learned ways to improve the process next year. He is requesting old black and white photos with history for next years and for board members to be on the look out for them.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Connie reported that there are about 109 volunteers that need to be invited and felt the \$500 budget would not cover. We were encouraged to look into other options. Tyler would like to meet with the committee soon to discuss options.

Presentation: Officers Matt Thoman and Timothy Mast of the Bureau of Police gave us an update on crime in the area with a few statistics regarding car prowl and burglaries. RNA April General Meeting will be covering crime and prevention in our area.

New Business:

Friends of Trees

Sean reported that we have been doing this for about 8 years without interruption, and again this year it would be available to those interested. Shannon Garcia, coordinator, updated us as to the date of March 24<sup>th</sup> and that forms need to be submitted by January 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the trees would only be \$35 this year instead of the usual \$75. The homeowner only needs to provide help and a bag of mulch. Friends of Trees would deliver and dig

the hole. She reported that she thought she had corporate sponsorship to help fund the event, but in case they backed out, she needed funds to cover expenses.

Sean moved to have \$300 authorized for her to spend if necessary. Lauren seconded. Motion carried.

Newsletter: Jeff reported the article deadline for articles would be February 19<sup>th</sup>. He received a quote of \$667.00 if we decide to double the size to 8 pages.

Article possibilities:

Sean & Lauren Land Use action

Bonnie – historical

Shannon – tree planting

A gardening article

Gregory Heights school improvement plan

Skate Park update

Home safety – Jenny

April general meeting about public safety

Web site: Ned updated us, requested dates to be added to the calendar for up to one year. He requested minutes from current meetings.

Tyler has set up at web site [Save Roseway.org](http://SaveRoseway.org). for the purpose of fighting current land use issues. Ned said that any costs would be covered under our main web site.

Lighting request by neighbors at Wellington Park: Connie and several neighbors requested help from the RNA board to get better lighting at the north entrance of Wellington Park under the quote of \$350 to be paid if the light is approved. Sean suggested that the neighbors try and raise funds to contribute and that RNA would help. The process needs to be followed through to see if there is a possibility to get the light. Connie will follow through with the city on what to do next.

Catherine Wilson updated us on CNN. She mentioned the CNN board is very strict about attendance and we need to be sure we are represented each meeting.

Roseway signs: we have the signs back and they need to be finished.

Tyler reported the City of Portland is holding a Neighborhood Fix-It Fair, Saturday, January 27 from 8:30-2:00 at Madison High School, We will be represented with a table. Any one willing to help please contact Tyler.

Sean reported on conceptual plans for improvements at Gregory Heights School to make the facility more usable and information will be forthcoming on those plans in the near future.

Tyler adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Connie Pilcher, secretary