

RNA February 2007 Minutes

President Tyler Whitmire called the February 13th meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members present: Sean Batty, Jeff Bernheisel, Kathleen Blevins, Chad Ernest, Bonnie LaDoe, Melinda Palmer, Connie Pilcher, Jeff Selby, Dorothea Van Duyn, Tyler Whitmire, and Catherine Wilson.

30 were in attendance. Introductions were made.

Minutes of the January meeting were amended and Chad moved they be approved. Jeff Bernheisel seconded.

Treasurer's report: Melinda Palmer reported we had \$7,113.73 in the bank.

Neighborhood Clean Up: Jane Rosenthal reported. It will be held Saturday, May 12th from 9 – 2 PM. Agra-Plastics will be providing containers for picking up and recycling plastic products. Metro will also provide vouchers for yard debris. We need volunteers to sign up to help.

Sean reported on Gregory Heights school conversion to K-8. He has been working on proposed improvements with a multi-year vision. The general ground needs a clean up. Since RNA is having the Clean-Up day at Gregory Heights, he asked if RNA would be willing to donate ½ a dumpster space and volunteers to clean up the school area at the same time. We could involve Rose City Little League and maybe student/parent volunteers too. Dorothea moved that we donate ½ dumpster for the school debris. Melinda seconded. Motion passed.

Dorothea reported for Shannon on the tree planting to be held March 24th. The on-site inspections have been done and a list of trees is available.

Big Box Proposed Construction: Sean updated as Lauren is out of town. For the benefit of the newcomers in the room, he gave a brief history up to now. The deadline to submit has passed and they did not submit but asked that it be deemed complete. They did submit a traffic impact study. They asked that it be put on hold. They can keep it *in hold* for up to 245 days.

He suggested the neighborhood association focus on a response packet. We need technical resources. Sean is looking into this area. Chad is organizing the grassroots side. There are many ways to participate. We need vision ideas. When the contractor is defeated, we need to come back with proposal ideas to follow up. We need to continue to write Sylvia Case letters of our concerns.

When it is no longer on hold, what happens next? When it is complete, it will be reviewed and a hearing will be scheduled. Wait until that happens.

Chad passed out fliers and asked for volunteers to speak with 4 or 5 neighbors. Get their e-mail addresses and names so we can contact them. Our goal: That everyone will know.

Sean discussed the funds needed for hiring traffic engineer will be about \$3,000 to \$10,000.

Calendar Sales: Jeff B. reported RNA and the Business Association did this as a joint venture. The profits will be split between RNA and them. We will receive \$631.28.

Connie updated on the Wellington Parks lighting project. We are waiting to hear their decision. Connie will follow through with phone calls.

Melinda reported on the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The invitations are out and RSVP responses are due no later than Feb.22.

Newsletter: Jeff Selby reported the PDXID (Business Assn) wants to purchase a page in next issue of our newsletter. The total cost for 8 pages is \$667.00. Sean moved that we sell the PDXID a page for \$200. Kathleen 2nd. Motion passed.

Articles are due February 19th. List of contributors for next newsletter:

Big Box: Chad – grassroots, Sean & Lauren – land use report

Historical – Bonnie

Tree Planting - Shannon

Garden article - Peggy

Gregory Heights – Kerry Graves

Skate Park – Lauren

Jenny – Car prowls and thefts

Clean up – Jane
New board members – Connie
Resident spotlight
Business spotlight
Business Assn page – Tyler
Christmas in April – Catherine

Tyler reported that the Business Association wanted to purchase ½ of RNA web site bandwidth. They would pay \$60
Sean moved they be allowed to purchase ½ the bandwidth. Dorothea seconded. Motion passed.

The next regular board meeting will be March 13th.

The next general meeting will be April 10. Galena will speak on Common Neighborhood Crimes.

Bonnie reported that Gregory Heights library would have our history display beginning March 1st.

Amy White, a visitor, wanted to volunteer to be on a graffiti committee. She will meet with Melinda.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted

Connie Pilcher, Secretary