

## RNA Mar 2007 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:17 PM by Chad Ernest at the residence of Dorothea Van Duyn.

Introductions were made. 22 were in attendance. Ruth Hander of Madison South was present. She represents the Chief's Forum.

Board members present: Sean Batty, Kathleen Blevins, Chad Ernest, Bonnie LaDoe, Melinda Palmer, Connie Pilcher, Lauren Schmitt, Jeff Selby, Dorothea Van Duyn, Tyler Whitmire.

Minutes from February were read and approved. Sean moved, Jeff S 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Melinda reported \$7193.50 in the bank.

Agenda as submitted was accepted and nothing added.

**Current Business:** Tree planting updated by Shannon Garcia. Reported everything set to go Saturday, March 24 at 9:00 AM. No funds were needed. Volunteer helpers would be appreciated. Residents can go on the list for next year.

Land Use update by Lauren. In fill houses: A land lot adjustment request for an additional house at 79<sup>th</sup> Klickitat was opposed. Historically the lots were set up 25 x 100 with two lots required for a house. Builders are stretching the rules in trying to build on 50 x 50 lots. We (RNA) are submitting our opposition. Sean moved that we oppose lot line adjustments, Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Skate park: The contractor expects to complete the project in one month. He wants to do a "soft opening celebration" and then in the summer do a Grand opening event. A possible date would be around August 1<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested that we wait on our donation to see what their needs are after completion. It might be better to contribute to the lighting. Wait and see.

Big Box: Sean updated. The application is still on hold. The Ad hoc committee met on Sunday. They are putting together a land use response.

We continue to need volunteer to go door to door. Every Saturday from 11:00-12:00 at Chad's there is a sign up meeting and rally to go out and canvass. His address is 3335 NE 72<sup>nd</sup>. \$12,500 is our fund raising goal for financing project to

do traffic study and other necessary items. Volunteers are requested to keep records of who contacted and area. Fill out tracking cards and turn them in.

We have pre-addressed envelopes for neighbors who would rather write a letter in opposition of the Big Box structure. Sean would develop a letter and bullet points to make it easier for the letter writing.

Sean made a motion for another \$1000 be reserved for the Big Box opposition response. Chad 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Yard signs: we need to order another 100. Dorothea moved. Jeff S 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

No report on the Neighborhood Clean Up

New Light in Wellington Park: Connie updated. Working with Mike Boyer who has written a draft of a letter to the City to propose the installation of the light. Connie is getting neighbors signing on as support. Project looks very promising.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Connie and Melinda reported dinner was a success. It was in under budget and we are looking forward to next year.

#### **New Business:**

Newsletter: The new 8-page issue is completed and the cost will most likely be \$667. Melinda will work on the distribution.

Next Public Meeting – April program: 2 mini crime prevention programs are scheduled.

We need a Crime Prevention Coordinator: Responsibilities would be to help organize neighborhood watch and graffiti abatement. Will ask for help in that area at the next general meeting. We will pick up the job if no one steps forward.

PDXID festival: see handout. It is scheduled July 14 and will take place at the park blocks in the Roseway neighborhood. Other events are scheduled.

We need a representative to attend the East Precinct meeting the last Wednesday of the month from 6-8 PM.

Tyler adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.