

RNA May 2007 Minutes

Tyler Whitmire called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

12 people were in attendance

Board members present: Sean Batty, Kathleen Blevins, Chad Ernest, Bonnie La Doe, Peggy Sullivan, Dorothea Van Duyn, Tyler Whitmire, Catherine Wilson.

Approval of last month's minutes: Peggy moved and Sean seconded.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Bonnie filled in for Melinda and reported \$7460.18 in the bank.

Current Business:

Land Use update: Lauren was unable to attend; update given by Tyler.

- a) Skate Park: opening well attended. Park is officially closed at night, officers occasionally patrolling area. Graffiti is already appearing. Garbage & cigarette butts accumulating: possibly board could donate garbage/ash can rather than bench. No motions made at this time.
- b) Sean mentioned that Daddy's Board Shop is hoping to move into empty building next to Annie's Doughnuts (former RAC building).
- c) Small lot development update from Tyler: Board's request for denial of exemption denied; hence exemption allowed to landowner. Only 2 people from the Board present at hearing.
- d) Discussion followed regarding ability to get codes changed; Sean shared knowledge of ongoing city regulatory reform efforts. Nothing in the way of quick fixes available, but with consistent communication & awareness of process, neighborhood needs will be best served.

Big Box

- a) Tyler & Madison South rep will be meeting with Smart Centers representative. Information on that meeting will be presented in June.

- b) Chad updated on outreach: many signs sold & up in neighborhood with the exception of north and northwest of Sandy (behind Safeway and on out to edges of neighborhood). Envelopes have been well received. Some volunteers handing out letter format for neighbors to follow; also very helpful. New flyers are ready and address cards for May are green.
- c) Tyler noted 150 signs have been sold thus far.
- d) BBQ movie night planned for May 20th, 2007, 7PM at Chad Ernest's home (3335 NE 72nd Ave). Movie will be "The High Cost of Low Price." Dorothea offered her copy of movie for use. Email invites will be sent as well as door-to-door invitations. Projector might be available for use, as well as movie screen, free of charge.

New lights in Wellington Park

Tyler reported that things are still coming along. No specifics as Connie is point person on this action and not present at meeting.

School closure update

Kathleen reported Rose City Park Elementary has scheduled closure celebration for June 3rd, 2-5PM. Various speakers will be present at event along with Grant/Madison High school bands; Time Capsule will be opened. Rooms in school will be open with themes for each decade of school's existence. Request made for any memorabilia to be donated to RCP Principal, Mary Dingle. Volunteers for celebration are needed: info at RoseCityPark.org. District will be retaining property but no plans yet for its actual use.

Gregory Heights will be renamed Siskiyou Ridge, mascot is Panthers. Sean spoke regarding RNA being more involved with opening of Siskiyou Ridge, helping make Rose City Park students & parents feel welcome. Renovation will be going on all summer to prepare building. Grounds will be worked on May 12th, same day as Neighborhood Clean Up.

New Business

Neighborhood Clean Up:

Jane reported bit of a fiasco with haulers. Portland Disposal & Recycling agreed upon payment rate for bins then called her at a later date to inform her there is a \$25/hour fee per driver. CNN will work on letter to Metro re: standardization with haulers & fees. Report is all neighborhoods

calling regarding this situation; Metro may not reimburse for all fees incurred.

Jane applied for Grant to supplement cost of clean up event; no response at this point so most likely it was denied.

Question brought up in regards to dealing with electronics: should we accept them with payment of electronic recycling fee? Flyer states electronics not accepted, but people may bring them anyway as they can be dumped in garbage. We are obligated to tell them that it's officially acceptable to dump them with regular garbage. Part of our goal is to educate neighbors on ability to recycle electronics, keeping toxic materials out of regular dump. Free Geeks take electronics for \$10 per item.

Schnitzer is donating recycle bin for metal.

Crime prevention programs

Tyler reported that no crime prevention cards were sent into Galina from the last meeting. General discussion commenced on organic nature of developing community and neighborhood watch programs.

Side note from Catherine: she has heard a couple complaints regarding too many ads in the last newsletter. General discussion commenced on charter restrictions (if any) regarding ability to cover cost of newsletter with advertising, should we make formal limit to # of ads per articles. Research will be done by Tyler and presented at next meeting.

Garage Sale

Catherine reported that Jeff Selby has volunteered to coordinate neighborhood garage sale. Date chosen is July 28th.

PDXID Festival

Event will be held July 14th, noon to 6PM at Park Blocks. Permits for tables at event are \$25 for non-profit organizations.

Catherine made motion for Roseway to purchase a table for representation of our neighborhood with additional funds allotted for handouts such as flyers, buttons, and balloons for a total cost of \$125.00.

Sean seconded motion.

Peggy thirded motion.

All voted aye, motion passed.

Chad will oversee table and handouts at PDXID Festival. Bonnie, Peggy & Dorothea volunteered to staff the table.

Tyler noted that CNN now has 23-24 members.

Meeting adjourned 8:20PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dorothea Van Duyn, filling in for Connie Pilcher.