

RNA April 2013 General Meeting Minutes

Chair Paul M. called the April 9, 2013 General Meeting to order at 7:05pm. Forty-six (46) people were in attendance.

Board members present: Ted Carlston, Angela Carpenter, Britt Conroy, David Drouin, Denise Gorrell, Del Lewis, David Lochelt, Nancy Mensch, Paul Mooring, Melinda Palmer, Bob Price, Linda Row, Lindsey Wise and Julia Wojciechowski.

Neighbors Present: Twenty-nine (29).

Volunteers Present: Nancy Fredricks, Bonnie LaDoe and Catherine Wilson.

Additions to the Agenda: Movies in the Park, Rose City Park Sewer Repair Project, School Principals, Park Blocks Mowing, Graffiti at Budget Granite, Flower to the People and Bike Month.

Approval of the March Board Meeting Minutes: Ted C. moved and Del L. seconded. Motion carried with corrections noted: (1) fixed “sufficient” to “insufficient” on page 4; and (2) changed NE Fremont to NE Prescott on page 2.

Treasurer’s report: Linda R. reported \$7614.84 in the bank.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

CNN Update:

- Nancy F. attended the April CNN meeting and reported the following:
 - Officer Tray Clayton – Community Education Officer – stated that the Police were working on getting outdoor tags to allow neighbors to report illegal fireworks during the 4th of July holiday.
 - There will be an 82nd Avenue Community forum on May 4th at Madison High School. The topic is how to make 82nd Avenue more livable for residents.
 - For future community events, new insurance rules will be in effect. The new rules will state that only Association board members will be covered by insurance, no one else.
 - A Bill in the Oregon Legislature is being considered to allow food carts with alcohol license to sell the food carts without giving neighborhoods associations notice.

Land Use Update:

- David L. attended the April LUTOP meeting and reported the following:
 - The City of Portland’s Comprehensive Plan projects a population growth of 132,000 over the next ten (10) years, with the main problems to such growth being lack of jobs, housing and proper industrial zoning.
 - Portland State University is largest university in Oregon with a projection of 40,000 students in ten (10) years.

- Regarding zoning rules for historic platted lots, such lots can be divided into two (2) lots, but any structures on the historic lots must be torn down and remain vacant for five (5) years before the lot can be divided and two (2) single family residences built on them.
 - These historic lots are marked by dotted lines on the City’s proposed remapping of the City.
- The City of Portland also does not have enough land zoned industrial use and the golf courses on located along Columbia Blvd will likely be rezoned for industrial use.
- There will be two (2) meetings on the remapping of the City. They will occur on June 1 and June 15, located TBD.

Clean Up:

- Ted C. reported the Board may need to find a new venue for the June 1 Clean-Up. After speaking with the Nazarene Church, the Church would hold the Board responsible for any damage to parking lot. (Ted C. also clarified that the Nazarene Church parking lot has not been repaved, merely re-sealed.)
- Ted C. stated that it may be possible to use the parking lot at the Calvary Church on NE Fremont, but believed it is too small. He then suggested that the Clean-Up still be held at the Nazarene Church anyway, and that the Association use plywood to protect their parking lot.
 - Catherine W. asked where the Association would get the plywood.
- David L. asked about using the parking lot east of Madison South High School.
 - Nancy M. stated she had spoken with the Civic Use of Buildings (CUB) of Portland Public Schools about using the site, but that the Board should talk to the school administrators first.
 - David L. stated he would speak with the High School administrators about using the parking lot MS high school about using the parking lot and getting the CUB permit.
- Lindsay W. asked the attending Neighbors to sign up for volunteer shifts for the Clean-Up.
- Ted C. also reported that funding for Clean-Ups after May 2014 may not be available from CNN due to possible budget cuts.
- Paul M. tabled the discussion and directed the Board to be contact over the upcoming week about Clean-Up location options.

Concerts in the Park Update:

- Angela C. reported that the Concert Committee has met its goal of holding three (3) concerts this summer in Glenhaven Park. Funding for the Concerts has come from last year’s carryover fund, current corporate sponsorships and individual donations.
- Angela C. provided the dates of the Concerts and the Bands:
 - Thursday, July 11: Melao de Cuba
 - Thursday, July 18: Seventh Seal
 - Thursday, July 25: Geno Michaels and Soul City
- Nancy F. asked when will the Concert brochures be ready.
 - Angela replied that they will be prepared in June.

Movies in the Park:

- Paul M. reported that the Neighborhood will hold a Movies in the Park night sometime in August and will be able to report the details at a later meeting.

Rebranding Project:

- David D. reported to the Board and the Neighbors that there was community survey included in the Spring Newsletter. David D. asked the attending Neighbors to participate in the survey to assist in the Rebranding Project.
- Julia W. reported that the cost of using Survey Monkey to provide an online community survey would be \$24 per month and the online survey would assist the Rebranding Committee in tabulating the survey data automatically.
 - Julia W. asked the Board to approve up to \$150 in funds to subscribe to Survey Monkey for up to six (6) months.
 - Paul M. made a motion to provide the funds and Julia W. seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

ROSEWAY BUSINESS:**Airport Construction:**

- Paul M. reported to the Board and Neighbors of the planned construction on the South Runway during the upcoming summer and stated there will be increased flight traffic over Roseway during that time.

Rose City Park Sewer Repair Project: Kristen Kieber

- Kristen Kieber of the Bureau of Environmental Services reported to the Board and Neighbors of the sewer repair project which will begin in 2014 and which will affect portions of the Roseway Neighborhood.
- Paul M. asked Ms. Kieber if the repairs will be similar to the current repairs along NE 57th Avenue.
 - Ms. Kieber replied that the upcoming project will be similar but will be done in blocks.
- Catherine W. asked Ms. Kieber about the potential costs to homeowners with non-conforming sewer connections.
 - Ms. Kieber stated that homeowners with non-conforming sewer lines will have be redone so they do conform.

Portland Fluoridation Vote in May: Kim Kaminski and Mel Rader

- Kim Kaminski, Chair of Clean Water Portland, explained to the Board and Neighbors the reasons her group opposes fluoridating Portland's water supply.
- Mel Rader, of Health Kids, Healthy Portland, explained to the Board and Neighbors his group's support of fluoridating Portland's water supply.

School Principals: Ms. Sarah Lewins and Ms. Verneice Gutierrez

- Paul M. introduced the principals of Roseway Heights Elementary School (Ms. Lewins) and the principal of Scott Elementary (Ms. Gutierrez).
- Ms. Lewins discussed her school's plans to add covered play sites and announced future kindergarten connect events for children who are not yet registered for kindergarten classes.
- Ms. Gutierrez discussed her school's current transition plans, from expanding kindergarten

classes (with Spanish immersion) to expanding its first grade classes. Ms. Gutierrez also announced future kindergarten connect events and other events at the school.

Columbia River Crossing:

- Mandy Putney, who represents the Communication and Outreach Team for the Columbia River Crossing Project spoke to the Board and Neighbors about the project, the reasons the CRC Project is needed, how the CRC project will be paid for, and its possible impact on the Roseway Neighborhood.
 - Ms. Putney stated that the new I-5 bridge will need to be tolled to cover the construction costs, although the toll rate has not yet been set.
- Ron Buel, invited by Board Member Britt C., also spoke about the CRC project and stated his reasons for objecting to the Project.

Roseway Rebranding Project

- The Rebranding Committee will meet after end of the General Meeting.

Park Blocks Mowing:

- Bob P. reported that the City came out and mowed the Park Blocks at the end of March, although he has no idea how many times the City will be able to do so again this year.
 - Bob P. also reported that the next mowing will occur on Saturday, April 13, and stated that the Association will need to raise funds again to cover the cost of future mowings. He reminded the Board that it costs the Association \$300 per mowing and that the Association currently has allocated \$500 of current funds for that purpose.

NEW BUSINESS TO CONSIDER:

Graffiti at Budget Granite:

- David L. reported that the wall behind Budget Granite is a graffiti magnet and believes that planting seventy-two (72) arbor vitae trees three (3) feet apart from each other will cover the wall.
 - David L. estimated budget: \$1400 and reported that the property owner may give up to \$500 and Budget Granite will give \$500, if the Board will cover the remaining costs. If the property owner provides no money, Budget Granite will give up to \$700 and the will ask the Board to raise the rest.
 - David L. suggested that if the Board agrees to take part that the Board make planting day a neighborhood project event.
- Catherine W. stated that she thinks the Board should be involved, but is not sure that the Neighborhood association must help fund it, although the Board can certainly facilitate the project.
- Paul M. stated that he will put this issue on the agenda for the May Board Meeting and hold a vote on the matter then.

Flower to the People:

- “Addie’s You and I Travel” agency bought the building which Flower to the People rents. The owners of “Addie’s You and I Travel” agency and Flower to the People reported that the

- building is zoned residential, not commercial and they are trying to get the correct permits.
- The owner of Flower to the People (Jason Walker) spoke about his reasons for starting the business and stated that he understands the neighborhood's concerns about the business.
 - Mr. Walker stated he wants to keep it as a medical marijuana business, does not keep drugs on premises and has security around the building.
 - Angela C. asked what kind of business does Flower to the People do?
 - Mr. Walker stated that he connects the growers of marijuana with the medical marijuana patients.
 - Catherine W. asked how the business generate its revenue.
 - Mr. Walker stated that the growers and the patients pay for his connection services
 - Paul M. and Denise G. stated that they live near "Potlandia" and (personally) believe that the business has had a negative impact on the neighborhood.
 - Denise G. also asked how much marijuana can be sold to an individual each day.
 - Mr. Walker stated that the limit is 1.5 pounds per day per patient, but that he has never seen that amount sold.
 - Britt C. asked if "Addie's You and I Travel" agency and Flower to the People wanted the Board to do anything in particular.
 - Mr. Walker answered no.
 - Paul M. asked Mr. Walker to come to the May Board Meeting, if possible.
 - Ted C. suggested that the Board take an overview of all four (4) marijuana establishments in the area, not just Flower to the People.
 - Denise G. stated for the purpose of the Association's record that the Roseway NA has no taken action for or against Flower to the People, nor taken a position on the business.

Bike Month:

- Timo Forsberg of the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation briefly reported that this May is "Bike Month" and there will be a breakfast on May 23rd from 7am to 9am, located at NE Sacramento and NE 67th Avenue.

Paul M. adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Mensch