



RNA February 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Chair Paul M. called the February 11, 2014 Board Meeting to order at 7:06pm. Fourteen (14) people were in attendance.

Board members present: Ted Carlston, Angela Carpenter, Denise Gorrell, Del Lewis, Nancy Mensch, Paul Mooring, Melinda Palmer, Bob Price, Jessica Reese, Linda Row, Mark Sandri, and Peggy Sullivan.

Neighbors Present: None

Volunteers Present: Nancy Fredricks and Catherine Wilson.

Additions to the Agenda: Other Neighborhood News (under Land Use Update); Garden Walk and Tour and Clean Up (under Roseway Business)

Approval of the January 2014 Board Meeting Minutes: Paul M. moved and Del L. seconded. Motion carried with following correction noted: David D. did not attend the January 2014 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's report: Linda R. reported \$8,933.06 in the bank.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

CNN Update:

- Nancy F. and Catherine W. reported the following:
 - A librarian from Hollywood Library attended the CNN meeting to report the following: that they are holding smart phone classes; it is possible (with your library card) to get consumer reports and do video streaming.
 - AT&T cell phone tower construction: the first tower will be built in the Cully Neighborhood, and the next may be built in the Roseway Neighborhood on NE 74th Ave. and NE Beech St. (although the exact spot is not yet known).
 - AT&T has not yet notified the RNA or CNN of their intent to construct a tower in the Roseway neighborhood.
 - The Candidates Fair will take place on March 18th at the German American Society.
 - There is a Community Rewards Program offered at Fred Meyer and CNN can receive money from the program.
- Catherine W. reported on a motion regarding a letter from the Madison South

Neighborhood Association in opposition to the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project.

- A vote was held on the letter: five (5) people abstained, and eight (8) people voted in favor of the opposition letter. The motion passed.
- Catherine W. reported that Roseway voted in favor of the opposition letter.

Land Use Update:

- Bob P. and Mark S. attended the LUTOP meeting.
- The City has proposed a new regulation to change code for short term rentals of residential houses, by creating a \$150 fee for short term rentals. (Apparently, this is a heated issue in the Rose City Park Neighborhood and the City wants the revenue.)
 - Under current code, a residential homeowner can rent out room or the whole house under short term situation, and no notification to the renting homeowner's neighbors is required. Rose City Park residents want neighbors of the renting homeowner to be notified, have the ability to comment on the situation, and veto power.
 - The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) wrote letter on this issue, stating:
 - Homeowner residents don't want short term, renting residents;
 - The practice establishes uses inconsistent with low residential usage;
 - It creates issues that lower the quality of life and reduces the sale value of Rose City Park homes by introducing a motel like atmosphere;
 - It creates rental housing stock; and
 - The Rose City Park Neighborhood wants to sustain the stability and livability of their neighborhood.
 - Bob P. said the RCPNA did not provide any proof of loss of value and lowered livability because of short term rentals, but the RCPNA wants the City to look into the impact of such short term rentals on their neighborhood.
- Paul M. asked if any Board member had an opinion on this issue.
 - Bob P. stated, in short, that the RCPNA does not like the whole concept of short term rentals.
 - Ted C. stated one issue is knowing what your next door neighbor is doing.
 - Ted. C. also commented that he would like to continue to hear about this issue progresses, as short term rentals may become a factor in the Roseway Neighborhood.
- Paul M. concluded that the consensus of the Board was to keep an eye on the issue, but at this time the Association would not be taking a position on it.

Cully Review Letter:

- The Cully Neighborhood Association (CNA) drafted a letter in opposition to the CRC project, stating that it will divert traffic to I-205, thus to Sandy Blvd., which will result in increased traffic on Sandy Blvd.
 - The CNA wanted the RNA to review their letter and whether the RNA will write its own letter in opposition to the CRC (only in regards to the issue about how the CRC will affect traffic in the Roseway Neighborhood.)
- Paul M. asked if any Board member wanted to support the CNA by writing a letter in

opposition to the CRC

- Paul M. brings a motion to draft such a letter; the motion failed for lack of majority.
- Paul M. concluded that if any Board member wants to draft a letter, he/she can bring it up at a future meeting.

Other Neighborhood News:

- Bob P. reported that the Hollywood Bowl will be closing on May 19, 2014, and the property has already been bought by Orchard's Building Supply.
- Ted C. reported the following:
 - There is a new address on NE Alameda St. as one (1) house was torn down and two (2) are going up in its place.
 - The Kings Row property (at NE 82nd Ave. and NE Beech St.) will be turned into an area for food carts.
 - Flower to the People is gone.
 - Thien Hong lost their liquor license for a month.
- Angela C. reported the following:
 - G-Spot (next to Pussy cats on NE 82nd Ave.) has moved out. She believes two (2) college students are renting the property and living there.
 - Duff's Garage is moving into what used to be the Red Room (located on NE 82nd Ave, across from Madison South High School).

Concerts:

- Angela C. reported that fund raising for the 2014 Concerts must start.
 - Currently, there is enough money for one (1) concert, although the plan is to have up to four (4) concerts (with three (3) concerts the minimum goal).
 - The Association gave \$1000 for the 2013 Concerts.
- Paul M. brings a motion to commit \$1000 to support the Concerts again this year, with the caveat that if more money is needed, the Board will revisit the issue at a later meeting.
 - The motion is carried unanimously.
- Paul M. suggested setting up a schedule about who will man the RNA table during this season's Concerts.

ROSEWAY BUSINESS

Garden Walk and Tour:

- Del L. reported that he has six gardens already lined up for the tour and wants to directly recruit participants instead of asking for them through the RNA newsletters.
- Del L. also wants suggestions on how to advertise the garden tours as the tour list won't be complete by the next newsletter printing.
 - Paul M. suggested creating a Google map of the garden tour sites, which can be downloaded as a PDF from the RNA website.

- Bob P. suggested making signs for each location where a garden tour will be held.
 - Jessica R. stated she will give sign info to Del L. if he desires.
- Catherine W. asked if the garden tour is free or will someone be selling tickets.
 - Del L. answered that no tickets will be sold.
- Del L. asks to be given the information of anyone who would be interested in participating in opening his/her garden to the tour.
- Angela C. asked if there would be any refreshments available.
 - Del L. answered that would be up to the individual garden owner.

Clean Up

- Jessica R. reported that there is money for the next five (5) fiscal years for the Clean Up. However, the amount of money available has not been increased and thus will not cover the rising costs of holding a Clean Up.
 - Jessica R. stated that the Board should re-evaluate the suggested prices the RNA wants to charge for the size/type of garbage/other materials that the RNA will be accepting at its Clean Up on May 24.
- Jessica R. also stated that mattresses will be accepted as long as the hauler will take them. So far, it appears the haulers will accept mattresses.

Paul M. adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Mensch
Secretary