

## RNA July 2013 General Meeting Minutes

Chair Paul M. called the July 9, 2013 General Meeting (aka, Ice Cream Social) to order at 7:06 pm. Approximately fifty (50) people were in attendance.

**Board members present:** Ted Carlston, Angela Carpenter, Britt Conroy, Denise Gorrell, Del Lewis, Nancy Mensch, Paul Mooring, Melinda Palmer, Bob Price, Jessica Reese, Linda Row, Peggy Sullivan, Lindsey Wise and Julia Wojciechowski.

**Neighbors Present:** Approximately thirty-five (35).

**Volunteers Present:** Catherine Wilson.

### **Additions to the Agenda:**

- Rebranding Committee Update: Neighborhood Improvement Surveys
- Web-presence
- Newsletters

**Approval of the June 2013 Board Meeting Minutes:** Paul M. moved and Melinda P. seconded, with the following corrections noted:

- 1) Under Clean-Up – Final Thoughts on page two (2): Catherine W. asked if the Association tracked what it makes from the U-Price It portion of the Clean-Up, not whether the Association tracked what it makes from the Clean-Up itself.
- 2) Under Future Speaker on page four (4): The neighbor Ted C. spoke to about speaking at a future meeting was Kathy Gillette, a master recycler and resident of the Roseway neighborhood.

**Treasurer's report:** Linda R. reported \$7,162.31 in the bank.

### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

#### **CNN Update** (no meeting over summer)

- No update; CNN meetings will reconvene in September.

#### **Land Use Update** (no meeting over summer)

- No update

#### **Concerts in the Park:**

- Paul M. reported that the Concerts in the Park (at Glenhaven Park) will start Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> and run for three weeks.
- Angela C. and Del L. reminded volunteers to be at the concert site by 6:15pm to help with set-up
  - Melinda P. stated she will handle the volunteer sign-in sheets
  - Catherine W. stated she will bring neighborhood improvement surveys to hand out.

### **Garage Sale:**

- Paul M. reported that the Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, August 17.
- Paul M. also reported that he will advertise the Garage Sale in the Portland Tribune (\$17 cost), which is a new venue, and in the Hollywood Reporter (\$200 cost).

**Sunday Parkways** – Caitlin Shelman suggested the Association lobby to have Roseway included in next year’s route.

- Paul M. reported that he has been e-mailing with Ms. Shelman (who was not present at the meeting) to try to include Roseway next year.
- An attending neighbor stated she has also contacted the City about getting Roseway included, but said a request from the Association would carry more weight.

**Speaker:** Paige Hendrix, Policy Director and Community Liaison for Loretta Smith (of the Office of Multnomah County Commissioner)

- Ms. Hendricks apologized that Ms. Smith could not make it to the General Meeting (as she was invited at the last minute to attend a CDC conference), but wanted to report the following on her behalf:
  - Ms. Smith has championed funding for senior center programs, especially for access to food by working with Loaves and Fishes.
  - Worked to create a “Summer Works Program” to help Portland youth get summer jobs with Multnomah County and local non-profits.
    - Ms. Hendrix reported that they were able to double the number of interns (from fifty (50) to 100 (one hundred)) participating in the program, which was sponsored by Multnomah County.
  - Lobbied for \$50,000 this year for new turf fields for Jefferson and Madison South High Schools.
  - Lobbied for \$50,000 to be included in budget to install new exercise equipment at Thomas Cully Park.
  - Currently working on an initiative for men’s health, especially fathers’ health, to encourage them to get wellness checks with free check-ups provided by Kaiser and the ODS Health (now called Moda Health).
  - Working to implement “Senior Listening Forums,” to find out the needs of our senior community.
- Board Members and Neighbors also asked Ms. Hendrix a variety of questions, including:
  - Paul M. asked what is Ms. Smith’s role as a County level Commissioner.
    - Ms. Hendrix responded that Ms. Smith is one of five (5) commissioners. Her day-to-day responsibilities include looking after the safety-net in Multnomah County, as well as libraries, roads in unincorporated areas of the county and bridges.
    - Ms. Smith is also involved in making budget decisions for the County and land-use policy decisions for the region, such as the urban growth boundary.
  - Britt C. asked what is the County doing to help the homeless living in the County?
    - Ms. Hendrix reported that the County is re-evaluating its plans on this

issue.

- Paul M. asked whether the County Commissioners are involved in the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) Project?
  - Ms. Hendrix reported that the CRC Project is outside of the County Commission's purview.
- Paul M. also asked what other big issues the Commission is currently involved in.
  - Ms. Hendrix replied that the Commission is evaluating the effects of sequestration on the fiscal health of the County and how to ameliorate any problems due to sequestration.
- Neighbor Kathy Gillette asked what the County's role is in emergency preparedness.
  - Ms. Hendrix responded that the County is involved because it has responsibility for many of the bridges in Multnomah County.
- Bob P. asked about the East/West streets in the Roseway Neighborhood. The City does not maintain them (even though they were annexed by the City). Does the County have any enforcement authority?
  - Ms. Hendrix replied that she did not know and would contact the Association about the issue when she knew.

**Rebranding Update:**

- Del L. reported about the work of the Rebranding Committee with the neighborhood improvement surveys. Del L. reported that the surveys have been passed around at this meeting and that they will be handed out at the Concerts in the Park, as well.
  - Del L. also reported that the deadline for completing the surveys will be October 31, 2013 and a report detailing the results of the surveys will be completed by February 2014.
- Paul M. introduced to the neighbors in attendance at this meeting the Association's rebranding efforts and asked them to participate by filling out the surveys.

**Web-presence:**

- Paul M. reminded the neighbors in attendance at this meeting of the Association's website and Facebook page.

**Newsletters:**

- Catherine W. and Melinda P. asked for volunteers for newsletter distribution, including help for pick-up, dividing out to delivery team leaders and delivery to neighbors.

Paul M. adjourned the General Meeting at 7:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy M.