

## RNA March 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Julia Wojciechowski called the March 12, 2013 Board Meeting to order at 8:03pm. Seventeen (17) people were in attendance

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

**Neighbors Present:** None.

**Volunteers Present:** Bonnie LaDoe and Catherine Wilson.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Concerts in the Park

**Approval of the February Board Meeting Minutes:** Peggy S. moved and Melinda P. seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Linda R. reported \$6,739.84 in the bank. (This amount includes sums paid for printing and mailing the Winter Newsletter.)

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

#### CNN Update:

- Catherine W. attended the March CNN meeting and reported the following:
  - The first half of the Portland's Comprehensive Plan is almost complete. If the Association wants to have any input in the plan, it needs to participate now.
  - CNN has reviewed Madison South NA's letter in support of Dharma Rain Zen Center's property development plan. Nancy M. reported that she wrote and mailed a letter in support of the plan on behalf of the Association as well.
  - CNN drafted a letter opposing potential coal trains from running through Portland until an environmental impact statement has been completed.
    - Julia W. asked if CNN wanted the Association to sign onto their letter or write its own opposition letter.
    - Britt C. motioned that the Association support CNN's opposition letter if the general content of the draft remains the same. David L. seconded. Motion carried with one Board member voting no.
  - Insurance for Block Parties: If neighborhoods want to hold block parties, PBOT may cover the insurance costs, but only with many caveats. Issue is how neighborhoods can get insurance needed to have a block party.
  - Trimet reported that it is continuing to lose money and is asking for supporters to attend "Transit Day" on April 10 in Salem.
  - The annual graffiti abatement summit will be held on May 23 at Montgomery Park.

### **Land Use Update:**

- No March LUTOP Meeting
- Ted C. and Britt C. attended the NE Sandy Blvd. High Crash Corridor Safety Meeting and reported the following:
  - Ted C. attended because he wanted to know how to educate drivers on NE Sandy Blvd. about Oregon's crosswalk laws.
  - Catherine W. asked the purpose of the meeting. Ted C. responded that the City is doing a study to create a safety plan. Britt C. stated that the study will be completed by the end of 2013, but by October or November of 2013, the City will start implementing some of the safety plan, which could include education, enforcement or making engineering changes.
  - Britt C. stated that up to \$300 may be available for educational purposes – such as putting up a billboard along NE Sandy Blvd. – and it may be a good idea to partner up with other neighborhoods for this purpose.
- Ted C. also attended the Planning and Sustainability Open House and reported the following:
  - The main concern expressed at the meeting was the new apartment developments that did not include parking for residents. Ted C. explained that zoning laws do not require such developments to add parking if they are within 500 feet of a major transit route. Potentially, the Roseway Neighborhood could see such developments because there are three major transit routes (NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, NE Prescott Street and NE Sandy Blvd) in the neighborhood.
  - Angela C. asked whether these developments are residential use only or mixed use. Ted C. responded they can be both, but developers prefer residential use only because it is harder for them to find retailers who will lease the ground floor space.

### **Dog Park Improvements:**

- Melinda P. reported that Banfield Animal Hospital and the Trail Blazers are holding a contest to renovate one of three dog parks and Sacajawea Park is one of the three. Melinda P. asked the Board to promote Sacajawea Park by advertising that neighborhood residents can vote for Sacajawea Park online:  
[http://www.nba.com/blazers/dog\\_park\\_makeover\\_banfield\\_2013.html](http://www.nba.com/blazers/dog_park_makeover_banfield_2013.html).

### **ROSEWAY BUSINESS:**

#### **Winter Newsletters:**

- Julia W. started a discussion about how the delivery of the Winter Newsletter went.
- Lindsay W. stated that many of the newsletters were not delivered and was creating an e-mail list to encourage those who did not get the newsletter to let the Association know.
- David D. reported that he spoke with the printer about the matter and was told to check with the local carrier as the newsletters were delivered by carrier route.
- David L. asked whether mailing the newsletter was worth trying again later as many

were not delivered and the process was expensive.

- Julia W. suggested checking with the Cully NA to see if they experienced similar issues before the Board decides on whether to do it again. David D. agreed and stated he would talk with the Cully NA.
- In addition, David D. stated that he will check out other printers because the current printer's sales rep was difficult to work with and the paper quality was poor.
  - David L. asked about difference in price between the previous printer and the current printer. Melinda P. stated the previous printer charged \$850 but used better paper stock.
- David L. stated that the newsletter is the voice of the Board and the Neighborhood and that the newsletter should be printed on better paper.
  - David D. agreed, but responded that since newsletter costs are heavily subsidized by CNN and CNN's budget is uncertain for the next couple of years, the Association may have to take on a higher portion of the costs.
- Julia W. tabled the discussion on the matter.

#### **Speakers for April General Meeting:**

- David L. reported that CRC project representatives will attend the meeting.
- David L. also reported that he spoke with the owner of Flower to the People and asked the Board if he could invite him to speak at the meeting. He stated that Paul M. gave his okay as long as they Board agreed as well.
  - Bob P. then reported that neighbors complained to the City about the business and that, after conducting a land use investigation, determined it was an illegal use of the land and that Flower to the People had 30 days from March 1<sup>st</sup> to vacate the property. To stay, Flower to the People would have to apply for a series of land use permit changes, an expensive process and not likely to happen.
  - Catherine W. asked Bob P. that if Flower to the People were to apply for the permit changes, would that put the need to vacate the property on hold. Bob P. answered that it might, but that the application costs would likely prohibit that possibility.
- Julia W. asked the Board in light of Bob P.'s information, whether the owner of Flower to the People could still speak at the meeting.
  - Peggy S. stated that the owner should be able to speak. With no objections from other Board members, David L. may ask him to attend.
- Angela C. stated that she has heard back from two school principals and that they may attend the meeting.

#### **Graffiti on "Potlandia" Property:**

- Angela C. asked the Board if they have seen increased graffiti tagging around the neighborhood. Angela C. reported that she felt it was constant.
- David L. reported that he talked to Budget Granite about abating its graffiti problem by planting plants to shield the building. Budget Granite, however, does not own the property, merely rents it, and David L. asked if they would seek the assistance of their landlord. David L. suggested having the Association assist purchasing and planting if the property owner is amenable.

### **Clean Up:**

- Jessica R. reported that the Nazarene Church may not allow the Association to hold the Clean Up in its parking lot unless the Association can guarantee that the parking lot will not be damaged.
- Jessica R. stated that she is looking for alternative venues and asked Board members for contacts for alternate locations
  - Del L. suggested using the cul-de-sac in Madison South. David D. stated he will approach Madison South about using it.
  - Ted C. suggested using the parking lot at Glenhaven Park, or closing NE 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue and putting the dumpsters along that street and using Nazarene's parking lot as a staging area for customers.
- Peggy S. stated her disappointment over Nazarene's reluctance to allow the Association to use their parking lot as previous Clean Ups have gone well and the Association has treated their property with respect.
  - Catherine W. suggested writing a letter to the Church and Peggy S. agreed to do so.

### **Roseway Rebranding Project:**

- Rebranding Committee meeting to take place immediately after the end of the March Meeting.

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

- Angela C. reported that the Association has \$1,300 left over from last year's Concert to put towards this year's Concerts and current pledges number between \$3,300 and \$3,400. Angela C. stated that the Board needed to pledge some funds as the Association's name will be on the banner and will help meet the goal of holding three concerts this summer instead of just one. Angela C. proposed that the Board pledge \$1,500 to \$2,000.
  - Catherine W. asked how much would three concerts cost? Angela C. responded that three concerts would cost \$10,000.
  - Britt C. asked if it would be easier to fundraise if potential sponsors knew that the Association is involved. Angela C. answered yes, as long as the Association is a sponsor.
  - David D. stated the he supports the Association acting as a sponsor, but worried that if CNN cannot subsidize the Clean Up and the newsletters in the future, then the Board needs to create a long term plan for including the Concerts in the Association's budget.
  - Ted C. asked when the Board needs to vote on providing funds for the Concerts. Angela C. answered as soon as possible.
  - Jessica R. asked if it would be okay to do only two concerts if there were insufficient funds to hold three. Angela C. answered yes, but stressed that three concerts was the preferred goals as three concerts would be more beneficial to current sponsors and set a precedent that would help bring in future sponsors.
- Julia W. asked if any Board wanted to make a motion about pledging Association

funds for the concerts.

- Denise G. motioned for the Association to sponsor the Concerts as follows: to contribute a maximum of \$2,000, with \$1,000 being the minimum contribution, the total amount of the contribution to be determined by the feasibility of the number of concerts and be offset by dedicating a portion of revenue generated by June Clean Up. Jessica R. and Lindsay W. seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Lastly, Angela C. reported that individuals could make donations through a website ([www.give2parks.org/concerts](http://www.give2parks.org/concerts)) and that she posted the link on the Association's Facebook page.

**Columbia River Crossing Update:**

- Britt C. updated Board on the progress of the CRC legislation. He reported that the Oregon legislature wants to further study methods of reducing the traffic impact, but the legislation is moving forward.

**NEW BUSINESS TO CONSIDER:**

Ted C. reported that Bacchi's Italian Deli opens on March 18.

Julia W. adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Mensch