

RNA May 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

Chair Paul M. called the May 14, 2013 Board Meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Eighteen (18) people were in attendance.

Board members present: Angela Carpenter, David Drouin, Denise Gorrell, Nancy Mensch, Paul Mooring, Melinda Palmer, Bob Price, Jessica Reese, Linda Row, Peggy Sullivan, and Julia Wojciechowski.

Neighbors Present: Five (5).

Volunteers Present: Nancy Fredricks and Catherine Wilson.

Additions to the Agenda: Repainting of Street Mural on NE 77th Ave and NE Beech St.

Approval of the April 2013 General Meeting Minutes: Julia W. moved and Bob P. seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Linda R. reported \$6,938.34 in the bank.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

CNN Update:

- Nancy F. attended the May CNN meeting and reported the following:
 - Jeff Stookey of Dharma Rain invited neighbors to participate in their Orchard Path Project.
 - Gwen McPherson has died, and a tree will be planted in her honor at Wilshire Park.
 - The Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood also has an apartment complex similar to the one built in the Hollywood Neighborhood, but construction has been stopped due to parking issues.
 - As for the Hollywood apartment complex, the parking issue has been partly resolved as residents can lease spots in the CVS parking lot.
 - Rocky Butte Neighborhood has reported numerous of break-ins recently.
 - The Rose City Park and Hollywood Neighborhood Associations will be hosting Free Picnic Concerts in Rose City Park on July 20 and 27.

Land Use Update:

- Bob P. did not attend the May LUTOP meeting.

Clean Up:

- Jessica R. reported that she and Nancy M. were successful in getting the permit to use the Glenhaven parking lot for the Clean Up.
- Volunteer Status: Jessica R. also reported that Lindsay W. recruited enough volunteers to run the Clean Up.

- Bob P. asked if anyone from Dharma Rain is volunteering. Nancy F. stated that would unlikely as they have their own clean-up projects under way
- Flyers? Safeway and Library?:
 - Jessica R. reported that she is updating the Clean Up flyer and will take them to the Safeway and Library for distribution.
- Signs:
 - Linda R. reported that she dropped off the check to pay for the signs and that they should be ready for pick up.
 - Jessica R. requested help to distribute the signs around the neighborhood. Peggy S. agreed to help.
 - Jessica R. also stated that the signs are re-usable, and can be updated easily for next year's Clean Up.
 - Catherine W. reminded the Board that CNN has fifteen (15) generic signs which the Association can use.
- Rebuilding Center:
 - Peggy S. stated she will confirm with the Rebuilding Center that they will send a truck to pick up suitable items at the end of the Clean Up.
- Bathrooms:
 - Julia W. stated that the Clean Up volunteers could use her bathroom during the Clean Up.
- Food:
 - Jessica R. stated that she has made arrangements with Brickhouse Pizza for food and will also pick up coffee from Starbucks.
 - Denise G. stated she will bring donuts from Annie's Donuts.

72nd Avenue Park Blocks:

- Bob P. reported that the City did the first cutting of the park blocks for the summer and that the Association has cut it twice since then.
 - Bob P. asked the City to do another cutting on May 20, but the City may not as they are preparing for Rose Festival.
- Bob P. also reported that due to the flyers he delivered to 72nd Avenue neighbors and local businesses, the Association has received \$1100 in donations (in addition to the \$500 already donated), so the Association has \$1600 to cover at least three (3) more cuttings.
- Bob P. also stated that the Association should purchase a trimmer in the future to make the cuttings easier.
- Paul M asked Bob P. about the park block trees which are to be replaced.
 - Bob P. replied that thirty-seven (37) are due to be replaced, but none have been so far and he does not know when it will happen.

Repainting of Street Mural:

- Catherine W. reported that it has been a year since the Street Mural has been painted and asked the Board if the Association should repaint it.
- Angela C. asked what state the mural should be in before it is repainted.
 - Catherine W. answered that she did not know what the time period should be, but that the Association should regularly repaint it.

- Julia W. and Peggy S. stated that repainting should occur every two (2) to three (3) years on average.
- Denise G. asked how much would repainting the mural cost.
 - Catherine W. replied that the cost to the Association for the paint would be about the same.
- Denise G. made a motion to table the issue until the January Planning Meeting. Paul M. seconded. None opposed. Motioned carried.

ROSEWAY BUSINESS:

Flower to the People:

- Addie Lindstrom, who owns the property on which Flower to the People operates, spoke to the Board regarding the current zoning situation.
 - Ms. Lindstrom stated that the City has told her the property is zoned for residential use, even though it has not been used as such since at least the 1950s
 - It is a zoning map error which Ms. Lindstrom is working to correct, but in the meantime, the City is leveling monthly penalties because it is not being used for residential purposes.
- In working with the City to correct the error, Ms. Lindstrom stated that the City asked her to get the Association to approve the commercial use of the property with a letter of support.
 - Paul M. stated that he did not believe the Association had the power to sign such a letter and asked why the City wanted such a letter.
 - Ms. Lindstrom replied that the letter is not required, but would speed the zoning correction process.
 - Bob P. stated that if the correction process occurs, a public hearing will be held and the Association will receive notice from the City, but he does not believe the Association has any power over the process.
 - Bob P. suggested instead that the Association write a letter asking for the fines to be halted and that the Association agrees the property is only good for commercial use.
 - Denise G. disagreed, and stated that as the representatives of the Roseway Neighborhood, the Association needs to give neighbors the opportunity to be heard before the Board can participate in the process.
- Paul M. stated that there are two different issues here: the proper zoning for the property versus the actual use of the property.
 - Denise G. and Bob P. agreed. Bob P. stated that the Board asking for a stop to the penalties would be okay but the Board should not otherwise involve itself until it understands the correction process. Denise G. added that the Board should not take a position on the kind of businesses which operate in the neighborhood.
 - Denise G. offered to call the City Planner on behalf of the Board and Paul M. stated he would do the same.
- Paul M. suggested a compromise letter, to be drafted by the Board which will ask the

City to stop the penalties until a public hearing can be held, but will not take a position on the use of the property.

- Paul M. stated he would draft the letter and send it to the Board by e-mail for approval.

Disaster Preparedness – David D.

- David D. attended the disaster preparedness workshop and reported that he will write an article about it for the July Newsletter.

Articles for July Newsletter:

- Articles for July Newsletter due the first week of June.
- Concerts, Movies in the Park, Garage Sale (Mail?)
 - Garage Sale: Paul M. reported that the Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, August 17th and asked the Board if it should do a separate mailer to advertise it or simply cover it in the July Newsletter. Paul M. believed a separate mailer would work better.
 - Angela C. asked that participants be given more space to advertise what they are selling. Paul M. agreed and stated he would add more space.
 - Movies in the Park: Paul M. reported that the proposed date for the Movie (“The Avengers”) is Thursday, August 22nd at Wellington Park.
 - Concerts in the Park: Angela C. stated that the Association needs to decide soon about its presence at the upcoming concerts and asked Board members for ideas.

Roseway Rebranding Project:

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

Paul M. adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy M.