

RNA February 2012 Minutes

Paul M. called the February 14 meeting to order at 7:04pm. 16 people were in attendance.

Board members present: Ted Carlston, Angela Carpenter, Nancy Fredricks, Denise Gorrell, Eric Gorrell, David Lochelt, Nancy Mensch, Paul Mooring, Melinda Palmer, Connie Pilcher, Bob Price, Jessica Reese, Lindsey Wise and Julia Wojciechowski.

Neighbors Present: May Dea, Branch Manager of Gregory Heights Library.

Volunteers Present: Catherine Wilson.

Additions to the Agenda:

- Destroyed Roseway Neighborhood sign
- Alternate uses for news boxes

Approval of January 2012 minutes: Paul M. moved and Connie P. seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Melinda P. reported \$7,022.15 in the bank.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Board Member Update:

- Paul M. reported that Jeff Bernheisal and Nathan Farney have agreed to excuse themselves from board membership so the board is in compliance with Bylaws. Both Jeff B. and Nathan F. have agreed to continue as volunteers.

CNN Update:

- Nancy F. reported that the Candidates Fair will be held on April 7, 2012, at Rose City Park United Methodist Church.
- Nancy F. also reported that CNN has projected a 6% budget cut for next year. In addition, there are graffiti abatement community grants available from CNN, if the board is interested in applying. Application must be submitted by March 1st and grant funds must be spent by the end of 2012. The consensus of board was to apply for the grant and Paul M. agreed to handle the application.
 - Bob P. asked if we have a committee to deal with graffiti. Paul M. responded that the board has no graffiti committee.

Land Use Update:

- Ted C. reported that he to attend the February 6 LUTOP meeting and has no report for the board.
- Several board members reported that an Oregon Medical Cannabis Club has just opened on the corner of NE 82nd Avenue and Fremont.

Transportation:

- Angela C. reported that she has been in contact with the Portland Bureau of Transportation regarding the construction along Sandy Blvd. The Bureau has designated Sandy Blvd a high crash corridor and offered to provide education programs for the neighborhood. In addition, the Bureau agreed to have its traffic engineering staff look into neighborhood traffic concerns.
 - Angela C. has asked the Bureau about the new crosswalk signals for Sandy/Fremont intersection.
 - A few board members wondered if it would be possible to get “share the road” / “slow down” signs for neighborhood yards.
- Angela C. will forward all Bureau of Transportation information to Paul M. and proposed asking the Bureau to send a safety officer to speak at the April 10 general meeting.
- Bob P. agreed to write article on traffic laws for newsletter.

Summer in the Park Concert:

- Angela C. reported that it is possible for the neighborhood to participate in the Summer in the Park Concert series; proposed concert date either on July 7 or July 14.
- The cost of participation would be approximately \$3500 per concert, which could be partially or fully paid for by pledges, “passing the hat” at the concert, business sponsorships, grants, etc.
 - Ted C. and Angela C. wondered if it would be possible to coordinate with Madison South for venue. Denise G. reported that Madison South has not responded to her inquiries regarding National Night Out.
- Angela stated that April 1st is the deadline to determine if the board can find the money to partially or fully pay for the concert. (The City of Portland would handle the logistics of setting up the concert, the board would need to ensure funding and provide a few volunteers to help with clean-up.)
 - Connie P. stated her belief that costs would be too high and that the board could better spend its money for permanent improvements to the neighborhood. Paul M. and Catharine W. responded that the costs would be covered by donations from businesses and individuals.
- Paul M. proposed that Angela C. and Julia W. gauge the interest of neighborhood businesses to sponsor a concert by the March 13 board meeting and that the board will revisit the issue at the time.

Newsletter:

- Paul M. reminded board members that newsletter articles are due on March 1st to Lindsey W.

Clean Up:

- Eric G. reported that he confirmed May 19 as the Clean Up with the Nazarene Church. However, as the Sandy construction work would not likely be completed until after May 19, the board will not have use of the church parking lot.
- Jessica R. reported that CNN is fine with the neighborhood holding its Clean Up on

May 19 and is signed up with CNN to hold Clean Up on that date.

Website:

- Paul M. reported that Jeff B. has updated the website server.

Garage Sale:

- Paul M. proposed to hold the Garage Sale on June 9 or June 23. The consensus of board was to hold the Garage Sale on June 23.

Roseway Neighborhood Association Bylaws:

- Paul M. reported that the association Bylaws do not provide for an August meeting and proposed holding National Night Out on August 7 in its place. (However, Paul M. has not yet heard back on our application for National Night Out and was unsure about participating in National Night Out.)
- The Consensus of board was to take the August board meeting off the calendar.

Starlite Parade:

- Paul M. asked if the board would be interested in participating in the Starlite Parade which takes place in June. David L. stated we may be able to get the participation of Vietnamese community.

NEW BUSINESS:

Destroyed Roseway Neighborhood Sign:

- Melinda P. asked about replacing the destroyed neighborhood sign on Sandy and 72nd.
- Paul M. reported that a neighbor told him he had the destroyed sign, but Julia stated that she believed the sign is now probably gone.
- Connie P. suggested looking into using local contractors to erect a permanent sign made out of stone, complete with landscaping.
 - Paul M. asked if the association should hold neighborhood contest for the design of new Roseway Neighborhood sign.
 - Eric G. proposed that both of the neighborhood signs be replaced. Connie P. wanted to see what the costs of replacing one or both signs would be.
- Paul M. proposed continuing the discussion at the March 13 board meeting.

Alternate Use for Newsletter Boxes:

- The board discussed alternate uses for the newsletter boxes. Suggestions included placing the calendar for the year on the outside on the newsletter box, and placing the minutes from past meetings or the agenda for future meetings in the newsletter box.
 - Ms. Dea stated the Library would be happy to display the newsletters.
- The consensus of the board was to start with the calendars. Paul M. agreed to handle making copies and Catherine W. agreed to distribute them to the newsletter boxes.

Library News with May Dea:

- May Dea, the Branch Manager of Gregory Heights Library, spoke with the board about Library news. She reported that circulation at the Library is up; e-book lending is now available with library membership; and that automatic checkout of books using RFID technology will soon be available.
- Paul M. proposed that Ms. Dea come to the April 10 general meeting to discuss the programs offered by the Library.

Paul M. adjourned meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Mensch, Secretary,