

July 2012 RNA General Meeting Minutes

Paul M. called the July 2012 General Meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Approximately fifty-eight (58) people were in attendance.

Board Members Present: Ted Carlston, Angela Carpenter, David Drouin, Nancy Fredricks, Denise Gorrell, Eric Gorrell, David Lochelt, Nancy Mensch, Paul Mooring, Melinda Palmer, Bob Price and Peggy Sullivan.

Neighbors Present: Approximately forty (40) neighbors were present.

Speakers Present: Abbot Kyogen Carlson and Co-Abbot Gyokuko Carlson of the Dharma Rain Zen Center (DRZC), Flory of “Funky Flowers by Flory”, and Neighbor Matthew Hickey.

Volunteers Present: Bonnie LaDoe and Catherine Wilson.

Additions to the Agenda:

- Funky Flowers by Flory: Roseway Neighborhood street fair proposal.
- Matthew Hickey: Replanting of Trees on NE 72nd Avenue Park Blocks.

Approval of the June 2012 minutes: Ted C. moved and Melinda P. seconded. Motion carried with following correction: under the CNN Update, Catherine W. stated that the left over funds from the Roseway Intersection Graphic (i.e., street mural) project must be spent by December 31, 2012.

Treasurer’s report: Melinda P. reported \$6,536.12 in the bank.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

CNN Update

- Nancy F. attend the July CNN meeting and had nothing to report to the Board.

Land Use Update

- Bob P. had nothing to report to the Board.

Concert in the Park

- Angela C. reported to the Neighbors that Roseway Neighborhood’s first Concert in the Park will be held on July 28, 2012 at Glenhaven Park.
 - She asked for additional volunteers for the concert and, if the event is a success, for volunteers for next year’s Concert in the Park.
- Paul M. paused for a moment to explain to Neighbors where the funds to do neighborhood activities come from (i.e., grants, donations and fundraisers like the June Clean-Up) and stated that all funds collected are for use in the Roseway

Neighborhood.

Web Page Status

- Paul M. reported that the RNA webpage was hacked at the time of the June 23rd Garage Sale, but is now back up.

ROSEWAY BUSINESS:

Remember, No Meeting in August

- Paul M. reminded the Board that there will be no Board meeting in August and encouraged the Neighbors to participate in National Night Out by holding block parties.

Mailed Newsletter in Winter – New delivery people/Schedule

- Catherine W. and Melinda P. discussed the upcoming newsletters.
- Catherine W. asked for volunteers to deliver the October newsletter.
- Catherine W. also discussed preparing a December newsletter (a winter issue) which will include a calendar of events for 2013. She proposed mailing the December newsletter instead of hand-delivering it. If the Board approved the extra newsletter and sending it out by mail, she would investigate the mailing costs, but currently estimated that it would be approximately ten (10) to fourteen (14) cents per mailing, plus some additional costs.
 - The consensus of the Board was to try to prepare a December newsletter and to have Catherine W. investigate mailing costs.
 - Bob P. asked if Catherine W. would investigate the costs associated with mailing all of the newsletters, not just the December newsletter.

New Roseway Sign – David L.

- David L. presented his latest design of the new Roseway Neighborhood sign to the Board and Neighbors. It would be a three-sided (triangular) structure with a planter on top (with watering system) and low wattage lighting at the base of each side.
 - He reported that he received a bid of \$1800 for building the structure. (This amount does not include the lettering, which David L. believes the RNA can do, nor the lighting system.)
- Paul M. asked how the lighting system would be installed.
 - David L. responded that he was not sure yet, as the design is still preliminary.
- Paul M. also asked what the timeframe for building the new sign could be.
 - David L. responded that if the Board liked the latest design, then he will contact various contractors and look into getting the necessary permits, but believes that construction could begin in September.
- Bob P. stated that the next step for the Board is to review all fees and costs associated for constructing the new sign.
 - David L. responded that he will solicit that information and present it to the Board at the September meeting.

SPEAKERS:

Street Fair Proposal

- Flory, of Funky Flowers by Flory, asked the Board to consider promoting a Street Fair for the Roseway Neighborhood and asked Paul M. for assistance.

Dharma Rain Zen Center

- Abbot Kyogen Carlson and Co-Abbot Gyokuko Carlson of the Dharma Rain Zen Center (DRZC) presented their plans regarding the development of the property the DRZC is purchasing on NE 82nd Avenue and NE Siskiyou Street (the eastern one-half of the former landfill across from Glenhaven Park).
 - The DRZC has ten (10) year plan to develop the property. Structures will include a Ceremony Hall, Meditation Hall, dorms for men and women, co-housing, formal gardens, a school building, and bathing facility. Any planting will be ecologically friendly.
 - The DRZC will not block access to the property to the public.
- Angela C. asked how the development of the western one-half of the property could affect DRZC's own development plans.
 - The Abbots responded that they are hoping the City of Portland will be cognizant of their use of the property, but regardless any plans by the future owner, the DRZC is committed to purchasing the eastern one-half and developing it.
- Catherine W. asked how the co-housing will work.
 - The Abbots reported that each housing unit will be independent, but multiple units will be connected to a multi-purpose common area open for public activities. The DRZC will be the owner of each housing unit, but each tenant will lease their unit under a 99 year lease agreement.
- The Abbots also addressed environmental concerns regarding the property, as it was once used as a landfill.
 - The DRZC has spent considerable funds on environmental analyses. The Abbots reported that the methane levels on the property are very low and that the risk of earthquake slippage is minimal.
- As for traffic concerns, the Abbots reported that the DRZC will widen Siskiyou Street to accommodate increased traffic and provide better public access.
 - Ted C. asked whether traffic on NE Fremont Street will be impacted as well. The Abbots responded that they believed there would be no real impact.

Re-Planting Trees on the Park Blocks

- Neighbor Matthew Hickey reported that the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) of the City of Portland is now interested in replanting the NE 72nd Avenue Park Blocks using funds from the Grey to Green Initiative.
- Mr. Hickey is hoping there are sufficient funds for a full replanting and will keep the Board apprised.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mensch