

RNA May 2012 Minutes

Julia W. called the May 10 Board Meeting to order at 7 pm. Seventeen (17) people were in attendance.

Board members present: Ted Carlston, Angela Carpenter, David Drouin, Nancy Fredricks, Denise Gorrell, Eric Gorrell, David Lochelt, Nancy Mensch, Connie Pilcher, Bob Price, Jessica Reese, Peggy Sullivan, Lindsey Wise and Julia Wojciechowski

Neighbors Present: Two (2) neighbors attended, as well as Caitlin Shelman

Volunteers Present: Catherine Wilson

Additions to the Agenda:

- Roseway Intersection Graphics (i.e., street mural)
- Newsletter Advertising
- New Roseway Neighborhood Signs

Approval of April 2012 minutes: Ted C. moved and Bob P. seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Nancy F. reported \$5,870.83 in the bank. (\$650 in revenue from newsletter advertisements and approximately \$212 paid out for fifteen (15) Clean Up signs.)

CURRENT BUSINESS:

CNN Update:

- Nancy F. attended the May CNN meeting and reported on the topics discussed at the meeting.

Land Use Update:

- Bob P. reported that he was not able to attend the May Lutop meeting.

Clean Up:

- Eric G. reported that he submitted a traffic plan to CNN as the back-half of the Nazarene Church parking lot is occupied by the City's and subcontractors' street paving equipment. Eric G. spoke with CNN about the logistics of getting vehicles and the trash hauler (Recology Oregon Material Recovery) in and out of the parking lot. CNN stated it would contact Recology to walk the property to determine how best to move the trash bins get in and out.
 - Eric G. also reported that RNA will have use of five trash bins.
- Ted C. volunteered to pick up and drop off the traffic cones. Eric G. stated will order the cones, to be paid for with an RNA check signed by Melinda P.
- Denise G. reported that more volunteers are needed for the Clean Up.
 - Bob P. stated that the Dharma Rain Zen Center ("DRZC") were sending

volunteers to help at Madison South's Clean Up and that he has asked the DRZC's volunteer coordinator if they can send three or four volunteers to the RNA Clean Up.

- Denise G. also reported that On Point Credit Union (which is taking over Bank of America's space at the Safeway) will be sending volunteers.

Concert in the Park (July 28):

- Angela C. reported that RNA has a \$70 surplus, which will go to next season's concert. (The concert was budgeted for \$3430 and \$3500 has been or will be collected.)
 - Corporate sponsors include: Laurelwood Public House & Brewery, Whole Foods, Roseway Roots, the Christa Knapp Fund, Pacific Power, Albina Bank, Park City Pub, Realty Trust Group, and, of course, the RNA.
 - Angela C. will not hear back regarding application for Cultural Grant until June.
- Angela C. also reported that there may be seven (7) new sponsors for next year's concert and she will check back with them next year.
- Judith Yeckel, the producer of the concert, will be going to Glenhaven Park soon to figure the logistics of setting up and running the concert.
- The RNA needs to figure out its presence at the concert, as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roseway Intersection Graphics (i.e., street mural):

- Caitlin Shelman spoke to the Board regarding the logistics of completing the mural, which will be located at the intersection of NE 77th Ave. and NE Beech St. The mural will a stained glass style rose.
 - Ms. Shelman reported that the City has approved of the location because NE 77th Ave. will have new bike lanes and a green way, and is willing to allow for more murals along NE 77th Ave. in the future. In addition, 100% of all neighbors polled about the mural approved it.
 - The mural is scheduled to be painted on June 2nd (June 9th in the event of rain.) The City desires the painting to be a community event and it will be advertised on the RNA website.
 - Ms. Shelman stated that the mural should last up to two (2) years, and that the neighborhood should repaint it every one (1) to two (2) years.
- Ms. Shelman also asked the Board for funds to cover costs. She estimated the cost of paint to be \$225: Miller Paint has agreed to sell the paint at a 50% discount, and City Repair's Village Building Convergence has agreed to cover an additional 25% of the paint cost, leaving the RNA to cover the remaining 25% - about \$11 per gallon.
 - For the remaining supplies (brushes, barricades, etc.), Nancy F. stated that the RNA may be able to acquire funds from CNN allocated for graffiti abatement.
 - Peggy S. moved to provide up to \$500 in RNA funds for the mural. David D. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pedestrian Safety Update:

- Angela C. reported that she talked with the Portland Traffic Bureau about pedestrian safety in front of the Gregory Heights Library. The bureau did send someone to look into it, but did not find a safety problem. (Angela C. believes that this is because the bureau representative was there while that particular section of Sandy Blvd. was being repaved.) Angela C. stated she will contact the bureau about the issue again in the near future.
 - Julia W. suggested the RNA draft a letter to the Traffic Bureau regarding neighbor concerns about the crosswalks and lack of stop signs.
 - David D. suggested that the RNA request a motorcycle cop to enforce traffic laws, but believes that the local police may not have the time to do that.
 - Eric G. stated he will contact Officer Quackenbush, the RNA police liaison, about increasing traffic enforcement.

Newsletter Advertisement Policy:

- Catherine W. asked the Board to verify its newsletter advertisement policy. The Board agreed that in order to advertise in the newsletter, the business owner must live and/or own a business in the Roseway Neighborhood area.
- In addition, Catherine W. asked for direction from the Board regarding which advertisements to accept.
 - Julia W. suggested the RNA should accept advertisements on a first come, first serve basis.
 - David D. stated that there should be no more than two (2) business advertisements per page, otherwise the page is too busy and the newsletter may cease to be a community paper.
 - David L. suggested adding an advertisement page to the newsletter.

Mowing the Park Blocks:

- Connie P. asked Bob P. asked whether the RNA paid the City for the most recent mowing of the park blocks, as it was poorly done. Bob P. responded that the RNA did not pay for it. However, the RNA will pay for the next mowing, which will be done by the local little league.
- In addition, Bob P. reported that the City has 100 sites to mow and only four (4) people on its mowing crew, and that the crew chief does not have a mowing schedule due to the back-log.
 - Bob P. stated he will ask the City if they can use an inmate crew to do the mowing, or if the City would be willing to split the cost of a riding mower which the RNA would maintain and use for the exclusive use of the Roseway neighborhood. He will look into getting a bid on a mower.
- Connie P. also reported that she has been approached by park block residents regarding donating funds for mowing and believes the RNA needs to send a letter directly to the park block residents for this purpose.
 - Bob P. responded that the RNA has received \$200 in donations so far and that he is planning on creating a flyer for distribution to park block residents.

New Roseway Neighborhood Signs:

- David L. reported that he has as new design for the neighborhood signs: three (3) sided, approximately four (4) feet high and five (5) feet wide, with the center available for use as a planter. He estimated the cost of pouring the footing (with rebar) to be about \$1800, roughly one-half of what a metal sign would cost.
- The consensus of the Board is that the new design should be considered further at a future meeting.

Julia W. adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy Mensch, Secretary