

RNA November 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

Chair Paul M. called the November 2012 Board Meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Nineteen (19) people were in attendance.

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

Neighbors Present: None.

Volunteers Present: Bonnie LaDoe and Catherine Wilson.

Speakers Present: James M. Cook (President, Branch 82 of the National Association of Letter Carriers AFL-CIO) and Ben Poe (Portland Communities and Postal Workers United).

Additions to the Agenda: Roseway Branding Project (David D.); New Hollywood Apartments and Parking (Ted C.); Miscellaneous Issues.

Approval of the October 2012 General Meeting Minutes: Ted C. moved and Del L. seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Linda R. and Melinda P. reported \$8,981.95 in the bank.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

CNN Update:

- Catherine W. reported on the November 2012 CNN meeting.
 - Items discussed included the following: the new Hollywood apartment building and the lack of new parking spaces; disposal of toxic trash; and the 26th Annual Fix-It Fair at Madison High School.
 - In addition, Catherine reported that if the RNA wants to use CNN's tax ID number for grant proposals, the RNA first needs to obtain CNN's permission to do so.

Land Use Update:

- Bob P. was unable to attend the November 2012 LUTOP meeting.

Concert in the Park Update:

- No update from Angela C. as she was unable to attend the Board Meeting due to illness.

ROSEWAY BUSINESS:

Welcome New Board Members:

- Chair Paul M. welcomed the new Board Members, who then introduced themselves to the continuing and outgoing Board Members.

Portland Postal United (Closing Post Offices):

- James M. Cook, President of Branch 82 (Portland, Oregon) of the National Association of Letter Carriers AFL-CIO, and Ben Poe of Portland Communities and Postal Workers United, spoke at the Board Meeting as part of their efforts to ensure that local communities understand the ramifications of reduced postal service.
 - They discussed the possible closing of post offices, especially rural post offices, the end of Saturday mail service, as well as the effect the recession and the lack of congressional action on the operation of the Postal Service.
- Mr. Cook and Mr. Poe presented their opposition to H.R. 2309, the federal bill which proposes privatizing the Post Office, and advocated instead for S. 1853 and H.R. 3951 (sponsored by Representative Peter DeFazio), bills designed to return the Post Office to fiscal solvency and ensure that mail service will continue six days a week.
- Mr. Cook and Mr. Poe asked the Board to circulate an online petition to save the Post Office.
 - Catherine W. suggested posting the petition on the RNA website.

Roseway Sign:

- David L. asked the Board what the next step should be for the new Roseway Sign.
- Bob P. suggested that David L. and the Board pursue its options through the adjustment process provided under Section 33.805 of City Code (which references neighborhood signs under Section 16.32.) Bob P. stated he would speak with David L. about the adjustment process a later date.

Roseway Branding Project:

- Catherine W. reported that David D. does not want to start with Branding Project until next year. David D. was unable to attend the Board Meeting due to illness.

Christmas Party/Winter Solstice:

- Peggy S. stated that she wanted to hold another Christmas/Winter Solstice party at her home. She asked the Board if the party should be held for a specific purpose, i.e., for Board Members only, as a volunteer appreciation event, or another purpose.
 - Paul M. thought last year's party was a success and preferred using a party to show volunteer appreciation over giving them movie tickets. Denise G. concurred, stating that not all movie tickets would be used, which would mean a waste of RNA funds.
 - Julia W. suggested a compromise: hold a raffle for those who attend the party. Julia W. stated she could spearhead such an effort and Paul M. stated he would see if his company would help sponsor a raffle.

- The consensus of the Board is to have the party to express volunteer appreciation, and for it to be a general Christmas/Winter Solstice party.
- Peggy S. then asked the Board for a party date. She suggested the Winter Solstice: December 21, 2012.
 - Ted C. stated that since the Winter Solstice was on a Friday evening, it may conflict with many people's holiday party plans.
 - Denise G. suggested the night of Thursday, December 20, instead.
 - The consensus of the Board is to have the party on December 20, from 6pm to 10pm.
 - Peggy S. will send out the invite by e-mail.
- Peggy S. then asked the Board about the menu. She suggested serving soup again, along with wine and hot cider. The Board agreed to the proposed menu.
- Finally, Peggy S. asked the Board if she could again hire workers for the party. The consensus of the Board was yes.
- Paul M. suggested a base budget of \$500 for the party.
 - Paul M. moved to provide Peggy S. a budget of \$500. Bob P. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Planning Meeting for January:

- Paul M. suggested holding the January planning meeting on Saturday, January 5, 2013, at 10:30am at his home. The Board Members agreed to the time and place.
- Paul M. also reminded Board Members that the next deadline for newsletter articles would be Sunday, January 13, 2013.

New Hollywood Apartments and Parking:

- Ted C. brought up the issue of the lack of new parking for the new Hollywood apartment complex. (All parking for residents will be street parking only.) He expressed his worry that a new apartment complex could be built in the Roseway Neighborhood without additional parking being provided for tenants, and that the Neighborhood may not be able to stop that from happening.
- Bob P. agreed that any new apartment complex should provide some parking for its tenants, not just allow the tenants to rely on street parking.
- Paul M. suggested the Board keep its eye on the parking situation in Hollywood.

Miscellaneous Issues:

- Bonnie L. brought some of the historical pictures of the neighborhood (from the 1940's) displayed at Tim Dalrymple's 77th birthday party in October.
- Peggy S. briefly brought up the pedestrian situation on 72nd Avenue and Sandy Boulevard and how the current pedestrian crosswalks are not safe.
- David L. reported that he has an elderly neighbor whose property has become a trash dump for other people.
 - David L. has contacted "Reach," a non-profit organization, to help clean the neighbor's yard. He also reported that in the event Reach cannot clean up the yard, the City Nuisance Board has been contacted and the City can put a lien on the home.

Paul M. adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mensch, Secretary