

RNA January 8, 2008 Minutes

President Tyler Whitmire called the January 8th meeting to order at 7:02 PM. 13 people were in attendance.

Board members present: Kathleen Blevins, David Drouin, Chad Ernest, Nathan Farney, Nancy Fredricks, Denise Gorrell, Melinda Palmer, Connie Pilcher Lauren Schmitt, Peggy Sullivan, Dorothea Van Duyn, Tyler Whitmire, Catherine Wilson.

Volunteers present: Sean Batty, Bonnie LaDoe

Approval of November minutes: Chad moved and Melinda seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Melinda Palmer reported \$6591.96 in the bank. We received a check for \$1500 for the newsletter.

Additions to the agenda: Chad requested to be moved up on the agenda.

Current Business:

Park Block Signs: Chad asked if someone could take the signs in to get estimates on how much it would cost to get them covered in plexiglas. Kathleen Blevins will do it. Once covered, they are ready to be hung.

Big Box: Tyler updated and gave us copies of the letters that have taken place since the last board meeting. Copies are attached. The letters were from the SMS dated November 27; Smart Centres response dated December 5th and the final letter from SMS dated December 20. SMS next meeting will be Thursday at 7:00 PM at CNN. Denise, Tyler, and Kathleen have been attending. Lauren moved that RNA continue our support of SMS in their efforts to stop the Big Box progress. Motion was seconded and passed.

CNN update: Catherine Wilson reported that Alison Stoll got the Spirit of Portland award. The meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month and we need an alternate to attend. David volunteered to attend.

Service Center robbery: About 8 youths went in several businesses causing distractions. In the Service Center, one of the youths stole the employee's wallet. A few days later the wallet was found in a students backpack at school and the cell phone was also found.

Land Use update: Lauren can't always get to the meeting as CNN. They are the 1st or 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM at CNN. Kathleen Blevins will try to go.

New Business:

Streetcar letter: Sean met with city and is encouraged about the possibility of Sandy Blvd. He will try and get the letter out before the next meeting.

Friends of Trees: Shannon Garcia was not present to give a report. The deadline is passed and selection of trees is limited. 40 will be planted in the neighborhood. She needs funds to cover cost of truck and refreshments. Lauren moved that we allocate up to \$300 in expenses. David 2nd. Motion passed.

Annual planning meeting: Saturday, January 19th from 10 – 12. It will be a brunch. Melinda will look into CNN for holding the meeting there. Kathleen volunteered as a backup.

International Day Festival: will be July 12th. Tyler reported PDXID received \$5000 in grants for it. Wants to get more booths. Need kid/family friendly booths. The Lions club will bring their health van.

Next newsletter: Articles are due in March for April delivery. Everyone was encouraged to write. Connie moved to have all 3 issues 8 pages and seek \$200 in ad revenue to help cover the additional cost.

Dorothea 2nd. Motion carried. David asked if we had an editorial plan. Tyler suggested that he team up with Jeff to come up with a schedule.

2008 Calendar sales: RNA raised about \$200 in sales. About 40 calendars remain to be sold.

Tyler adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted

Connie Pilcher
Secretary