

RNA Feb 2008 Minutes

President Tyler Whitmire called the February 12th meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Seventeen people were present.

Board members present: Jeff Bernheissel, Kathleen Blevins, David Drouin, Chad Ernest, Nathan Farney, Nancy Fredricks, Denise Gorrell, Melinda Palmer, Connie Pilcher, Lauren Schmitt, Jeff Selby, Tyler Whitmire, Catherine Wilson

Web master Ned Howard

Volunteers present: Sean Batty, Bonnie LaDoe, Jane Rosenstein.

Introductions were made: New guest Dan Seeman introduced himself.

Approval of January minutes: Lauren S. moved and Chad E. seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Melinda Palmer reported \$6591.96 in the bank.

Additions to the Agenda: Under new business

- g. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- h. Clean Up
- i. Neighborhood crime

Current Business

Big Box Update: Smart Centres has pulled their offer on the property. February 21st will be the next meeting at CNN at 7:00 PM. Need people present to implement development ideas and to take the community effort forward. It is an opportunity to get involved. New visitor Dan Seeman (with masters in Urban Planning) wants to get involved.

CNN update: Catherine Wilson updated We need a permanent alternate. Nancy Fredricks volunteered to attend monthly meetings. There is a \$750 grant available for project. We could use it for printing project. Also there is a need for a community graffiti clean up committee and volunteer help.

Next issue newsletter: Tyler stated we have three new advertisers with business card size ads: Addies, Bungalow Rose and a Thai restaurant. We need a new team leader for a vacated area. Nathan volunteered. We discussed the possibility of a newsletter box to be placed at Safeway. Articles are due March 1st. Article submissions are needed for the May Clean Up (Jane R), Garage Sale (Jeff S) International Festival (Tyler W) Wellington Park street light (Connie P) New board member profiles (Connie) April general meeting (Kathleen Blevins or David) Recycling article Jane Rosenstein. Calendar of events listed in each issue.

Land Use update: Lauren updated, not much permit activity going on. PSU students project on street improvements on Sandy Blvd are looking at 82nd Avenue corridor with a focus on the landfill site as an opportunity; possible land use change recommendations. Kathleen B went to the most recent meeting where they discussed Hollywood district changes and also announced the availability of a grant for multi-lingual translators. Also reported on the proposed Gateway Green park and updated on the seeking of better air quality from industry in the Cully district.

New Business

Street car letter: Tyler passed around a letter drafted to the city on the request of considering street cars for Sandy Blvd. He will be signing and sending the letter tomorrow. **New letterhead** will be sent out to board members.

He also presented a letter from the Rose2way neighborhood requesting Safeway have delivery trucks arrive earlier due to late delivery noise letter to be signed and mailed.

Mural: Peggy is out of the country. Catherine reported that it is an involved process requiring a focus, artists. The mural will be on the Service Center wall. RAC (Regional Artists Council) has the list of artists certified to do the work. The service Center wants to be involved. Sean was happy to help in this project.

Street banners on Sandy: Proposed project approximate cost is about \$500 each to get permit, print, install. Need to do more work.

Base to Butte Hike fundraiser is May 3rd. Cost is \$10 per person. Want to make it an annual event. It will be May 3rd. Nathan volunteered to man the RNA booth. Tyler will help with tunnel traffic.

National Night Out: Will be August 5th on the block on 72nd from Sandy Blvd and Fremont south to Klickitat Street. Fees will be waived on that event. Chad, Tyler and Peggy are heading it up.

PDXID meeting: Will be on February 25th and will be reporting on the Sandy Blvd Retail Market Analysis. Meeting is held at 7016 NE Sandy Blvd at 7:00 PM.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Melinda reported it would be held at Grace Lutheran Church on February 23 from 6-8 PM. The committee requested a budget. Motion for \$500 budget was made. Lauren moved and Nathan seconded. Motion carried.

Clean Up: Jane Rosenstein reported it would be held May 10th. Kathleen volunteered to help. We need to decide what to recycle. We will have a poll of board members on line next week. Will be reported at March meeting.

Neighborhood crime: Officers used to come to meetings. We need Jenni B to advise us with a list of names to contact. Nathan volunteered to be the crime program coordinator.

Old business

Park Block Signs: They are finished and ready to be hung. Chad showed the finished signs. He will hang them this week.

Calendar sales: Last chance at \$2 each.

Kathleen B volunteered to write our annual **thank you letter to Grace Lutheran Church** for the use of the building after our dinner and we will give them a donation from left over from our budget.

Tyler Whitmire adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Pilcher, Secretary