

STNA Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2011

prepared by Malina Neville

In attendance: MaryLouise Ott, Jonah Paisner, Malina Neville, Sandra Hay Magdaleno, Sherrie Smith, KT. Mundt, officer Matthew Estes of the Portland Police Bureau.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by president Jonah Paisner. When a quorum was assembled, the agenda was presented and unanimously approved.

Previous Meeting's Minutes

The February 2011 minutes were presented by Malina Neville and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Jonah Paisner presented the treasurer's report, as forwarded to him by Ute Munger. The current bank account balance is \$947.84. The report was unanimously accepted.

Guest Speakers

1. Officer Matthew Estes of the East precinct cussed February's crime stats: motor vehicle thefts have risen slightly, but all other types of crimes are decreasing.
2. Sherrie Smith, of the Community Energy Project, presented the many weatherization and repair services this agency offers to low-income seniors, both homeowners and renters. While the service area is now centered in the Lents neighborhood, the program will extend to other Portland neighborhoods this summer. Some of their free services include provision and installation of grab bars, showerheads, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, elevated toilet setas, minor carpentry repairs to stairs, porches, railings or wheelchair ramps, as well as energy saving devices such as compact fluorescent lights, door weatherstripping, reusable, internally-mounted vinyl storm window kits, caulking and more. To contact them please call 503-284-6827 x104, or email Homes@CommunityEnergyProject.com.

Announcements

Malina Neville noted that treasurer Ute Munger will be out of town during the neighborhood clean-up, and thus will not be able to be the treasurer for the event.

MaryLouise Ott reminded the audience about the upcoming presentation by architect and University of Wisconsin professor Thomas Hubka, regarding his project of documenting "common houses" in our neighborhoods, to be held at SEUL, 3534 SE Main St., 7-9 pm on March 31, 2011.

Sandr Hay Magdaleno noted there are two upcoming meetings for the NE/SE 50's Bikeways Project, April 12 and 13, 2011.

Delicious snacks were kindly offered by MaryLouise Ott.

STNA Committee Reports

1. Clean-up - there were no updates.
2. SEUplift

MaryLouise Ott, our SEUL representative, brought over a few pertinent records that had been in SEUL's possession, including old meeting minutes. Of note, concern regarding a safe crosswlk at Division has existed as far back as 1996.

3. Election

A reminder was made that the position of president becomes vacant at the May election.

4. "Communications"

MaryLouise Ott summarized the outcome of the March 8, 2011, meeting among parties interested in improving communication between STNA and its members. A new Facebook page, neighborhood brochure and a welcome letter for new neighbors moving in, are in the works.

5. Movie In The Park

6. Division crosswalk

MaryLouise Ott announced that "How To Train Your Dragon" will be the featured movie in the park hosted by Warner Pacific College at their outdoor amphitheater, and co-sponsored by STNA, Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association, the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, and Portland Parks and Recreation, on August 20, 2010. There will be increased signaling of the crosswalk at this event, in order to increase motorists' awareness of the crossing.

7. Garden Committee

Malina Neville noted she is now in possession of the "garden file" left by Bob Progulske. This will be passed on to the next garden chair.

New Business

1. STNA voted to support a letter submitted to the Portland City Council endorsed by MTNA, Arlington Heights NA, Sierra Club, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, Friends of the Reservoirs, and others, regarding Portland Water Bureau plans to increase water bill costs. There were 3 "yes" votes, 1 "no" vote, and 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm. Next meeting will be April 21, 2011.