

STNA Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2011

prepared by Malina Neville

In attendance: MaryLouise Ott, Jonah Paisner, Malina Neville, Ute Munger, Karen Mundt, Laura Silverman, Marianne Zarkin, Leslie Pohl-Kosbau, officer Joe Corona.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by president Jonah Paisner. The agenda was presented and, after additions, unanimously approved.

Previous Meeting's Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Ute Munger presented the treasurer's report. The current bank account balance is \$937.84. The report was unanimously accepted.

Guest Speakers

1. Officer Joe Corona of the East Precinct discussed March crimes in our neighborhood: a prostitution-related sexual assault took place on Powell Blvd, three vehicle thefts and seven car prowls. He also clarified that our regular neighborhood officer is Ofc. Bacon, who works Sundays through Wednesdays, and thus is unable to attend our regular meetings.
2. Leslie Pohl-Kosbau, of Portland Parks and Recreation, and Marianne Zarkin, of Friends of Portland Community Gardens, announced that, following the adoption of a new master plan of the Mt. Tabor Nursery, a 15,000 sf community garden will open at the east end of the plot, located at SE 60th between Lincoln and Harrison. This will allow approximately 40 plots to be developed. Funds are being raised for construction of a tool shed, fencing, and bike parking. Those interested should attend the planning meeting, which will be held at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church on May 3, 6:30-8 pm. STNA has voted to have the president write a letter in support of this newest community garden to help with fundraising.

Announcements

Laura Silverman, a PSU Community Development student working with SEUL, presented her two-term project dedicated to developing a tool for increasing community's understanding of public land disposition, and held a survey on this topic at our meeting.

STNA Committee Reports

1. CleanUp

MaryLousie Ott noted we need to order stickers for the lawn signs in order to accurately reflect the change in this year's event date. This triggered a discussion among the members

present regarding the lack of communication from the CleanUp coordinator, Kim Herschberger. Due to the complexity of this task when handled by one person only, all feared that we may be inadequately prepared. Those present voted unanimously to delegate the board the ability to cancel the clean-up by email, unless sufficient reassurance will be provided that the coordinator has significant planning underway. *** please see note below for update since meeting***

2. Election

A reminder was made that the position of president becomes vacant at the May election, and that the community garden chair is also open.

3. Movie in the Park – financial support

MaryLouise Ott, liaison for the first annual Movie in the Park, noted that STNA needs to consider committing financial support for this event. Support can also come from local businesses, who would, in exchange, receive prominent advertising throughout the city in the Park's brochures and at the movie nights. Ute Munger offered to contact some of the neighborhood businesses to assess interest. Due to our precarious financial situation, and since at the time of the meeting it was not yet known if the CleanUp would take place, those present agreed to postpone a decision regarding the amount of support until the next meeting.

4. SEUplift

MaryLouise Ott, SEUL representative, reminded the secretary that minutes and agendas need to be sent monthly to Luiza at SEUL. The decision was made to subscribe Luiza's e-mail address to our listserv, so she would automatically receive the minutes and agendas when all the neighbors get them.

New Business

1. More New Kiosks in the Neighborhood

MaryLouise Ott suggested increasing the number of kiosks in the neighborhood (such as the one at SE Clinton and 61st) that could be used to post meeting agendas and updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. Next meeting will be May 19th, 2011.

UPDATE! PLEASE NOTE: since the date of this meeting the CleanUp coordinator, Kim Herschberger, has informed the board regarding the arrangements already made for the event, and planning has since intensified.

THE CLEAN-UP WILL TAKE PLACE AS INITIALLY PLANNED, SATURDAY, MAY 28, 9AM-1PM, AT TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 2700 SE 67TH AVE.