

South Tabor Neighborhood Association and Membership
Neighborhood Visioning, Part 1

November 17, 2011
7:00PM – 8:45PM

Minutes/Outcome

- I. Welcome
- II. Introductions and Ice Breaker
- III. Association business
 - a. Sandra Hay Magdaleno, Interim President, provided information and hand outs of community and city events and happenings.
 - b. Board/membership unanimously approved \$50 or less to be spent on an advertisement in the January SE Examiner announcing Part 2 of STNA neighborhood visioning.
 - c. Margaret Jeppesen talked about the South Tabor Garden Walk including possible partners and sought feedback on a date for the event TBD in next two months. Vote approving the Garden Walk passed unanimously. More discussion around the date and all South Tabor residents are asked to make a note of wonderful gardens for Margaret. All yards considered (front, back, side). Neighborhood Small Grant awardees will be announced after 1/9/12.
 - d. Aron Stephens gave a Graffiti update – talked about PDX Reporter where neighbors can report graffiti and the city will clean up. Jenni Bernheisel, ONI Crime Prevention, will email Ute Munger details.
 - e. Treasurer, Ute Munger, reported that STNA has \$3527.22 in checking, of which \$350 is from the Harvest Festival sale of raffle tickets and corn on cob. Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.
 - f. Sandra Hay Magdaleno, Interim President, expresses interest in evaluating if an STNA printed newsletter should be reconsidered by the board due to having enough monies in checking. Asked questions about website. Discussion to be revisiting after visioning sessions.
 - g. Aron Stephens will take the lead on creating yard signs about the January visioning.
 - h. A lead needs to be taken on producing fliers and the print ad for the SE Examiner.
- IV. Neighborhood Visioning. Part 1
 - a. Facilitator, Blythe Pavlik, explains the visioning process and why is STNA engaging in a visioning process. *The STNA is looking to increase neighborhood participation in the association, establish short-term goals and increase feelings of value and fulfillment of the STNA board members.* The objective of this first visioning session is to gain insight on areas to focus the larger January visioning session.

- V. Discussion 1 : What is your vision of a vibrant neighborhood?
- a. A vibrant neighborhood expands connections on neighborhood blocks (know thy neighbor).
 - b. A vibrant neighborhood fosters relationships between neighbors – social aspects as well as business and neighborhood business (business directory).
 - c. A vibrant neighborhood creates clear resources for neighbors to know where to go for help and support or in the case of an emergency (emergency preparedness).
 - d. A vibrant neighborhood is quiet and peaceful
 - e. A vibrant neighborhood is walk-able, bike-able and close to public transit
 - f. A vibrant neighborhood is engaging and friendly by offering events and social opportunities.
 - g. A vibrant neighborhood encourages businesses that have pride in their property thus adding to the aesthetic of the neighborhood.
 - h. A vibrant neighborhood promotes a safe and healthy place to live, work and play
 - i. A vibrant neighborhood fosters connections with diverse groups (eg, elderly, multicultural)
 - j. A vibrant neighborhood hosts neighborhood kiosks that serve as a social hub and resource for neighborhood happening, information and connections.
 - k. A vibrant neighborhood fosters art and creativity
 - l. A vibrant neighborhood creates and provides community resources to through sweat equity or trade – neighbors helping neighbors.
 - m. A vibrant neighborhood has a welcoming committee for new neighbors.
 - n. A vibrant neighborhood maintains a phone tree for emergencies, events and other happenings.
 - o. A vibrant neighborhood has many volunteers ready and enthusiastic to give time to the neighborhood or to a neighbor in need.
 - p. A vibrant neighborhood continues to outreach to people who haven't participated and sets an inclusive tone.
 - q. A vibrant neighborhood hosts pancake breakfasts.
 - r. A vibrant neighborhood has social/business destinations such as restaurants, coffee shops – the Wikman Building as a community center.
 - s. A vibrant neighborhood is a sustainably-minded neighborhood.
 - t. A vibrant neighborhood hosts an annual health and well-being fair.
 - u. A vibrant neighborhood uses a mindful approach to problem solving.
 - v. A vibrant neighborhood engages in quality communication.
 - w. A vibrant neighborhood is enthusiastic about neighborhood history.
- VI. Discussion 2 : What do you believe is the value of a neighborhood association?
- a. The value of a neighborhood association is to be a resource for neighbors regardless of the inquiry.
 - b. The value of a neighborhood association is to provide a support system.

- c. The value of a neighborhood association is to link with other neighborhoods to create a stronger community and resource.
 - d. The value of a neighborhood association is to advocate for needs of the membership.
 - e. The value of a neighborhood association is to be a community liaison to bigger picture (eg. City of Portland).
 - f. The value of a neighborhood association is to be mindful of history and not recreate the wheel.
 - g. The value of a neighborhood association is practice and promote effective and clear communication.
 - h. The value of a neighborhood association is to host celebrations, events and other social gatherings.
 - i. The value of a neighborhood association is to bring people together.
 - j. The value of a neighborhood association is to ensure a participatory process related to decision making.
 - k. The value of a neighborhood association has pride.
 - l. The value of a neighborhood association is to be a marketing source for neighbors, events, etc.
 - m. The value of a neighborhood association is provide structured meetings and considered hosting board and general meetings separately.
 - n. The value of a neighborhood association compels neighbors to attend general meetings with speakers, highlighting a local business or volunteer, providing childcare and providing food.
 - o. The value of a neighborhood association is to be a repository of neighborhood contact information, such as email addresses.
 - p. The value of a neighborhood association is organized in advocacy efforts such as Division safety, crosswalks, etc.
- VII. The facilitator, Blythe Pavlik, will be working on the agenda for the second visioning based on this feedback. The second visioning will dive more deeply into these two questions with the addition more pointed questions that get to the heart of volunteer engagement and enthusiastic participation. For the sake of the organic facilitation process, the agenda for part 2 will not be released in advance. Blythe would like to have as many one-to-one meetings with South Tabor neighbors prior to Jan 10th to help shape Part 2 of the visioning.
- VIII. Adjourned 8:45PM