

## 2011 03 14 St. Johns Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Board Members Present: Hiedi Bauer, Babs Adamski, Darlene Foye, CJ Doxsee, Sarah Havens, Kristina Pucci, Loreleki Juntunen

Call to order: 7:09 p.m.

- Request of financial support for No Fest
  - Sean Ongley: NoFest, a daylong event in various venues with various artistic genres, is requesting financial support from SJNA (\$200). The money goes towards production and personnel costs. Other funding comes from grants and business sponsorships.
  - Gloria Luzader moves to support the financial contribution. Kristina Pucci seconds. Motion carries.
- Steven Lam
  - Deterioration has happened in St. Johns mail delivery due to understaffing, temporary people taking over full time routes / full time people doing their own routes plus part of another, and hiring freezes. Part of this financial dilemma comes from the mandate to prefund retirement benefits for the next seventy five years. Signing a petition to solve this problem is requested.
  - Process Check: Individuals can respond to the petition, but the SJNA cannot take a position, although a letter of support might be requested, so long as that letter does not endorse a candidate or political cause (as per the bylaws).
- Burgerville
  - Third Monday of the month Burgerville fundraiser is from 5-8. There might be a limbo...
- Trash to Treasure and Neighborhood Clean up
  - This swap/reuse/recycle/cleanup event will happen on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Items can be dropped off on the evening before from 4-8. The St. Johns Storage Facility has donated a facility if storage is needed before that Friday.
  - The recycle portion of the event allows folks to recycle items not easily recycled. No hazardous materials, with the exception of batteries.
  - 50 volunteers are needed.
  - [Trashtotreasure.org](http://Trashtotreasure.org) has more information.
  - On the same day, SJNA facilitates a neighborhood cleanup. Church groups, individuals, etc. come to Red Sea, get equipment (tongs, bags, etc.), and clean up a block or two of the neighborhood.
- Roosevelt High Update
  - Roosevelt has received its grant and has used it to help change the culture of the school. Moral is up among staff, students, and community relations.
  - There has been an aggressive recruitment campaign with the feeder schools.

- Roosevelt has hired or reassigned over twenty staff members at the school. Some especially effective teachers have been assigned to coach other teachers. The primary focus of this grant is to improve academic performance.
- There is also an emphasis on updating technology, adding labs, computers, and technology for the teachers in the classroom so that students have modern resources for their education. A challenge is that the building is so old that it can't always support the technology (she hints, bond will help).
- There are many AP courses (9 areas, many sections per area). The Spanish immersion program has been a real success, producing some of the highest scores in the state in respect to passing the AP exam.
- The counseling has also been personalized, from the middle to high school transition, to the hiring of additional counselors and a college and career transition manager
- Meeting with Earl Blumenauer
  - A group of community members met with Earl Blumenauer regarding concerns that they have in St. Johns, including transportation issues (Hwy. 30 going through the community on Lombard and the resulting truck traffic on our main street), providing information about the Main Street program and historical designations, and about what might be done to the proposed hardware store site to bring the building up to expectations.

#### Reports:

- Land Use
  - Recology submitted a proposal to add food waste recycling to the current facility: The deadline for public comment is today, although letters sent between now and the hearing date will be reviewed. The report will be published March 18<sup>th</sup>, the hearing will be April 6<sup>th</sup>. SJNA is most concerned about increased truck traffic and has asked that to be a condition as part of the Land Use Conditional Release (the three sided structure as opposed to the closed structure). Odor doesn't seem like it will be an issue, as any compost will have a 24-48 hour turnaround. They have taken some measures to mitigate some impact on neighboring Smith and Bybee Lake. SJNA also has emphasized the importance of a Good Neighbor Agreement.
- Port of Portland
  - Brooke Bergland: the tour and lecture series is starting up again. She will bring flyers next time, but any interested parties can also get information from the Port of Portland Facebook page. They are also working on a website to highlight these events.
- Public Safety
  - Gloria elaborated on the written report from the February 23<sup>rd</sup> PSAC meeting report an on contact information regarding concerns about code enforcement.
- Foot Patrol meeting will be on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have 30 people trained.

- Main Street is going after a grant and would like a letter of support or as a participant/team member for funding for a map, etc. to support this effort. The grant application deadline is at the end of March. Thomas moves that we vote tonight to send a letter of support to the St. Johns Main Street Coalition for the North Portland Business Association grant. Kristina Pucci seconds. Motioncarries. Whether to pursue a partnership will be discussed at the next meeting.
- On the 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meeting for unemployed and underemployed folks to discuss their experiences and what they can do. Food and childcare will be provided.
- St. Johns Bizarre Committee, a.k.a. Supreme Council, is gearing up for another crazy festival on May 14<sup>th</sup>. They would like businesses and citizens to focus on this day as a time to focus on endorsing anything new. They are looking for volunteers for not only the day of but also for members for the Supreme Council.

Meeting adjourns: 8:34