

2011 03 28 St. Johns Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Hiedi Bauer, Babs Adamski, Darlene Foye, CJ Doxsee, Sarah Havens, Kristina Pucci, Thomas Ebert, Mark Savage

Call to order: 7:09 p.m.

Website update: Thomas

- The RFP (request for proposals) process closes April 1st so the result is that a special meeting (April 6th) for those who can attend to review the proposals, at least enough to constitute a quorum.
- C.J, Babs, Thomas, Darlene, and Lucinda can attend for sure.

Letter Carriers Request: Babs

- Do we send a letter as an organization to our representative regarding their labor issue? Babs moves that SJNA writes a letter of support for the mail carriers for restoring full time employees for all of the routes in St. Johns, a request for them to end their hiring freeze. Kristina seconds. Kristina emphasizes that the letter focuses on community need rather than federal issues. Motion carries.

Recology: C.J.

- Good Neighbor Agreement. Good neighbor agreements are legally nonbinding. The potential odor problems wouldn't be redressed through a good neighbor agreement.
- DEQ and Metro might have avenues of recourse for binding consequences for any remiss on the part of Recology (as far as leaking or odor issues). Specific consequences for specific actions would be ideal. More information would be needed in order to write these specifics, how to measure areas of remiss. More information is also needed to heighten a good neighbor agreement to a legally binding contract.
- Thomas moves that Thomas and C.J do some investigation with DEQ and Metro to see what is possible in terms of enforcement of olfactory issues. Kristina seconds. Motion carries.

Tree Committee: Lolita and Jason

- There are trees that exist between the road and individual property. These trees are the responsibility of property owners but are not always cared for by these owners. A tree inventory to check on health of the trees and any safety concerns that they might pose is part of this project. This could also be a first step to promote and protect the entire tree canopy of St. Johns.
- They are proposing a tree subcommittee, which is a project that has already come to fruition in other neighborhoods, and would be a project that would address needs and benefits of all trees in St. Johns.
- The basic results of the stewardship plan would be to do the tree inventory, would facilitate education, would promote adopt a tree programs (to take care of trees in

- need, especially fruit trees), to support tree planting efforts where needed and appropriate.
- The tree stewardship plan is the end of a project from another entity, by forming a tree subcommittee with SJNA, the project gets carried forward; the plan gets implemented.
 - This is a proposal that comes with resources, e.g. with people who are already invested.
 - Q: Are there any monetary needs for this project? A: There might be some costs, but there are also lots of grant opportunities and a lot of volunteer support, so costs might be possible but aren't yet anticipated.
 - It was suggested that a pamphlet for new home owners be made available as far as tree stewardship and propagation.
 - Babs moves that SJNA have a tree committee as a subcommittee for land use and that this committee work in partnership with friends of trees, the city, any other possible bureaus and supportive affiliates. Kristina seconds. Lolita will be the point person in conjunction with C.J. the land use chair. Motion carries.
 - It was noted that if this project extends beyond residential areas that partnerships with Parks and Rec, Main Street, etc. would be beneficial.

Treasurer's Report: Darlene

- \$3,508.54 plus an impending Burgerville deposit less Peninsula Station and Copy Pilot invoices yet to be paid as well as promised funds to No Fest.
- Darlene and Babs still need to be on the account.

St. Johns Bizarre: Thomas

- Requesting \$400 sponsorship for the music stage for the Bizarre. Babs requests SJNA receive booth space for low or no cost in return? Thomas indicates that this would be workable. They will also advertise SJNA as a supporter. Hiedi moves that we allocate these funds towards the Bizarre with the understanding that they will accommodate our request for booth space for SJNA information and advertisement of SJNA as a supporter. Kristina seconds. Motion carries.

Bylaws: Thomas

- Still working toward schedule configuration.

Minutes: Babs

- Please review all minutes for accuracy and completeness before meetings so that minutes can be approved efficiently.

Meeting adjourns: 8:38 p.m.