

2011 04 11. Johns Neighborhood Association General Meeting

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

Call to order: 7:07 p.m.

Introductions: 21 residents and board members introduced themselves.

Public Safety:

- The foot patrol group, a citizen driven entity, has met. It is hoped that the afternoon officers will be able to walk with them.
- After a five month federal investigation, the Oriental Market owner had found to have been allowing people to cash in Oregon Trail cards. 30 + individuals have been identified as getting this cash for drugs. Many drug deals occurred within close proximity of these transactions. This may result in a potential short term problem: increased property crime as these individuals look for other sources of cash.

Port of Portland:

- Port of Portland is starting its Behind the Scenes tours again. They often fill up quickly; RSVP quickly if interested.
- There will be a rode closure at N. Lombard at the Columbia Slough from April 16 through August 2011.

Portland Safety Action Committee:

- Gloria gave an overview of the different emergency and non emergency phone numbers and the criteria for each type of call.
- All meetings are open to the public.

Land Use:

- Recology has set up a good neighbor agreement with SJNA. They are working to address concerns that neighbors have expressed, such as shifting from a three- to four-walled facility.
- It was desired that Metro give a presentation about how to package off our waste.

St. Johns Tree Team

- The newest branch of SJNA. Lolita, a tree steward; an arborist; and a U of P professor who lives in St. Johns are two other key members of the team.
- The first major project will be a tree inventory. Help is appreciated and needed.

Upcoming Events:

- There will be a week long (April 16-23) series of Earth Day events in St. Johns, including Trash to Treasure, various clean ups, and educational presentations.
- St. Johns Parade. It's a community parade that costs nothing to be in.

- St. Johns Bizarre. An untraditional bazaar that follows the parade with bands, local vendors selling handmade goods, and a beer garden.
- Wesley Bucholz: The third meeting for unemployed and underemployed residents of the community and for people who have skills or resources who can help will be on April 20th. The focus of previous meetings has been developing a needs bank and a skills bank, on food security, etc.
- Multnomah Food Action Plan: Babs is going to ask our commissioner to come speak to us about this effort by the county to connect people to gardens and sustainable agriculture.

Announcements:

- Exercise caution when walking your near the 8300 block of North Willamette. A dog has attacked and killed another dog in that area.
- Livability teams: one has been formed for Cathedral Park, and it is desired to form one for St. Johns Main Street and for Fessenden. It's a part of the graffiti grant; it would involve going out once a month for two or three hours cleaning up graffiti, picking up garbage, etc. Graffiti removal spray would be provided; grant money could be used to buy items such as towels, gloves, etc.
- Pros and Cons on the school bond and levy issue meeting will be on April 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Roosevelt High School.