

## 2010. 11. 8 St. Johns Neighborhood Association General Meeting

### Board Members Present:

- Hiedi Bauer, Babs Adamski, Matt Weidner, Thomas Ebert, Lorelei Juntunen, Mark Stinnette, Sara Havens, Mark Savage

Call to order: 7:07 p.m.

### Introductions of General Membership

- 17 members introduced themselves and indicated where in St. Johns they live.

### Reading of the New Mission Statement

- SJNA is updating bylaws, which haven't been revised since 1993. This update should be completed by the February general meeting, and per the current bylaws, the updates will be read at that and the next two subsequent meetings. Any feedback on the bylaws, which reflect the focus of the SJNA, is welcome.

### N Portland Rd/ColumbiaBlvd/Fessenden Project Update

- In the interest of managing truck traffic and balancing the needs of freight with the needs of the community a representative from the neighborhood will be solicited to be on a citizens advisory committee. It is requested that the board nominate a representative to sit on this committee, which will run over the course of the year, about 6 meetings. One focus will be to look to fund improvements to Fessenden in a way that makes it a more neighborhood oriented and pedestrian friendly street and discourages truck traffic. Curb extensions and medians are the types of things being looked at.
- One suggestion from the community was that we need to look at the big picture, to fund a new bridge to Linton. The response was that funds are tied up in the Sellwood Bridge Project and the Columbia River Crossing and acknowledges that this is a look at short term solutions.

### Committees:

- If any have interest in getting involved, we have the following groups/committees: Publicity, Outreach, Land Use, Crime Prevention, Arts and Culture (focus not committee), and other neighborhood groups like PSAC and Boosters (to go and report back).

### Land Use

- Wapato: The hearings officer has come back with information, and SJNA has received pretty much everything it asked for, such as intake and release not happening at the facility and truck traffic to and from the facility staying on truck routes. Most importantly, there will be a good neighborhood agreement with the SJNA, which means that we will be able to continue these kinds of conversations with whomever ends up in the space.
- Community concern: the new storage facility sign's placement and size is dangerous. Babs has left a message requesting discussion of this issue. The sign

wasn't what had been agreed upon; however, the process for approving signs is different than the land use process. Still, during the land use process, the company had indicated a different need and intent for signs than what they currently are erecting. Lorelei indicated that this could be an ODOT issue as well, as Lombard is a state highway.

- Solicitation for community feedback: There are several areas up and down Lombard that have the potential for larger store lots, such as the Grocery Outlet that will be going in soon. It is good to be proactive, to know what the membership wants to see in new tenants so that these interests can be passed on to developers. The community has mentioned family friendly restaurants; whole affordable foods like a bulk store or a cooperative grocery; the need for clothing beyond children's clothing; bird shops; sporting goods, especially one that provides rentals; boating supplies and bait; home improvement supplies; dog friendly restaurants; and more gardening options would be good. Auto sales was something that was addressed as not needed, as well as additional coffee shops.

#### Port of Portland

- Will be building packs for children who have family members deployed in the military.

#### Public Safety

- The neighborhood officer agrees that areas of Fessenden are a large public safety/traffic problem. Crime has been fairly standard: a few burglaries, a few car prowls.
- The community has requested that officers "scare people into slowing down" on Fessenden. Response: call in and say that you see problems, then people are more likely to be assigned to these spots for these purposes.
- Gloria plans to attend PSAC meetings regularly and to be the "eyes and ears" of St. Johns.

#### Directory

- Mark gave a brief overview of the directory's purpose, contents, and timeline.
- Community feedback: Be sure to include the Hispanic community.

#### Announcements

- Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. are designated as clean up days in the plaza.
- The annual holiday decorations are going up at an ungodly hour on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Between 10 and 12 on that Saturday, there will be a downtown cleanup.
- November 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> North End Gallery will be hosting a crafting gathering to make decorations for the holiday tree, which will be lit on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Winter Fest is December 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be an all day celebration with the tree lighting in the afternoon.
- If you are raking your own leaves, and if you have been assessed a fee, document your work on your own place; the opt out option is on Portlandonline. The process through which the fees had been assessed was not sufficiently transparent.

- Roosevelt principal is having coffee at Christies once a month to meet with any community members interested in Roosevelt.

Adjourn: 8:49