

St. Johns Neighborhood Association General Meeting: November 14th, 2011

Attendance: Board members present: CJ Doxsee, Sarah Doxsee, Babs Adamski, Gil Luzader, Lalita Ham, Mark Savage, Jennifer Levy, Thomas Ebert. 45 Community members in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Babs Adamski, SJNA Chair

Introductions: Those in the room share their name and cross streets

Agenda: Agenda for the meeting is presented. Dre Davey added to discuss Trash to Treasure, agenda approved

Minutes: Minutes from previous month provided, no corrections suggested
CJ makes a motion that minutes are approved, Sarah seconds. Motion carries.

Treasurer report: SJNA Treasurer, Sarah Doxsee reviews current account, all accounts in order

Safety Update:

- Angela Wagner has no updates this month.
- Portland Police Officer has no crime stats to present tonight but plans to have available for next month's meeting, asks for questions.
- The question is asked if anyone is responsible for removing shoes tied over power lines as it's believed this is gang related. Powerlines can only be addressed by the utility company, call them for removal.
- A question is asked regarding a woman called who called police for a social services visit, asked to define this service. It is explained that the Police become triage agency, people call police for services, they refer to services as appropriate. Police respond in person if dispatchers can't refer to service over phone.
- Recognition is given for the Police handling of the occupy Portland encampment.

Resolutions Northwest

Izetta Irwin presents information on mediation services.

- Resolutions Northwest is a free neighborhood mediation program to resolve problem between neighbors. If you have a conflict with your neighbor, contact 503.595.4890
- Free mediation training available, application due by November 18th.

Trash to Treasure:

Dre Davey announces that there is a Trash to Treasure planning meeting Friday, November 17th, 6:30 at Swap and Play. This is an annual reuse, recycle, sharing event in which all materials are screened before they enter dumpsters, everything that can be recycled or shared with others is diverted from the land fill.

Land Use Report:

There is a meeting Thursday at 6:30 at SJ Community Center for traffic on Fessenden, and the City of Portland released the new Portland Plan, online at pdxplan.org.

Proposed 7-11 Development:

CJ Doxsee gives overview of 7-11 proposal to create new store at Lombard and Oswego.

Address for the proposed store is 8157 N Lombard. As a convenience store and on a lot in the St. Johns Lombard Plan design overlay area, procedures must be followed before building permit is issued. This involves a design review process that the community is involved in, a presentation at a public meeting, notification of those within 150ft of the site, and the creation of a good neighbor plan to address potential alcohol, substance abuse, and other crime issues. This plan must be approved before a building permit will be issued.

At this time CJ opens the discussion.

General consensus is that the 7-11 is unwanted and the community wants to know how to stop it.

This area is zoned appropriately for a 7-11, and if they follow all of the rules they are able to build. As the proposed site is still in the very early stages, it is believed by the community that it will be easiest to deter them from building now, before a lot of money is invested. It is suggested that all those opposed to the store contact the developer, architect, and site manager individually to stat they do not want the store. CJ will provide this contact information to those interested.

It is also discussed that the SJNA needs to be certain to follow all the steps of the process of permitting to ensure there is an option to appeal the permit on technical issues if the development progresses. CJ asks that those knowledgeable of the process and code contact him to assist with the work. Jennifer Levy calls for those interested to meet immediately following the discussion. Traffic concerns are also being considered as a reason to prohibit the development.

It is also discussed that while the community is responding to this possible business and trying to stop the development, community members need to proactively recruit the businesses they do want to see. Main Street is working on this issue, and Babs Adamski calls for those interested to work with her and SJNA as well.

First reading of proposed new bylaws:

Sarah hands out draft of bylaws to those in attendance and reads draft of to those in attendance.

Significant changes in the new versions:

- Voting age requirement removed some requirements about meeting attendance removed.
- Article IV is a new section to hold issues regarding financial support.
- Following of Oregon statutes regarding public meeting removed and replaced with rules of Office of Neighborhood Involvement.
- Removal of a board member for non-attendance kept in current bylaws, changed to three consecutive board meetings. Other issues with board members are referred to the grievance process.
- Duties of board officers changed drastically, many of the minutely specific requirements are removed, adding flexibility and feasibility to positions.
- Chairperson's appendix created to allow for a transfer of actual duties and events to provide function without including in by laws.
- Board meeting dates moved from last Monday to 4th meeting of the month.
- Powers of board amended as directed by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement
- Committee section amended to remove specific committees, flexibility added to allow standing and special committees as needed.
- Non discrimination moved to its own article.
- Gil makes a motion to thank Sarah and Thomas for their work, encourage general membership to read and review revised by laws, and to note specifically that the voting age requirement was removed.

Motion made to adjourn, motion seconded. Motions carries. **Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.**