

OKNA board meeting minutes for 4/7/2009

Meeting called to order at 7:04.

Attendance:

Clare

Matt

Tom Kilbane

Claire Paris

Kent Hoddick

David Chott

Alan

George Spaulding

Michele Thompson

Nancy Jimenez came to present to the board about her rain containment system and rain garden. She was asking for a letter of support for her project-she is applying for a grant through BES. Tom put forth the motion to do a letter of support and Matt approved it.

Claire will contact Nancy and ask her to draft the letter of support from OKNA. We will encourage them to do valuable work for the community.

Claire informed the group of a few pending meetings-Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group meets Weds April 8th 6-8 pm at BES Water pollution Control Lab.

Safer Routes to School is looking for volunteers to lead walking and biking efforts at your school-contact Carolina Iraheta Gonzalez at 503-823-1189.

September 19th is the Interstate Street Fair- Patton Park will be reserved for this.

April 25th is our clean-up day.

Alan is working with the woodworker to finalize the Gateway to Nature sign. He will follow up on the status of this.

The board then discussed goals for the organization as a whole and each of us as individuals.

Kent thinks a neighborhood association exists to react to the issues that come up in the neighborhood. There was some discussion around this resulting in the group stating the newsletter and website were important goals as they keep our organization nimble and our communication quick.

David and Matt agreed to follow up with Zita and report back on the status of the website.

Michele talked about recruiting and keeping the organization vibrant and committed. There were many ideas discussed about how this could be accomplished and a few goals resulted from this discussion.

David will organize a happy hour for a different demographic than our usual social engagements.

The board agreed to bring one new person to a general meeting in the next six months. Claire will continue to remind the board of this commitment. (Michele has already done this-kudos.)

Alan will bring name tags to our next general meeting.

The board will insure the chairs are arranged in a circle at the next general meeting. Claire agreed to have the agenda for the next general meeting out at least two days before the meeting itself.

Michele brought up the idea of doing chair “books” so our successors will have an easier time with their responsibilities. Claire will put this on the agenda for next month’s board meeting so we can figure out how to go about this.

We discussed OKNA’s financial situation and the big pole project came up. Kent agreed to follow up with Sally to get a status report on it-stressing we had two years to spend the money and our time period has almost expired.

Kent also agreed to give us a quarterly treasurer report to insure the board knows the financials of our organization.

Kent also agreed to add Claire to the checking account so we’ll establish a good check and balance system.

The group discussed spending some of the general funds on OKNA volunteer appreciation. Claire will put this discussion on the agenda for next month. Perhaps a dinner for OKNA board members?

Tom Kilbane wanted to put Killingsworth Station and the development at Prescott on his goals for the year. Discussion resulted about the security and safety risk of the abandoned buildings at Prescott. Tom will follow up with Tri-Met and Sierra Construction about this. David will follow up with the city about who issued the nuisance order.

Tom and Eric will be taking Brad’s place on the ICURA board. We wish them luck.

Matt motioned Michele Thompson to be voted into the position of Publicity Chair. Tom seconded the motion. No one opposed. (Congratualtions, Michele.)

The board talked about finding a liason at one of the schools in the neighborhood. A PTA member perhaps? The board will ask their neighbors. Meeting was adjorned at 9:49.

