

MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 17, 2009

Meeting Minutes No.: 001

description:

I. Mark Wells- Crime Prevention Coordinator:

- Budget cuts are being reviewed by the City/County. The ONI (Office of Neighborhood Involvement) has put together a proposal called the "RIGHT BUDGET" that we need community support to get passed. However, the Office of Management and Finance suggested an 18% cut, which will mean the cutting of programs and jobs, possible reduction of 5 neighborhood response team officers, and the potential loss of Training Supervisors, training & development programs, or more. **We need neighbors to send personal letters to their commissioners supporting the "RIGHT BUDGET" in the next 2 weeks.**
- Police Force restructuring is already underway with the closing of the N Precinct. The city has also requested many follow-up items before approving his budget. There will be one more workshop held to discuss this, as well as Budget Process meetings in March-April before the Mayors Budget Plan is approved the 3rd week of April. The city's website provides a link for information and input.
- County budget cuts are also underway and many jail spaces and deputy DA positions are at the risk of being cut, as well as a 15% cut to the graffiti abatement program. Please call your prevention line, not 911, if you see any graffiti, abandoned vehicles, etc. in the neighborhood, as the resources that have been allocated for them will be potentially cut if we do not utilize them. These and other livability issues are directly related to crime levels in a neighborhood.
- Pastor Rodriguez from the *Church of Life Fellowship* is organizing a Safety & Livability event for all North Portland neighborhood homeowners and businesses to come together and coordinate community efforts to improve the neighborhood. Twice Annual Cleanups and Graffiti Removal Efforts will be planned, and ideas for Programs that may qualify for grant funding will be discussed. He'd like to involve the police, firefighters, and Trimet, and it is rumored that there will also be a Pancake Breakfast served to encourage all to attend.

II. Officer Mull- Crime Report:

- Car prowls and burglaries have been the only reports since the last meeting, as well as stolen vehicles being dumped/abandoned in the neighborhood.
- Tell tale signs of an abandoned/stolen vehicle: windows broken or left down in the rain, broken ignition switches, open glove boxes, looks like they've been ransacked/ stereos missing, etc. Also look out for cars parked in a hurry, at odd angles or that break parking regulations.

III. Darcy Cronin- Portland Water Bureau:

- Pittman Addition Hydro Park- berming and amenities will be added to make the park more inviting on the North end of the Going Street Pedestrian Pass between Concord Ave. and the Plaid Pantry at Going/Interstate.
- Phase 1 will include a walking path, light posts, picnic tables, benches, a doggie bag dispenser, bike racks, and a possible amphitheater built into the steeper contours on the site.
- Phase 2 will include wall art on the sound-wall, rotating sculptures in a sculpture garden, and a possible bio-swale for on site water management.

- Check it out on the PWB Website [http://www.portlandonline.com/water/AboutUs/Hydroparks/Pittman Addition](http://www.portlandonline.com/water/AboutUs/Hydroparks/Pittman%20Addition)
- The water tower adjacent to the site is not in use but not a hazard so at this time it is not economically feasible to remove it. In its place there is an underground tank that serves Swan Island on the Hydropark site.

IV. Clair Paris- Chair's Report:

- NW Beer Festival reps will be presenting at the next general meeting to seek the use of Overlook Park for the festival. The festival was held there last year.
- At the last Board meeting the Board discussed their 6-8 month agenda items and in light of this Claire opened the floor to neighbors who have specific goals in mind to be included in the plan. The neighbors contributed the following:
 - The south side of the Going Street Pedestrian Overpass is often inhabited by transients and drug dealers. Mark Wells agreed to order an inspection of the site to further address this issue and to help determine the best possible changes necessary to improve the situation.
 - Trimet should be contacted regarding budget cuts and how that will affect service in our area.
- Several presenters were absent. Treasurer's Report; Kent Hoddick and Publicity: Land Use/Maryland: David Chott, Bluff Fire Prevention: Steve Lanigan and Business/Community Relations: Clare Matthias did not report.
- Overlook Newsletter is being restructured with Michelle Thompson as the Lead Coordinator. The deadline for May/June Submissions is March 23rd. All newsletters are archived on the Overlook Neighborhood Association website.

V. Cynthia Sulaski- Parks, Trees & Trails Report:

- Patton Park- The *Friends of Patton Park* is established and would like to invite the tenants of Patton Apartments to join their efforts to maintain the park. Right now only 13 people are living in the building, which has 26 units, even though there was a huge waiting list during construction. The property managers are working through the list and hope to have the building filled by the end of May.
- Mocks Bluff- looking into ownership to determine improvement opportunities

VI. Matthew Skoggin- Events Report:

- Relaxation seminar being offered at Overlook House
- NW Children's Theater Workshop- sign up by June 15th for children 4-6 years old at \$40 per child.

VII. George Spaulding – PSAC Report:

- *Ready.Safe.Go. Safety Fair:* crime prevention emergency preparedness training for neighbors- registration deadline April 9th
- Scott Bateson from PBOT (previously PDOT) will be speaking at Trillium School at noon on Friday,

March 20th and at Beach Elementary at 8:15am on Wednesday, April 8th. He will discuss safer routes to school and traffic/parking safety.

VIII. Alan Cranna - Overlook House:

- Estate Planning Classes for Seniors at Overlook House
- Earth Day Cleanup April 25th 10am-noon