

**Overlook Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2010**

Board Members Present: Kent Hoddick (current rotating Board Chair), Matt Scoggin Alan Cranna, Alan DeLaTorre, Clare Matthias, Steve Lanigan, Michelle Thompson, George Spaulding, David Chott, Tom Kilbane, Cynthia Sulaski

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Public Safety Reports

Officer Garrison: Car prowls are a perpetual problem in Overlook. Call us! Make reports! The only way we know what is going on is when you report it. Even when it seems small, it can help tie together a bigger case.

Also be aware there is a crew of window washers going around who can be intimidating. They may be working from out of state. Stay alert.

Mark Wells: While overall violent crime is down, property crime continues to rise and be a pesky problem. More disturbing is a recent burst of home break ins; in the past WEEK there have been 10-15 residential burglaries in N Portland. If you see someone walking around houses, looking in windows etc and you know they don't belong there, call the police. If there is a crime in progress, call 911.

Saturday May 22 is the Overlook Livability Team paint job at Beach School, partnered with the PTA & students.

Saturday June 5 is the 3rd annual N Portland graffiti clean up, and they are looking for volunteers. Mark promises a delicious breakfast beforehand, and a BBQ! Lunch afterward. Contact Mark for details and to sign up:

mark.wells@portlandoregon.gov

Community Presentations

The sixth annual North American Organic Brewer Festival/NAOBF will be held again at Overlook Park this year from June 25-27. Sara & Craig presented their updates to the festival including: Set up will be on Thursday, tear down on Monday. Smoking areas will be segregated more successfully this year due to the changes in the law. The entrance and a new bike valet station will be set up oriented to N Freemont Street vs Interstate. Bring 3 cans of food (donations to Oregon Food Bank) for a beer token. They are looking for volunteers. Details at www.naobf.org
Hopefully this figure is right.. last year's festival generated only 550# of garbage.. they recycle & compost everything!

Farmer's Market

New market manager Lisa reported on what's happening this year. Opening day is May 19. They will have CSA subscriptions available in some attractive packages this year, at \$25 & \$45. They do have 5 board members, but could use some more. Interested or need more info, check the website: www.interstatefarmersmarket.com

Committee Reports:

Alan C: The clean up went well, we are looking at a new location for next year as this one has finally turned the corner. The Overlook House has a new roof, and mostly the same classes & programs ongoing.

Alan D: Sunday Parkways event is coming together with help from the Overlook Village Business Association and the North Station food cart pod members. The OVBA is planning their 2nd annual street fair for July 31 which will include closing 3 sections of streets on/near Killingsworth.

Steve L: Fire risk reduction efforts continue even though FEMA money has concluded. Continued plantings of low, native grasses to stabilize the bank and avoid a canopy fire.

Michelle: Newsletter is now on deadline; submit your stories etc to views@overlookneighborhood.org

Matt: The website is back up and running (applause). Please let us know if you have items to contribute.

Cynthia: Introduced Garrett Phillips and Erika Reiber who will be taking over the tree planting coordination from me for the coming year.

David: a brief recap of a meeting the board had with J Isaac from the Portland Trail Blazers, regarding their JumpTown project at the Rose Quarter.

George: nothing additional to Mark's report to add.

Neighbors for Clean Air (community report)

Lisa Sellman came from NW Portland to tell us about her group's efforts for cleaner air in Portland. Our climate and weather patterns make NW industrial pollution a city-wide problem. Look for a USA Today article titled The Smokestack Effect for information.

The DEQ has been trying to help but doesn't have the capacity or will to watch over public health. She is trying to get other neighborhoods to get in on a city-wide campaign. She urges citizens to REPORT BAD SMELLS to DEQ either online or by phone. Her group is setting up a website for easier reporting, with mapping technology.

DEQ can do nuisance abatement, so if you report the smells, that is at least one thing they can try to help with, which is a start. Their mission is making Portland a better place. We have a green reputation, but have poor air quality. Their website is www.whatsinourair.com

Old Business/New Business

Brad Halverson reminded us about the traffic changes on N Concord; speed bumps have gone in on the south end, and some road painting has taken place. Watch for changing, and new, stop signs along this bike boulevard.

Kent: The annual picnic has been scheduled for August 17. Clare Matthias has begun negotiations with Pause to hold the event there again. Details to follow.

Matt Scoggin put forward a motion asking OKNA to draft a letter to ask Portland Public Schools to keep Jefferson High School open as a full neighborhood school. As this matter is changing daily and the people present were not well enough informed on the topic, we declined to vote at this time.

Next month's general meeting will feature a presentation from the Columbia River Crossing bridge project people.

The meeting concluded and closed at 8:50pm

Michelle Thompson wrote these minutes to the best of her recollection. Corrections to info@overlookneighborhood.org