

Overlook Neighborhood Association Meeting

October 2, 2007

Attendees: Eric Gale, Steve Lanigan, Cynthia Sulaski, Claire Paris, George Spaulding, David Chott, Ileana Bez, Dulane Moran, Alan Crana, Jeff Berebitsky, Tom Griffin-Valade, Warren Cassell, Tom Kilbane, Jason Graf, David Davies.

Secretary: Kal Shobaki

Meeting Convened @ 7:05 P.M.

I. Introductions & Organization

Eric called the meeting to order and everyone introduced themselves and said a little bit about themselves and their interests as a member of the Overlook community and the Association.

II. Empty Seats

Eric noted that the vice-chair, treasurer, and land use positions are still open. He moved to appoint Kent Hoddick as the treasurer and on unanimous consent he was selected.

Both Claire and David said that they were interested in the land use position and on unanimous consent they were appointed as co-land use chairs.

Eric noted that we could also use a grant coordinator and someone to take over the listserv management for e-mail.

Dulane volunteered to take over the grant coordinator position. Kal agreed to take over the listserv monitoring.

There was some discussion about whether an Internet-based community discussion board was needed. This topic was noted as something that we should place on the agenda for the next meeting.

A vice-chair was not selected.

III. Interstate Rezoning Project Report (David Davies)

A city zoning representative (Julia Gisler, lead planner) will be attending the OKNA general meeting in October. The City is looking to spur development through the zoning process.

The board discussed how best to relay the neighborhood's thoughts and concerns about the zoning process to the City. We decided that Claire and David Chott will collect concerns from people and relay them to David Davies.

City project staff will hold a meeting/open house at Ockley Green on Saturday, November 3, 2007, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

IV. Two-minute Reports

- Eric presented the treasury status for inspection.
- Eric will write an e-mail summarizing the North Portland chair meeting.
- Warren is working on the newsletter for November/December. The deadline for getting materials in to him for inclusion is October 10. Distribution should begin around October 20.
- Steve said that there are two other people interested in working on the fire abatement committee with him. He will post something in the newsletter. Herbicide and seeding with a native grass mix will start on November 1 and also in the Spring.
- Cynthia passed around a flyer for tree-planting.
- George noted that the drug and prostitution free zones will be allowed to abate as of September 28.
- Alan reports that there will be a Halloween party on Halloween for kids 5-6 years and younger at the Overlook House.

V. Big Ugly Pole Money

Tom has not yet heard from PGE – this item has been moved to next month's meeting.

VI. Interstate Renaming

In response to events at the last general meeting, Eric discussed ideas for forming a diversity committee and seeking to reach out to a broader cross-section of the citizens of the Overlook community. This was slated for further discussion at the next meeting. We will also discuss ideas about alternatives to renaming. Warren said that there will be some published material by residents on this topic in the next issue of the newsletter.

VII. Holiday Potluck

In lieu of the December general meeting, there will be a Holiday Party at Beech Elementary on December 18, 6:00-8:00 P.M. We are going to ask people to bring nonperishable food for the food bank.

VIII. General Meeting Agenda

Julia Gisler will be there.

Three developers would like to come to the meeting and make presentations about their projects in Overlook. Tom noted that rather than OKNA bearing the cost, the cost of outreach to communicate with potentially impacted residents should be borne by the developer(s).

For November, NET emergency responders would like to make a presentation.

For November, Jason might have some materials to present about the City's plan to develop trails along both sides of the Willamette.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:07.