

Overlook Neighborhood Association General Meeting

February 19, 2008

Board Members: Eric Gale, Kent Hoddick, Warren Cassell, George Spaulding, David Chott, Brad Halverson, Steve Lanigan, Cynthia Sulaski

Secretary: Kal Shobaki

Meeting Convened @ 7:05 P.M.

I. Community Policing Report

Officer Jack Gillentine and Havilah Ferschweiler made a presentation to the meeting. Officer Gillentine's contact information: (503) 823-2120 (precinct), (503) 823-0743 (desk), and wgillentine@portlandpolice.org.

Havilah reported that the North Precinct will be adding the neighborhoods of Hayden Island, East Columbia, Bridgeton and Piedmont. She encouraged folks to come to the PSAC meeting on Wednesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. at the Kenton Firehouse.

Officer Gillentine reported that Overlook in general has had very low crime rates, but that in the last month there has been a spike in thefts from vehicles. He encouraged residents to get in touch with him with any law enforcement concerns.

II. East Side Big Pipe

Joseph Annett from the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) gave a very nice slide presentation about the East Side Big Pipe project and the BES efforts to help keep the rivers clean. JosephA@BES.CI.PORTLAND.OR.US

III. Atomic Age Alliance

Alyssa Starelli gave a brief talk about the AAA's efforts to help preserve mid-century design (i.e. 1950s). In particular, she spoke about saving the Crown Motel sign. Her group has been very aggressive and successful in convincing the City and REACH to help save the sign. They have procured money to take the sign down and store it with Ramsey Signs for up to a year.

- AAA is looking for a permanent home for the sign along Interstate.
- The sign will either be restored and installed in its former state, or altered to meet the needs of a business or other potential host.
- AAA already has sponsors for most of the \$35k to \$40k cost of restoration.
- They have some offers for places to put it, but none are perfect. Please contact her at crownmotel@aaapdx.org if you have ideas.
- A final decision on the location will not be made for a while, and will be made in consultation with the City.
- The motel will be demolished on March 16, 2008, and the sign will be removed on or by that time.

IV. Two Minute Reports

- a. **Treasurer (Kent Hoddick)** – Nothing to report.
- b. **Secretary (Kal Shobaki)** – Nothing to report.
- c. **Publicity (Warren Cassell)** – Articles for the newsletter are due in the first week of March. March 1 for long things, March 7 for short things.
- d. **Land Use (David Chott)** – A community meeting about Interstate Rezoning will be held on Thursday, February 21 at Kaiser Town Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There are a number of new land use notices for Swan Island, and one notice about Eddie's Pizza moving across the street.
- e. **Transportation (Brad Halverson)** – The Columbia River Crossing, <http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org>, environmental impact statement will come out in the next week or two and he will be reading all 800 or so pages. There is working going on now to widen the third southbound lane on I-5
- f. **PSAC (George Spaulding)** – Nothing to add.
- g. **Parks, Trees & Trails (Cynthia Sulaski)** – The tree planting was a huge success, with wonderful weather. They planted a total of 63 trees in Overlook, bringing the grand total for the last nine years to 600 trees. This year, the planters met at Friends of Trees and were part of a larger group of people than in times past. Cynthia reported that she thinks it would be better to try and keep the planting next year a little smaller (geographically) in order to retain the neighborhood feel of the project. She would like to make next year a banner year by planting 100 trees and making it a total of 700 in 10 years.
She thanked Kaiser for the continued support of tree planting.
Finally, she is looking for some people to get involved with helping plan the dedication of Patton Park. Close to \$700k has been spent renovating the park and she wants to make sure that we have a grass-roots community celebration of the reopening. If you are interested, please contact Cynthia.
- h. **Overlook House (Alan Cranna)** – There will be an Easter Egg hunt, watch the newsletter!

V. Old Business

Eric reports that we are waiting for a price estimate on the Big Ugly Pole project. Also, BES has not delivered the \$40k yet.
The Diversity & Welcoming Committees are getting off the ground. Anyone who is interested should contact Eric.

VI. New Business

There is a poster competition for the Earth Day festivities in Overlook, if you have ideas, contact Eric.
There will be a SOLV clean-up project on Earth Day at both the Failing and Concord pedestrian overpasses.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:15 pm