

OVERLOOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2008

Attendees:

Eric Gale, Kent Hoddick, George Spaulding, Brad Halverson, Alan Cranna,
Warren Cassell, Cynthia Sulaski, David Chott, Tom Griffin-Valade

Acting Secretary: Eric Gale

Meeting convened @ 7:05 pm

I. General meeting agenda

- Given the [April 22 Planning Commission](#) hearing, Eric will try to get someone from Planning Bureau to talk about the current status of the rezoning project, particularly planning district and design guideline issues (in addition to their already scheduled [April 10 Open House](#)).
- Eric will invite Bob New to talk about the [Earth Day Festival](#) in Overlook Park April 19

II. Report from the North Portland Neighborhood Chairs meeting

- A plan is being put together by other neighborhoods to apply for a \$11,000 grant from the North Portland Trust Fund (usually gives out about \$30,000 each year) to create a fund for neighborhood land-use issues. Each neighborhood would control \$1,000 which they could either contribute to another neighborhood's efforts or roll over to the next year. A motion was made but did not pass to support the application. The primary concern was that it would take too much money out of the fund that other deserving projects might need (grants are typically for \$1,000-\$2,000).
- [Columbia Crossings](#) (the new I-5 bridge): draft environmental impact statement [due in late March](#), followed by a 60-day public comment period.
- North Portland Clean-Up: Will not do a big multi-neighborhood event this year. Each neighborhood will need to organize their own projects (by June 1). Will discuss ideas at general meeting.

III. Chairs Reports

- Treasurer: Not including \$40,000 PGE Big Ugly Pole money, about \$7,500 remains in the Farmers Market account, about \$3,000 in the trees account, and about \$1,500 in the general account.
- Big Ugly Pole: BES now wants to pay bills as we get them rather than cut a check to us. Need to get the specifics in writing and verify that they would be able to give money directly to the contractors. Eric will follow up.
- Farmer's Market: Bob New has been hired as the new director. Money to be held by North Portland Works. [First market in mid-May](#).
- Public Safety: Discussion at last North Portland Public Safety Advisory Committee regarding drug dealing on the yellow-line but complaints to Trimet have been low. It's a complaint-driven system. People should call the police non-

emergency number (823-3333) or TriMet (238-RIDE) to report non-emergency issues.

- Overlook House: [Easter Egg hunt March 22](#), 10 am -11 am, for kids under 6.
- Parks and Trees: Planning a big planting next year; goal is to plant 1,000 trees in 10 years. Patton Park celebration in June: planning with Parks, IFCC, and Trillium in progress.
- Diversity Committee: will hold [first meeting March 25](#)
- Misc: Eric will contact Tom Kilbane about working with Pause again for our August picnic.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:45 pm