

Overlook Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

4/1/2008

Attendees: Alan Cranna, Steve Lanigan, Brad Halverson, Eric Gale, George Spaulding, Claire Paris, David Chott, Zita Podany, Kent Hoddick, Warren Cassell, Tom Griffin-Valade

Acting Secretary: Steve Lanigan

Claire Paris

- Community Center on Albina is increasing its size

David Chott

- reported on various house “adjustments”
- April 14 – there will be a meeting to determine issues associated with Interstate Urban renewal area.

Warren Cassell

- next issue of the newsletter will come out in June (Eric sent out a note that the current newsletter is on the web)

Kent Hoddick

- Farmer’s Market
 - Haven’t received any word from the Farmer’s Market committee if they need any seed \$ for this year.
 - The market will happen this year
 - Farmer’s applications are coming in, Kaiser supports the market.
 - Board would like Mike Moran (committee chair) to give an update on the market.

Eric Gale

- Suggested we have two secretaries, one for internal notes and one for postings
- We could use a few more board members
- Last general meeting had poor attendance
- Two organizations requested letters of support from OKNA for grants, and want to give a presentation at the next general meeting.
 - Board agreed that we need to find out what they want to present, and verify they qualify for the grants they want, and what they plan to do for the neighborhood (E.Gale will follow up)
- General discussion
 - consider having a year-end self evaluation by board members to see how to improve OKNA and the board
 - would be helpful to let new board members what expectations are (bylaws may help define duties)
 - Task for next meeting: discuss how to do this
 - Tom’s office could provide “board training”
 - still need a general meeting secretary
 - June 14 – graffiti cleanup (need 10 people) and Patton Park opening
 - Going St path by ped bridge - homeless issue has been passed on to police (call them if you see people camped there)

- New wine/beer bar – D.Chott will take lead on having them sign a good neighbor agreement.
- August party – C.Paris will confirm date with Pause (Aug 19)
 - people should be thinking about how to improve outreach
 - should we offer a “scholarship” to enable some folks to attend?
 - Action item for next board meeting: should board members get in free to thank them for their work (will need to define level of activity required, as some board members are in name only).

Brad Halverson

- I-5 crossing EIS delayed to late April – this really shortens the timeline to get approved by Congress.
 - comments will be due by the end of June (two month comment period)
 - Greeley and Interstate – PDOT is looking for input on whether to open right turn lane – perhaps they could come to a general meeting and explain the options?
 - Liquor store block development – folks are concerned about having the entrance/exit be on Skidmore Street because of already high traffic levels.
 - We should find out from PDOT what options exist
 - There will be a N. Portland streetcar workshop April 9

Alan Cranna

- Overlook cleanup
 - we have a dumpster
 - Action Item: Need to pick a date to have the cleanup in May (17th, 10-1)
- Action Item: Can the City park at Going and Interstate be cleaned on Earth Day?
- Overlook House
 - Community hours are increasing each year
 - Action Item: Could the Welcome Committee give new neighbors a brochure about OKNA
 - (Action item: need to create the brochure)

Steve Lanigan

- Portland BES will start spraying and cutting (and some pulling of clematis) in next month. Will wait till after wildflowers have seeded to spray ivy.
- No resolution yet on getting an agreement between BES and railroad for treating their property.
- S.Lanigan will follow up with BES to request they don't spray near May 17 when neighborhood cleanup will be occurring.

George Spaulding

- nothing to report

Zita Podnay

- she plans to move our website to a different server
- Kent needs to get invoice from her
- D.Chott will check to see if we can get a free Google server (for a non-profit)

General meeting topics

- rezoning letter from neighborhood

- respond to requests for OKNA support on grants
- Interstate-Greeley turn options