

Overlook Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
April 15, 2008

I. Community Policing Report (Havilah Ferschweiler)

- Neighborhood cleanup on June 14, 9am-12pm
- Good Neighbor Agreement meeting with owner of beer/wine bar opening on N Killingsworth, April 24, 6:30-7:30pm at the Overlook House

II. PDC Community Livability Grants

- About \$300k available through grants
- Money to be used for capital improvements to community facilities
- Due North Movement Studio: seeking grant for sprung floor and solar radiant heating
- Trillium School: seeking grant for commercial kitchen center for preparing hot meals for students and for use by local groups
- CHILD, Inc: representatives did not show
- Motion made and passed to support Due North Movement Studio grant application
- Motion made and passed to support Trillium School grant application

III. The Prescott: Design Presentation and Q&A

- Project is still in flux, but is going forward cautiously
- Mixed-use building in three sections: 6 story, 5 story, 5 story
- Lobby on NE corner moved to NW corner to align with MAX platform
- 155 units divided among studio, 1 bedroom, 1.5 bedroom and 2 bedroom units
- Full level underground parking with ~108 spaces
- No commercial parking spaces
- Units are all rentals going for market rates
- Ample bicycle parking
- Exterior surfacing will be high quality: some metal panels with 20+ year paint
- Builder planning to retain ownership of building
- Schedule: site preparations late fall with ~18 month project duration
- Interested in integrating Crown Motel sign

IV. Rezoning Response Letter

- Feedback on Planning Letter coming from group discussion:
 - a) Add stronger language regarding lack of environmental impact review
 - b) Many people find building > 65' to be intimidating
 - c) Strengthen argument about how the zone should be neighborhood-scaled and not like the Pearl, the Lloyd Center, or the South Waterfront
 - d) Massachusetts Ave. lot sizes are not compatible with R2 zoning
 - e) Site The Prescott project as empirical proof that EX is developed primarily with housing
 - f) Eliminate final point regarding building lines
 - g) Strengthen closing paragraph arguments
- Motion made and approved to authorize board to make the above edits to

the Planning Letter and submit it to the Planning Commission

- Feedback on Design Letter coming from group discussion:

- a) Add support for Neon Light district

- b) Indicate willingness to absorb higher density, but only to the extent that the zone remains neighborhood-scaled

- c) Move section on track record to final sentence

- d) Reference page numbers when mentioning specific passages from rezoning document

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V. Committee Reports

- I-5 widening open house coming up

- Two new Land Use Review Notices in Overlook, both for garages

VI. Old Business

- Big Ugly Pole: demonstration light poles erected at Jessup & Willamette so community can provide feedback on choice of pole

- BDS indicates they will write their check for the pole project directly to the contractor

- Earth Day celebration in Overlook Park needs volunteers

- Earth Day cleanup of pedestrian overpasses from 9am-1pm

- Neighborhood cleanup on 5/17 needs more people to help with Greeley cleanup

VII. New Business

- North Portland Candidates' forum on Sunday @ 2pm, needs volunteers