

## Overlook Neighborhood Association (OKNA) Board Meeting Notes May 2008

Attendies: Eric Gale, Claire Paris, Brad Halverson, Mike Moran, Brad Halverson, Cynthia Sulaski, Alan Cranna, Warren Cassell, George Spaulding, Rob Moneyhan, David Chott

Acting Secretary: Claire Paris

### I. Interstate Farmers Market

- Mike presented about the status of the Interstate Farmer's Market. He and the board of the Farmer's market are requesting we give them the \$7000 (approximately) of the \$20,000 seed money originally provided by Kaiser that remains in the OKNA account.
- Market opens on May 14<sup>th</sup> and will continue on Wednesdays from 3-7 pm.
- 21 vendors already signed up for the market, which Mike feels is a strong start. They are hoping to grow the market to 41 vendors eventually.
- The IFM board has filed for their Articles of Incorporation and they are trying to decide if the organization should be a 501c6 or 501c3. If it's a 501c6, any contributions to the market are not tax deductible, which could make it more difficult for the market to raise funds.
- The IFM board is considering creating an umbrella institution that would be a 501c3 and have under it the Interstate farmer's market as a 501c6. This way several markets could share in the administration and oversight costs.
- The market has already approved their budget for this year, and balanced it without the possible contributions they are pursuing, including the \$7000 from OKNA.
- They are also currently seeking new board members from the community, trying to grow it from 4 members to 9.
- Mike said he spoke with Nancy at Kaiser, and she felt it was clear the money was always intended for the Farmer's Market.
- Warren said he thought the money should go back to the farmer's market, but if the market dissolved that OKNA would get the money back.
- Eric voiced some of the concerned that the market may be taken over by Portland Farmer's Market. Mike said this is not being considered and they are pursuing the direction discussed earlier.
- Brad said we should put the transfer of the funds to a vote at the general meeting to keep everything above board.
- **Claire moved to recommend to the general meeting to transfer the \$7000 to the farmer's market with a provision that if the market dissolves OKNA will get the money back. Warren seconded the motion. Mike requested that a history be given to the general meeting so they are aware the funds were always intended for the market. All present were in favor with Mike abstaining.**

### II. Rezoning

- Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the comment period for the Design Commission's input on the re-zoning of the Interstate Corridor. Eric drafted a letter he wanted to forward to the general email list, requesting that they take action before this deadline and make comments.

**- Mike moved to forward the letter to the email list, David seconded the motion. All present were in favor.**

### III. Misc.

- Claire confirmed the picnic at Pause on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The board discussed setting up a more prominent presence at the picnic in order to recruit new members and get more emails on our email list.
- David reviewed the Good Neighbor Agreement that he helped negotiate for Yeti's, a new bar that is going in on Killingsworth.
- David also confirmed google aps does have website capability and he will confirm in more detail that it would work for OKNA.

### IV. Committee Reports

#### Diversity and Welcoming

- Eric reported that both the welcoming committee and the diversity committee have started and are planning meetings.
- Claire pointed out that the heads of these committees should be attended the general board meetings.

#### Land Use

- David and Claire passed around the land use notices for Overlook. Most of them have to do with new garages and fences requiring adjustments on setbacks. There was one request for a vacation of a street.

#### CleanUp

- Alan reported the clean up for May 17<sup>th</sup> is going to be on Going and that there are 3 volunteers signed up right now. It will be 10-1 and will consist of mostly garbage pick up.

#### North Portland Chairs Meeting

- Brad reported on the North Portland Chairs Meeting. He reported that the North Portland Land use Group is planning a tour of North Portland for the Planning Commission. He requested Claire and David keep on top of this to insure the Commission sees portions of Overlook.
- Brad also reported the IFCC has had its funding cut.
- He also reported that each neighborhood will have access to \$750 for land use problems, and that the farmer's market was allotted \$1500 for this year's budget. As for transportation, he reported that July 1<sup>st</sup> is the end of the comment period for the Columbia Bridge project and that OKNA should decide if it wants to take a position on the project.
- Brad thinks the interchanges are a big deal and should be addressed. This item will be added to the agenda for next month to be discussed in detail.

#### Overlook House

- Alan announced they are starting a knitting class at the Overlook House.

#### Parks and Trees

- Cynthia announced the ODOT had told her that if we had three clean ups of the Failing Pedestrian Bridge, we could get an adopt a highway plaque on the freeway. She has gotten the official petition for this and we discussed what the plaque should say. The board eventually agreed on Overlook Community. She will find out if the Boise Neighborhood is going to apply for the sign as well.
- She also reported on the Patton Park re-opening celebration. It will be June 14<sup>th</sup> and Saltzman, the chair of the PDC and the head of Parks will be there. There will be a flag making project to commemorate the event as well as many other activities. Brad suggested someone be there to take pictures. Mike said he would bring his camera.

#### V. General Meeting Agenda

- There was some discussion about the agenda for the general meeting. ODOT is coming to the general meeting to discuss the closing of the steel bridge which will result in no MAX or buses over the bridge for the summer.

Adjourned @ 8:12.