

Overlook Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2008

Attendees: Alan Cranna, David Chott, Carolyn Neuhausen (Portland Sentinel), Stephen Onisko, Matt Scoggin, Warren Cassell, Eric Gale, Zita Podany

Bike Safety

Stephen Onisko had spoken with Eric about organizing around issue of bike safety. Eric invited him to come to the board meeting to discuss further. Interested primarily in bike safety for children and seniors. Has been in contact with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) and had a copy of their N & NE Portland study that includes the bicycle boulevard proposals (including on Delaware, Skidmore, and Ainsworth). Based on conversations with BTA, signage is key but requires plan and city involvement. Other suggestions included safety classes (involving the Beach PTA for children's classes).

Next step: Through the newsletter, email list, and future meetings collect names of people who would be interested in working on this issue.

August Picnic

Thanks to Kent, coordination with Pause, the RSVP system, and the notice in the newsletter are ready. Will discuss final details at next board meeting. Proposed that we produce a flier to post (New Seasons, Fred Meyer, Pause, Krakow Coffeehouse, etc.). David volunteered to produce the flier and Matt volunteered to coordinate distribution.

Committee Updates

- *Public Safety*: Havilah is planning on setting up another Graffiti clean-up in August (the June one was quite successful).

- *Parks*: Bench at Mocks Crest Park is loose. A long-standing need for a trash can. Will get in touch with someone at parks to address.

- *Overlook House*: Working on forming a meditation class. Ice-cream social is 8/3. Full schedule of events at www.historicoverlookhouse.org/events.html

- *Diversity*: Organizing a neighborhood chat on Sept. 8. Will be facilitated by Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

- *Land-Use*: David gave a status report. The final proposal that will be presented to City Council on July 16 is now available online at www.portlandonline.com/planning. The main issue is height, particularly the "height opportunity areas" of 125' and our objection to the last-minute introduction of that height when it had never been discussed or brought up in the 18-months of public input and CAG meetings prior. Eric spoke with the Portland Tribune and David spoke with the Daily Journal of Commerce. We anticipate more media contact and will focus on that concern, as well as the guinea pig aspect that these heights haven't been done in a residential neighborhood, and general acceptance, though often reluctantly, of increased density but concern about how to make it

appropriate. Similar to our responses before the Design Commission and Planning Commission hearings, we will draft a response letter and approve it at the July General meeting.

General Meeting

Currently no guests. Two ideas were suggested: an update on all the developments going on, including the cohousing development, and someone from TriMet to follow up on questions of security, funding, and the fare increase left from the last general meeting. Will solicit ideas from board members who are out of town.

Elections

Eric needs to contact existing board members to see if they are interested in staying on. Prepare a flier on the positions for the Pause Picnic. Eric is willing to do another year as chair but needs a co-chair or chair-assist and secretary.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 pm

Action Items:

- Get Brad in touch with Stephen (Eric)
- Email notice on bike safety committee (Eric)
- Newsletter notice on bike safety committee (Warren, Stephen)
- Flier for Pause picnic (David & Matt)
- Get contact info for Mocks Crest Park maintenance from Cynthia and contact re: bench and trash can (Eric)
- Prepare rezoning response for City Council (Eric, David, Claire)
- Email board re: July general meeting ideas (Eric)
- Contact board members re: next year (Eric)
- Board position flier for Pause Picnic (Eric and Welcoming Cmte)