

Overlook Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2008
Beach School

Chair's Present: Eric Gale, Kent Hoddick, Warren Cassell, David Chott, Steve Lanigan, George Spaulding, Alan Cranna, Matt Scoggin (acting Secretary) and Clare Matthias

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

Community Policing Report by Officer Maul:

- Handed out crime stats sheet.
- Mentioned that crime is generally at or below the same levels as last month with the exception of car prowls, they are up slightly.
- Spoke about neighbors concerns with prostitution along Interstate Ave. PPD is working on it by using the model currently in use along 82nd and trying to keep the activity low. One obstacle is light rail it presents a challenge in being able to quickly pull over suspects.
- Brad Halverson asked about the area around the Going St. pedestrian overpass. The officer stated that the area has been cleaned up and PPD will continue to monitor the area.
- Officer Mall briefly mentioned a stabbing that occurred behind The Overlook restaurant last week and currently the case is still open and the attacker has not been apprehended.

Education in Overlook:

1. Ockley Green School Greg Jones (acting Principle):

- Gave a brief overview of what Ockley Green has to offer, its history and mentions that its current student population is in the low 300's.
- Principle Jones would like to see the population at 400.
- Ockley Green try's to blend both arts and technology into its current curriculum.
- All teachers have laptops, they offer band classes, music classes, digital design classes, as well as the traditional curriculum.
- Principle Jones briefly mentioned the subject of the porn shop located just across the street, on Ainsworth and while the chances of it closing or moving are slim he expressed that the subject is not off the table.
- Steve Lanigan asks: Does Ockley Green offer any foreign language classes? Principle Jones responds that currently there are not foreign language classes offered, but that they are looking into it.
- Kent Hoddick asks: Does the tech based curriculum flow with what Benson HS offers? Principle Jones says, that yes it does and that Ockley Green see's a good portion of their students moving on to Benson for HS.

2. Trillium Charter School Stephanie Hinkle (Director):

- Gave brief description of the school (currently in their 7th year), mentions that most teachings are project based, and that they don't offer traditional grades (except for HS students).
- All Students must apply and enter a lottery in order to be enrolled. Also, its estimated that about 50% of all students come from North and inner Northeast Portland.
- Current enrollment is at approx. 340 students (spanning grades K-12 and including paid preschool) and the max amount allowed is 350.
- Various projects and courses include traditional type classes, Spanish, Japanese, Global Studies (travel abroad), gardening, music and area service based community projects.
- Principle Hinkle asks that if OKNA has an service projects that we feel Trillium's students could help with that we please contact her.
- Kent Hoddick asks: Does Trillium offer any sports? Only Frisbee, but several of the students participate in sports at other area schools.

3. Beach School Chris Sullivan (PTA president):

- Recently conducted first meeting fully conducted in Spanish (which is nice given that a large percentage of Beach parents speak Spanish as their first language). That group will coordinate with the broader PTA.
- There are approximately 400 students currently enrolled at Beach School.
- Reported that last years auction raised a very impressive \$24,000 dollars. Half of that money went to the organization Project Return, which helps students that are identified as "homeless". Approximately 50 students at beach participate in Project Return.
- Looking forward this year the PTA is focusing on:
 - Health and wellness issues.
 - Forming an Outreach committee...Getting more parents involved with the PTA.
 - Producing a DVD (in both English and Spanish) that will illustrate what the Beach PTA does.
- Steve Lanigan asks: How do you do your outreach? We have a Google Group, door knocking and distributing paper fliers.
- Chris asks for a letter of support from the OKNA, to be included into a neighborhood grant request to help fund the production of the afore mentioned DVD:
 - Warren Cassell puts forth a motion of the OKNA writing the requested letter of support.
 - Matt Scoggin seconds the motion.
 - Motion is voted on and approved.
 - A letter will be written by a board member (Eric?) and will then be circulated to all OKNA Board members for approval before being sent to the Beach PTA.

- Kent Hoddick asks: Do you have a newsletter? Yes, we have an electronic newsletter that is sent out (via the Google Group) and it is bilingual (in both English and Spanish).
- Warren Cassell offers to include any Beach PTA events within our calendar that is printed in our bimonthly newsletter (Overlook Views).

4. Jefferson High School (speaker unable to attend):

- Eric Gale mentions that Jeff has a community room ran by volunteers that is in place to help students with homework.
- Matt Scoggin mentions Jeff's great mentor program.
- Carol Cushman mentions Jeff's great women's academy.

Chair's Reports:

Kent Hoddick (Treasure):

- Not much to report other than that OKNA's federal and state taxes have been filed.
- Mentions that it costs OKNA \$80 dollars to file the state taxes.

Warren Cassell (Publicity):

- The deadline for the next newsletter is Nov. 5th.
- It will include an extended calendar of local events.
- Included in the next newsletter will be another history article, focusing on the history of Swan Island.
- Mentions that we are still looking for folks to help with delivering the newsletter.
- George Spaulding asks: Will the closure of the Freightliner plant will affect our newsletter funding? Warren thinks so, but isn't too worried given that we still have some funding left from last years donation. Also, he mentions that we still plan on asking them for another donation and hopefully they will oblige.

David Chott (Land Use):

- Mentions a "Design Review" meeting that was held in regards to the Prescott Station development:
 - 8 written responses were turned into the city.
 - The major topics that were discussed were the buildings design, location of garage entrance, building materials and a Ginkgo tree.
- Mentions that the Design Proposal for the Killingsworth Station has been posted:
 - The deadline is Nov. the 4th.
 - A forward of the proposal will be sent out on the neighborhood list serve.
 - A meeting will be held shortly before the deadline so that neighbors can discuss any issues they may have with the development.
- Mentions that these Design Proposals are a relatively new thing for the neighborhood and he hopes that as we get more our association will get a better handle on them.
- Carol Cushman asked: Are the residences planned at Killingsworth for sale or rent? David: They will be for sale.

- Brad Halverson asked: Is there any correlation to the fact that both of the new properties (Prescott & Killingsworth) are asking for a variance on the loading dock? David: According to PDOT it is a very common thing and they don't for see a problem at either property.

Steve Lanigan (Fire Prevention):

- Presented the latest map illustrating the bluff work.
- Announces that the railroad has finally signed on and agreed to allowing for work to be done on their portion of the bluff.
- Mentions that most of the bluff within Overlook has been treated by city workers:
 - They will finish up shortly and have one seeding/planting in the fall/winter months.
- Mentions that there are what appears to be two homeless camps near the old battery plant site, just off Greeley St. and Interstate Ave.
- Mentions that he is trying to get the EPA to set up an e-mail list serve for all the bluff residents, he will keep us posted on it.
- Mentions that the bluff park is getting lots of foot traffic as of late and that he has discussed the topic with Cynthia Sulaski.
- A neighbor asks: What will be sprayed and will we be notified? Steve: They posts signs and he will check to see if they post on their website. Warren: mentions that the type of spray used is very low grade and fairly innocuous.

George Spaulding (Crime Prevention):

- Mentions the date and time of the upcoming Oct. crime prevention meeting.
- Mentions that overall crime is down in Overlook.
- Mentions that Commander Henderson told him that she's been made aware that some 911 calls within the overlook area of Portland are getting deferred instead of going through and her suggestion to everyone was that if that happens to you for you to please call her at the north precinct.

Alan Cranna (Overlook House):

- Mentions that The Overlook House will be holding a Halloween Party, on Halloween for children.

Matt Scoggin (Membership):

- Announces the merging of both the Diversity Committee and the Welcoming Committee into what will now be called the OKNA Membership committee.
- Mentions that he hopes to have the welcoming packets presented to the board by January.
- Mentions that he will write an article for The Overlook Views on the topic of the Welcoming packets.
- Mentions that he will be applying for a neighbor grant to help fund a series of projects (centered around the topic of diversity).
- On Cynthia Sulaski's behalf he mentions:
 - The date and time of the next Pittman Addition Hydro park meeting.

- The area tree planting and encourages neighbors to go on-line and order trees.

Clare Matthias (community/Business Relations):

- Introduces herself to the neighbors and mentions that she is new to the board.
- Announces that she established contacts with the Interstate Farmers Market board, The Interstate Business Assoc., etc.).
- Mentions that she went to the last Interstate Business Assoc. general meeting:
 - They are currently working on revamping their website.
 - They hope to have a street fair of sorts in the coming summer months.

Old Business:

- Bids are due on Oct. 30 for the pole construction on Willamette.

New Business:

- IFCC will be having a celebration this weekend (Info. sent out on the neighborhood list-serve).
- Announces that a storm water reduction class will be held locally (Info sent out on the neighborhood list-serve).
- Spots for neighbors are open on the following committee's (Police Grievance, Master Plan and Interstate Corridor).

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.