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Minutes of the Center Neighborhood Association Monthly Board Meeting December 16, 2003 7pm Shogren House

Board Members Present: Stan Hughes, Barry Bradie, John Rusoff, Martha Westgate, Nana Nash

Other Attendees: Stephanie Luciano, Sean Besso, Brendan McGuire (PPD)

Introductions

Stan gives an overview of the NA for Sean and Stephanie. Sean has been in the neighborhood for years; Stephanie is considering moving into the neighborhood.

Committee Reports

SEUL LUTC

Barry: No meeting this month.

Community Garden

Stan explains that we're looking for a plot w/ and w/o Providence. Could we plant trees on 49th where it's vacated between Flanders and Glisan?

Transportation

Martha: explains the dual committees (ours and the Providence one)

Stan explains how committees exist based on the neighbor interests; you don't have to be on the board to participate; there's always room for more

Providence Committee

Martha: Providence has tentatively scheduled an Open House for late February. They're committed to helping to advertise the event.

Land Use

There are second-hand reports that Brian is willing to assist w/ a push to complete the Neighborhood Plan if we have the critical mass needed for success.

Community Connections and Outreach

Next meeting scheduled for 1/6 at Martha's house at 6:30

Treasurer's Report

Stan: we apparently owe SEUL about \$700 from last year's newsletter expenses. After paying this, we'd still have about \$6000 in the bank.

Nana: how many trees would we be willing to subsidize with some of that money?

Random

Newsletter Guidelines

We haven't all thrown out our ideas yet.

Senior Neighborhood Officer Brendan McGuire has been out on parental leave. There's traditionally a spike in low-level property crimes this time of year (lots of targets – gifts). Don't leave anything at all in your car, not even worthless stuff. The ONI crime specialist jobs have all been re-filled; neighborhood assignments to be established next week.

Q: How do you get more streetlights? It's dark on 61st b/w Everett & Flanders. A: Call the city, start with POT.

Foot Patrol Program – he's mailing notes to people who've left stuff in their cars. Traffic complaints – enforcement is driven by complaints.

Should we update the by-laws to permanently cancel the August meeting? No need, the by-laws don't specify which months we meet. Perhaps eliminate December too.

Tree Planting

Nana: explains tree planting w/ Friends of Trees.

Put on agenda for next month. Nana would like to subsidize trees, will make a proposal next month.

How do you address fairness issues and ensure recipients are needy?

Monthly meeting format

The monthly meetings need to be more efficient in running the board business. Adopt an every-other-month format like Laurelhurst? Or conduct board business first, then open the floor? And what about speakers?

Do we need a subcommittee to develop speaker guidelines? Only schedule speakers for 4 meetings/year?

Sean will make a pass at 3 possible formats for the structure of meetings & what speakers we'd accept. Put this on the January agenda.

New business: Stan received a call from someone who wants to help w/ zoning issues. An ONI intern?? Stan will try to contact Brian

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Next meeting 1/20/2004