

# **Minutes of the Center Neighborhood Association Monthly Board Meeting**

## **August 17, 2004 7pm**

### **Shogren House**

**Board Members Present:** Barry Bradie, John Rusoff, Theresa Benton, Robert Jordan, Cathy Riddell, Martha Westgate, Don McElmurry, Jon Laufenberg

**Other Attendees:** Steve Hoyt (SEUL), Judy Kennedy

### **Introductions**

#### **Officer Brendan McGuire**

Crime is up a little, the usual summer spike. The City is proceeding w/ civil litigation against the drug house on Willow St as a chronic nuisance.

An Apartment Watch is being organized at Center Commons in the seniors bldg to help with some of the ongoing problems there.

Garbage/recycling foragers – protect yourself against identity theft by shredding papers. But it's likely that these people are simply looking for bottles/cans for the \$.05 deposit. Ask your neighbors to not put returnables out.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Treasurer**

Haven't yet met w/ Stan to sign over the accounts but this should happen very soon.

How many authorized signers do we want on the account? All officers.

And we want checks to require 2 signatures. Will we need new checks printed?

#### **Transportation**

There still hasn't been a decision on the Getting Around Portland program. If we are selected, it won't just be us & Laurelhurst – it'll be a broader area. Next committee meeting Wed Sep 8<sup>th</sup> @ Center Commons.

On Wed Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 @ Center Commons there will be a meeting to help organize tenants to deal w/ the ongoing security issues. Steve Hoyt and Martha and hopefully Brian will attend.

#### **Land Use & Transportation**

The committee is not currently active. Barry is the nominal chair and receives the LU notices from the city.

#### **SEUL LUTC**

Barry – this committee takes August off.

### **New Business**

#### **Community Connections Committee**

The group decided to focus on a handful of items from their long list of ideas of how to improve connections within the NA and strengthen the organization. These are the top items:

- publish an agenda for the monthly meetings ahead of time
- communicate board absences. Notify chair and vice-chair ahead
- publish draft minutes

- committee reports – they should be a way to maintain connections across committees
- send out postcard reminders to our mailing list. The main reason this hasn't been happening is that a rough agenda is needed 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

### **Voter Pamphlet Statement for Ballot Measure 37 [formerly Initiative I-36]**

Barry - The SEUL LUTC didn't meet this month and I don't know the status of \$\$ needed to pay for it. But there wasn't a fundraiser prior to the deadline for submitting the statement, so the Take a Closer Look group probably fronted the money for it.

We discuss how and whether to ensure that our donation is proportionate.

**Action:** Robert moves that we give the \$100 already approved to the Take a Closer Look campaign. Cathy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.

### **Neighborhood Agenda Kickoff**

The kickoff meeting is Sep 18<sup>th</sup>. We kick around ideas and settle on two:

- Traffic calming and pedestrian access/safety
- Diversity and outreach through the NA system

### **Action**

Motion to approve minutes from July. Jon moves, Robert 2<sup>nd</sup>, passes.

### **Random**

David Delk submitted his resignation from the board this month.

Will we have an October board retreat again this year?

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30**

**Next meeting 9/21/2004**