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 8th @ Center Commons. On Wed Aug 25th 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\textsuperscript{nd}. Motion passes.

**Neighborhood Agenda Kickoff**
The kickoff meeting is Sep 18\textsuperscript{th}. 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\textsuperscript{nd}, 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**