

**Approved Minutes Center Neighborhood Association
7 PM August 19th, 2008 Seven Virtues Coffeehouse
Meeting Adjourned 8:45 PM Notes Submitted by DyLynn Robertson**

Introductions & Welcome

Board Members Present: Sam Fuqua, April Burris, Jacob Wollner, Shirley Nacoste, DyLynn Robertson, Robert Jordan, John Rusoff, Michael Blair (Absent: Sean Besso, Rey Ko, Adrian Russell-Falla, Joe Recker)
Committee Members & Neighbors: Lisa Gorlin, Lisa Hersh, Lee Perlman, Mike Delman

Actions Taken: - Approved July Meeting Minutes (6 in favor, 2 abstained).

Meeting Ground Rules - reviewed by DyLynn

Neighborhood Police - No Report

Board & Committee Reports -

Treasurer - John reports balance of \$2,255 as of June 30 - minus \$1300 check for newsletter and with \$1298.00 outstanding to be reimbursed from City related to neighborhood clean-up event. \$2,419.00 in money market...Question posed as to how much in latter account was for advertising income from the newsletter. Answer is unclear at this time. Decided that checks submitted for deposit will be accompanied by notes about which issue they are for.

Land Use - Sean was unable to attend. Jake reports news article about Overlook Neighborhood's efforts to address high-density developments and their subsequent letter to the City planning committee. Reminds of our own need to look at neighborhood zoning as well as the need to make specific recommendations for each area regarding the type of development we'd like to see in Center.

Providence Good Neighbor Agreement - Jake reflects as Providence is largest employer and land holder in neighborhood a good working relationship with them is essential; PPMC's new community outreach person is positive about developing and improving relationships as well as their impact on our neighborhood. According to our good neighborhood agreement we need to meet at least every six months. Trying to schedule a meeting for early September. Jake will notify when date is set.

In a related issue, neighbor Lisa Hersh has been gathering signatures from the area around the new PPMC development on 53rd & Glisan. Her request is for C.N.A. support in persuading Providence to address surmounting issues associated with the new building as well as increased traffic/parking. Jake states C.N.A. will work with her...as we also have long term developments to address. Lisa submitted drafts of her letters. Jake will draft letter from C.N.A. and invites Lisa to work with committee.

Southeast Uplift - April is waiting for forms from C.N.A. Chairs establishing her role on SEUL Board, which will allow her to attend meetings and receive info from their email list; Joe or Jacob will fill it out. All board members are invited to SEUL's September 13 new board member orientation.

Communications Committee: Newsletter - DyLynn reports challenges as committee is faced with another newsletter reformatting due to increase in printing costs and fewer advertisers this issue. Advertising will continue to fund newsletter, but Jake reminds that we planned to subsidize for first year until it is established among neighborhood businesses as a means of local outreach. **Website** - Adrian is not able to attend; Jake asks for submissions for www.centerpdx.org; and a Drupal training from SEUL's communications liaison is coming up soonish?

MAX Study & Sullivan's Gulch Trail Update: Robert reports MAX study is slowing, although survey is out and planners will announce another general public gathering soon. Sullivan's Gulch Trail group had table at BridgePedal and a new website www.sullivansgulchtrail.org. Robert reports overall effort is moving forward!

Rosemont Bluff Natural Area - April reports next work party is this Saturday 8/23 from 9-12 pm with weeding up top and parks department folks watering. September 27 will hold a volunteer appreciation picnic; Portland Parks will pick up the tab for refreshments; invitations to follow.

Community Connections/Outreach Committee - Shirley reminds of need for increasing C.N.A. board diversity as well as overall neighborhood involvement; would like to find a new space for meetings of committee, review past efforts and follow-up on the Center Commons Resident survey as well as recruit new members. The City's Community Connect guidelines will be helpful in future efforts. DyLynn will help with find meeting location.

SEP - Jake reports that the outline has been submitted to the DEQ and Providence committees and will likely be approved for funds from the settlement. Asks for folks from Board and committees to be ready to help form the final proposal as soon as more information becomes available about the amount and recommendations from DEQ. Jake will send out notes. Shirley asks to be added to list.

Working Group Reports

- Name Change - recommendations attached.
- Political Ad - recommendations attached.
- Meeting Location - DyLynn reports Portland Providence Cancer Center confirmed for future meetings with General Membership meetings in amphitheater and monthly meetings in conference rooms.
- CNA Child Care Support Policy - proposal attached and to be considered at 11/08 meeting.

Friends Of Trees - Robert encourages people to go on-line to schedule appointment with City Forrester to determine best trees best suited to proposed planting area. Trees are available at reduced price through this program. If you place a FOT sign in your yard, you receive an additional \$5 off price of tree. We need to help identify and target parking strips of 3ft width or more. Our tree planting date is March 21. 20 trees were planted last year and with help of Diane Wells and other neighbors, Robert would like to see the amount dramatically increased this year.

Committee Structure Review - board assignments & volunteer contacts needs follow-up at future meetings.

New Business - Sam reports about new graffiti tagging in the neighborhood on stop signs, etc. and will contact PDOT to find out how to best address this within the neighborhood context.

Thanks to Michael Blair for hosting meeting at his shop!

Next meeting:

***Special General Membership Meeting
Tuesday September 16, 2008
7PM Portland Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater***

***We need a timekeeper; host; and someone to help with refreshments!
Let Joe or Jake know if you can help or, as always,
if you cannot attend the meeting.***

