

Approved Minutes Center Neighborhood Association 7 PM September 16th, 2008

Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM Notes Submitted by DyLynn Robertson

INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME - Joe & Jake welcomed everyone to new location & thanked Providence for space. DyLynn explained that by signing in to the meeting, neighbors or business owners are asking in writing to become members of our Neighborhood Association, as per our bylaws.

Board Members Present: Sam Fuqua, April Burris, Jacob Wollner, DyLynn Robertson, Robert Jordan, John Rusoff, Sean Besso, Rey Ko, Adrian Russell-Falla, Joe Recker (Absent: Michael Blair, Shirley Nacoste)
Committee Members & Neighbors: Lisa Gorlin, Richard Glenn, Candice Jordan, Marsha Hahn, Robert Sackett, Lee Perlman, Martha Westgate, Jim Hunt, Kathy Schassen, Mark Davis, Linda Clawson, Terry Coughran, Krystofer Milton, Terry Dublinski, Lori Kennedy, Gerda Allen, Ruthie Anderson, Randy Stenquist, Renee King, Regina Oetting, Kori Giudici

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

C.N.A. Board approved August Meeting Minutes (9 in favor, 1 abstained - Recker).

General Membership passed amendment to May 2008 motion (28 in favor; 2 abstained - Hahn, Sackett).

General Membership voted in favor of North Tabor as name alternative (16/30 votes v 14/30 Rosemont).

MEETING GROUND RULES - reviewed by Joe.

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE - Officer not in attendance.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS - As follows...

Treasurer - John reports balance of \$2,175 in money market account; \$53.06 in checking; and an outstanding deposit of \$1,256.80.

Land Use - Sean reports there has been an adjustment to land use codes in the Windermere development at 105 N.E. 61st. No neighbors had contacted him with concerns about the three townhouse-style duplexes planned for the empty parking adjacent to existing apartments.

MAX Study & Sullivan's Gulch Trail Update - Robert reports planners will announce another general public gathering soon. Sullivan's Gulch Trail group had a meeting with planners and city leaders on 9/17/08 to look at area and consider the necessary engineering studies and funding options for the project. One neighbor reports the group's website seems to need updating - Robert will relay this.

Community Connections/Outreach Committee - DyLynn noted the group had finally convened in person on 9/11/08 and had a productive meeting. Upcoming efforts will focus on using the goals of the City's Community Connect project to recommend best practices to the C.N.A. Board in our efforts to attract a larger and more diverse group of neighbors - to better reflect the multifarious ethnic cultures within our neighborhood and in C.N.A. projects and affairs.

Southeast Uplift - April reports that SEUL staff are requesting we notify them of neighborhood events to list on their community calendar; and that staff are also interested in helping neighborhood record the history of their areas, achievements and struggles. Montavilla N.A. is working with the City on a prostitution-free zone with an upcoming public review process. SEUL staff will offer a workshop on how to apply for the City's Neighborhood Small Grants (11/3/08 submissions deadline). See www.southeastuplift.org for more info or to sign up for their monthly e-newsletter.

Communications Committee: Newsletter - DyLynn describes the distribution area map and asks for neighbors to volunteer to help with delivery. Three people sign-up!!! **Website** - Adrian has not been able to work on the project, due to recently flurry of life, but asks again for folks to send digital images of our 'hood to post to site. Jake invites neighbor participation in both the newsletter and website efforts and shares the positive feedback we received on the newsletter format. See www.centerpdx.org

Rosemont Bluff Natural Area - April reports last work party in August was a very small group, yet a worthwhile effort to keep ahead of some of the invasive plants! Next work party is Saturday 9/27 from 9-11:30 with a volunteer appreciation picnic following from 11:30-1. Portland Parks will pick up the tab for refreshments!

NAME CHANGE OVERVIEW -

The May 2008 motion to be amended was read as follows by DyLynn:

“III. Approved motion to place changing the name of neighborhood to ROSEMONT Neighborhood on agenda for Fall 2008 Community Wide Meeting. With discussions in print, on-line and at upcoming monthly meetings. (16 votes in favor, 4 votes opposed)” C.N.A. approved minutes 5/20/08

The proposed amendment was read as follows by April, a motion to amend was made by ___?___ and seconded. A vote was taken and amendment passed.

“September 2008 General Membership Meeting agenda will include nominations of alternative names generated by all Center Neighborhood Association members. A vote shall be taken for the name with the highest percentage with a run-off vote of the names with the highest percentage if no name gets 50% on first vote. And, October 2008 General Membership Meeting agenda will include a vote between the nominated name and our current name, Center.”

NOMINATIONS OF NAMES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD - The General Membership was given 1-minute periods to nominate names followed by a series of 1 1/2-minute comments in favor or against said names.

Nominated Names:

East Laurelhurst	Rusticon	Mt. Tabor
Providence Portland Neighborhood	Poetica	Rosemont
Gentrification Central	Tabor Forest	North Tabor
Desirableville	Magnahurst	Center Village
UpwardlyMobileton	Sunnierside	Rosemont Village
Apprecia	Providencia	Laurelmont
QuickFlipCenter	Laurelhurst	

Testimony from General membership included:

Desire for a name that is quick, descriptive, and direct, cuts to the chase; evokes appealing values; addresses the "no-one knows where Center is" complaint; references a geographical location; is a one word name; does not tag-along to another known neighborhood; has distinct character; is a name businesses might connect with for better "branding" and identity; is resonant; reflects a plan and identity and place for future generations; that might increase property values; reflects quality of life and efforts to improve neighborhood. Martha W. and Adrian R.-F. openly expressed the consternation other's share over the amount of time and energy over the past several years this issue has drawn away from other issues, perhaps more relevant to neighborhood livability and community building; and while concern over the "seriousness" of this issue was evident in testimonies, a few took exception to a bit of humor, yet overall the testimony and arguments in favor and against were shared respectfully.

Q & A included:

Q. "Why not dissolve Center and blend into other neighborhoods?" A. Smaller neighborhood with unique voice...involvement of past history with Providence and neighbors working to improve 'hood.

Q. "Why not Providence Portland Neighborhood." A. Don't want to name after an organization or business that might be sold or change name.

VOTING RESULTS -

First Round:

North Tabor 13	Laurelmont 1
Rosemont 11	East Laurelhurst 2

Second Round (resulting from not one name receiving at least 50% of votes):

Rosemont 14	North Tabor 16
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COMING UP NEXT MONTH -

A vote between **North Tabor**, and our current name "Center". As with any issue that requires the changing of our neighborhood association bylaws, any name other than Center will need to win by a 2/3 majority-vote of all in attendance and voting.

Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting
Tuesday October 21, 2008
7PM Portland Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater

Please Contact Joe and Jake at chair@centerpdx.org
if you cannot attend the meeting.

Or contact them to help!!!!
We need a timekeeper; "host" to greet and sign-in folks;
and someone to help with refreshments!