

**Approved Minutes North Tabor Neighborhood Association 7 PM April 21, 2009**  
**Providence Cancer Center Conference Room D - Meeting Adjourned around 8:45 PM**  
Notes Submitted by DyLynn Robertson, Secretary N.T.N.A.

INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME - Jake welcomes and asks for self-introductions of attendees.

**Board Members Present:** April Burris, Jacob Wollner, DyLynn Robertson, Rey Ko, Shirley Nacoste, Sam Fuqua, Robert Jordan, John Rusoff (Absent: Sean Besso, Adrian Russell-Falla, Joe Recker)

**Committee Members & Neighbors:** Candice Jordan (Communications), Lori Kennedy (Volunteer Coordinator), Abdi Ali (IRCO), Officer David Sessum (PPB), Lee Perlman (Press)

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

**Approved March 2009 Meeting Minutes - 7 in favor, Fuqua abstained.**

**Approved work group recommendations for NTNA/Community Connections Review including a partnership with IRCO - All in favor.**

**Approved \$75 for snacks for May General Membership Meeting (April will coordinate) - All in favor.**

**Approved expenditure of \$60 for coming year and Candice will follow-up - All in favor.**

**Approved postage for mailing portion of newsletter for next two issues with budget review after every two issues - All in favor**

MEETING GROUND RULES - ground rules briefly reviewed. No time-keeper appointed.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/ & NEW BUSINESS

**Portland Police-** Officer David Sessum discussed the concerns of patrol officers regarding the reorganization of SE Precinct. He indicated their concerns regarding radio access and back-up coverage, as well as bridge crossings would have significant impact on the delivery of their services and ability to respond quickly and effectively to calls. He encouraged us to contact Commissioner Saltzman regarding this issue - to oppose the reorganization. Board discussed calling around for more info and sending a letter to the Commissioner as well as attending the related council hearings. **April will call Scott Westerman, Portland Police Association President, Jake will call Commissioner Saltzman and DyLynn will check in with SEUL about other community responses to this concern.**

**IRCO -** Abdi Ali from IRCO's Africa House discussed the IRCO goal to help immigrants settle in Portland, including involvements on a civic level. Mr. Ali suggested that drawing immigrants from the City's Civic Leadership courses will be a good way to increase involvement in the neighborhood as well as within NTNA. Lori described the ease of her own experience in getting involved and Robert reviewed the criteria for membership as well as the fact that not only are people of color underrepresented on the board, but there is a definite lack of representation of the whole neighborhood - that being something we'd all like to see improve. DyLynn shared board applications. **Abdi would like to join our email lists and submit articles/announcements to our newsletters. Shirley said she will follow-up for future collaborations.**

BOARD REPORTS

**Treasurer -** John reports checking balance of \$1467.63 and that there is still an outstanding payment to be made to The Outlook for last issue of newsletter...**he will give them a call to follow-up. Budget work-group will schedule a follow-up meeting to continue working on the projections.**

**Secretary –Board approves March minutes with 7 in favor, 1 abstention.** DyLynn reports that the NTNA and RBNA brochures need to be updated. **She will work with April to update in time for Earth Day and send copy of NTNA brochure to board for comments before printing for May meeting.**

**Southeast Uplift** - April summarizes SEUL Board meeting including: SEUL director search continues, with Paula Manly of TACS serving as interim director with a focus on reorganization and budget review; Discussion on Chavez street renaming concludes this month with council vote in May (**NTNA discussion of this topic concluded with “neutral position” on the issue as none of the streets run through North Tabor**); SEUL is partnering with the Democratic Alliance, VOZ, JwJ to co-sponsor a feeder march at the larger **May Day rally**; **June 9 is City Planning bus tour, contact Leah @ (503) 232-0010 for info.**

#### COMMUNITY CONNECTION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE WORK GROUP REPORTS

**Community Connect** - April sent out recommendations from the Community Connect Work group for board approval. Discussion included time commitments/constraints. Rey reminds that change takes time, and April points out that while change may be difficult there are valid reasons for pursuing. **Board votes all in favor to accept recommendations with further discussion about implementation.**

**IRCO** - see “new business.”

**Center Commons Survey/Council** - no discussion.

**Childcare Proposal** - DyLynn reports short sentence added to “How To Get Involved” portion of the North Tabor News that expresses NTNA’s support of folks with dependent care/transportation needs.

**Board Member Recruitment** - DyLynn passed around new board member applications for current board to use in seeking new recruits. **April volunteered to coordinate snacks for the general membership meeting in May. Board approved \$75**

**Volunteer Coordinator** - Lori has found a couple new volunteers for newsletter deliveries! Yea!

**Telephone/Mailing Address** - Candice presented importance of having a single phone number for NTNA so that personal phone numbers are not published...**Board approved (all in favor) expenditure of \$60 for coming year and Candice will follow-up.**

#### NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE WORK GROUP REPORTS

**Rosemont Bluff** - April discussed Earth Day plans for the work party on April 25. Robert has a rain barrel demonstration to share. Please attend if you can! Also, the City would like to keep photo documentation of the changes at RBNA...please share your photos!

**Land Use** - DyLynn attended meeting of Rose City Park Neighborhood Assoc. Land Use Committee earlier this month. They would like to work more closely with NTNA on the proposed improvements on 60th at MAX Station overpass as well as become a part of the Good Neighbor Agreement with Portland Providence Medical Center. General agreement among NTNA Board is “this is good.” **DyLynn will follow-up with info to Sean.**

Rey introduces the topic of barking dogs and code enforcement. Many suggestions are made to support his efforts to deal with barking dog near his home. Robert reminds folks to please add items to the agenda ahead of time so time can be allotted and people can be prepared to discuss. Topic is tabled.

**Spring Clean-Up** - May 16th at Fred Meyer rear parking lot. 9-3PM Sign-up sheet as sent around for board members to commit to assisting. Contact Sean for more details.

**Friends of Trees** - Robert reiterates we had a successful planting with bonus trees from the FOT group put in along Glisan. Joe has volunteered to be next years FOT coordinator for North Tabor.

**National Night Out** - Work group will schedule a meeting to discuss options with suggestions to do info blitz at May meeting as well as in newsletter.

## NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE WORK GROUP REPORTS

**NET** no discussion.

**Sullivan's Gulch** - Robert reports things are still happening but will be some time before we see a trail!

**SEP/Green Street Update** -. Crews have begun construction at 63rd & Oregon, both sides of street.

**MAX Study** - No Discussion.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE WORK GROUP REPORTS

**Newsletter** – Candice reports that advertising has come in \$250 over the costs of printing and would like to use at least that much for mailing this issue. Two-sided discussion includes concerns about running our bank account dry and the importance of using the newsletter to remain connected and improve communication and involvement within North Tabor. **Board votes (all in favor) to approve mailing costs of \$275 plus the amount of ad revenue over the printing costs for coming two issues with budget review prior to September/October issue.** Candice now has the mailing/delivery lists coded so that can be broken down according to mailing budget and volunteer numbers. Shirley reminds that she can deliver to all of the Center Commons buildings - big savings!

**Website** - DyLynn feels like the [www.centerpdx.org](http://www.centerpdx.org) site should be shut down with announcement of new [www.northtabor.org](http://www.northtabor.org) coming in July/August newsletter. **She will connect with Adrian again to take next steps.**

**NTNA LOGO** - no discussion.

*NEXT MONTH - MEETING IS ON MAY 19...IN THE "SOCIAL ROOM" IN THE MAIN HOSPITAL (EAST SIDE, NEAR SECURITY OFFICE)...ASK AT FRONT DESK FOR DIRECTIONS...WILL POST SIGNS AS WELL. Board members, please Contact Joe and Jake at [chair@centerpdx.org](mailto:chair@centerpdx.org) when you cannot attend the meeting.*