

Minutes of the Center Neighborhood Association Monthly Board Meeting

June 15, 2004 7pm

Shogren House

Board Members Present: Barry Bradie, John Rusoff, Martha Westgate, Nana Nash, Shirley Nacoste, Robert Jordan, Cathy Riddell, Theresa Benton

Other Attendees: Lee Perlman (press), Steve Hoyt (SEUL), Gerda Allen, Judy Kennedy, Diane Wells

Introductions

Theresa mentions that she's a member of the Neighborhood Emergency Team as is Judy Kennedy.

Steve announces that we're overdrawn on our SEUL communications budget.

Committee Reports

Land Use

Barry: no committee activity that I know of since the May meeting

SEUL LUTC

Barry: The June meeting is next week.

SEUL Board

Shirley reads highlights from the latest SEUL Weekly Update: community center at Washington High; ONI budget note for outreach funds; NA Leadership Training 6/28; decision on proposed cell tower in Brooklyn; fundraiser for SEUL at Laurelhurst Theater.

Transportation

We have the opportunity to apply to participate in a city transportation program Getting Around Portland managed by the Transportation Options section of POT. Our participation would require a commitment to perform outreach (staff a table at events; kids' bike helmet giveaway; short and long walks). The goal of the program is to get people out of cars & become familiar w/ the neighborhood. The health angle has Providence interested.

Action: We submit an application to be considered for participating in the Getting Around Portland program. Motion: Martha 2nd: Nana passes unanimously

Tree Planting

Nana: we'll be doing another planting through Friends of Trees this year. Nana also mentions an upcoming conference on solar energy.

Neighborhood Cleanup

Stan needs to turn in the paperwork ASAP for us to get our money for the event.

New Business

Slating of Officers

Should we elect officers given that only 8 of 14 board members are present? There was some question as to whether all board members knew that this was to happen tonight.

The consensus is to postpone the election until next month's meeting 7/20. We agree to do this with the plan that the slate of candidates will be prepared prior to the meeting so that the election will take a minimum amount of time. John will send an email about the SEUL board training and the election, soliciting candidates. Open positions are Treasurer and Vice-Chair.

Political Presentations

We again take up the contentious issue of whether to accept speakers with political messages.

- How do we provide fairness and a sufficient degree of openness without being swamped?

- It's also a chance for candidates to learn about our issues.

We lean to allowing a short amount of time to any candidate that requests to speak.

Random

Theresa hands out pamphlets from Galina about how to get rid of a drug house.

Judy says that Providence is closing off the west side of the campus to both cars and pedestrians, causing much grief in her neighborhood. There are also noise problems with the workers and construction vehicles.

She also said that Providence didn't notify her of the last meeting of the working group, assuming that other neighborhood committee members would do it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Next meeting 7/20/2004