

## **INRODUCTIONS:**

**Board Members Present:** Don McElmurry, Robert Jordan, Shirley Nacoste, Sean Besso, DyLynn Robertson, April Burris, John Rusoff, Marsha Hahn, Rey Ko **Neighbors & Guests:** Joe Recker, Diane Wells, Ethan Beck (?), Sam Fuqua, Kathleen Chetlain, Eva Fox, Jake Wollner, Kori Gindici (?), Mike Blair, Jose Cienfuegos, Candice Jordan, Lisa Gorlin, Sylvia and Vern Hulit (?) Gerda Allen, Roz Cunningham, Adrian Russell-Falla, Wayne Medford,

## **ACTIONS:**

**I. Next C.N.A. Monthly Meeting will be held on June 17, 2008 @ 7VIRTUES COFFEE SHOP 60TH & GLISAN**

**II. Approved monthly meeting minutes from March and April 2008. (all in favor)**

**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)**

**IV. Approved motion to use remaining City Communications Budget \$ to help with newsletter publication and website costs. (Around \$380 as of 5/20). (all in favor)**

**V. Elected new board members to two year terms by acclimation and approved 1 year terms for current board members wishing to continue their efforts. Officers and committee chairs will be determined at 6/17/08 meeting. 2008-09 Board Members: Sean Besso, Mike Blair, April Burris, Jose Cienfuegos, Sam Fuqua, Claudia Halbert, Jessica Holliday, Robert Jordan, Rey Ko, Shirley Nacoste, Joe Recker, DyLynn Robertson, Adrian Russell-Falla, John Rusoff, Jacob Wollner. (all in favor)**

## **ONGOING REPORTS – COMMITTEES & PROJECTS:**

**Community Policing Report:** Officer Fulantano informs crime down in area overall, warns about not leaving valuables in cars, catalytic converter thefts from Toyotas, and encourages bicycle registration with threat of theft increase during summer months. Ensuing discussion includes: parking, abandoned cars around 60th MAX Station; how to deal with possible illegal drugs sales in apt. complex; traffic slowing techniques; pedestrian safety. Neighbors with concerns are encouraged to connect with C.N.A. committees to work on these issues further.

**Treasurer:** Money Market (?) and Checking = (?). I MISSED THE TOTALS ON THESE...HELP?

**Land Use & Transportation:** Developer Ken Moholt-Seibert presented new plans for the construction on the west side of the SE Precinct parcel...changes in plans due to "land swap" with City of Portland not working out. Neighbors have questions about height, Ken doesn't see need for adjustment in requirements at this time. More details to follow in coming months as the plans go through review and notification process.

**MAX Station Review:** "Walk & Talk" on May 14 at 60th Street Station was attended by neighbors from Center & Rose City Park. Committee member, Richard Glenn continues to attend planning/information sessions with this project. No further discussion at this time.

**Providence Good Neighbor Committee:** No report.

**SEUL Liaison:** Shirley reports staff changes at SEUL includes Tim O'Neil staying on as new "Sustainability" support person. Community Connections project has received funding after many years of dedicated work and SEUL Board has been reviewing how to best disperse related funding to neighborhoods to support efforts toward increasing participation from under-represented groups.

**Community Connections:** No report.

**Sullivan's Gulch Trail:** Robert continues to meet with this group as well as with Providence & MAX Station review teams with respect to bike/trail access in local commercial/residential corridors. Further discussion tabled until next meeting.

**Rosemont Bluff Natural Area** Next work party is scheduled for Saturday, May 24 9AM-Noon.

**Communications:** Newsletter format is being revised to include more advertisements in effort to make it self-sustaining and allow more frequent publication. Jake is taking lead on this and asks for help in connecting business connections. New website is being worked up using free-source content management...Adrian is taking lead on this. Communications committee will continue to meet and discuss both newsletter and website format/content.

**Annual Clean-Up:** Was held Saturday May 17, 2008 in the Northeast corner of Fred's parking lot. Sean reports contact with FreeGeek, ReBuilding Center and Waste Management went okay. Sees room for improvement...send comments, ideas to Sean. Thanks to all the volunteers!

**Glisan Area Business Association:** No report.

**Community Garden Development:** Tabled until next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **I. Supplemental Environment Project Opportunity**

Jake reports that Portland Providence Medical Center has been fined \$17,200 for violations DEQ found during a hazardous

waste inspection of the facility last August. A Supplemental Environmental Project must be relevant to the fine and is eligible for up to 80% of the fine. We are about 25 days from DEQ holding an informal meeting with PPMC. At this time an SEP would be included in the final settlement. Jake is hoping to source matching funds, grants or programs that can match and stretch this dollar to further accomplish some of the green street commons we would like to see on NE Glisan.

Other SEP ideas include:

Hazardous Waste Safety First! Presented by Center Neighborhood Association. Bring together panel speaker from EPA, DEQ, METRO, Fire Bureau, Police Bureau and non profits to educate the community leaders and neighborhood businesses on HAZMAT safety & compliance. Once per year educational forum and fundraiser for on going community enhancement projects.

Goals of Center Neighborhood SEP should include:

- Protecting and improving air quality protecting groundwater and drinking water sources,
- encouraging implementation of pollution prevention alternatives,
- reducing the use of toxic substances and generation of dangerous wastes,
- improving dangerous (hazardous) waste management practices, and
- increasing regulatory compliance through technical assistance.

Environmental Restoration and Protection: Water Quality

- Stream bank restoration projects to reduce erosion, provide shading and increase natural habitat.
- Construct bioswales around parking lots and along roadways to collect and filter storm water run off.

Pollution Prevention: Air Quality

- Tree planting
- Native species planting

Pollution Prevention: Hazardous Waste

- Fund a community mercury exchange (e.g. thermometers) program or collection event.
- Fund a household hazardous waste collection event.
- Assist a local school in recycling outdated laboratory chemicals

PLEASE CONTACT JAKE TO HELP WITH THIS PLANNING EFFORT.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CENTER AND NOT ONE TO BE MISSED IN BRIDGING/DEFINING OUR ROLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHEN IT COMES TO STANDING UP TO/ WORKING WITH PORTLAND PROVIDENCE MEDICAL CENTER!