

Minutes of the Center Neighborhood Association Monthly Board Meeting

July 20, 2004 7pm

Shogren House

Board Members Present: Barry Bradie, John Rusoff, Martha Westgate, Nana Nash, Shirley Nacoste, Robert Jordan, Cathy Riddell, Theresa Benton, David Delk, Paul Snowden, Theresa Benton, Don McElmurry

Other Attendees: Krista Marchesi (Shogren House), Steve Hoyt (SEUL), Gerda Allen, Judy Kennedy, Jemé Sutton, John Jusick, Brian Bainson

Introductions

Lee Grayson, Premier Valet. The Shogren House has contracted with his company to provide valet service during events. Any questions or concerns about parking during events – call him. 503/244-7758.

Krista says that the Good Neighbor Agreement between CNA and Shogren House allows for 16 events/year of 50-100 people and an unlimited number of events for under 50 people. Event invitations are supposed to request that guests use the valet service.

Steve Hoyt, SEUL. The kickoff for next year's Neighborhood Agenda is September 18th. As with this year, the focus will be on 3 central goals. Ideas from NA's as well as individuals will be entertained. Send in your ideas at least a week before 9/18.

Committee Reports

Treasurer

Stan isn't present. John reports that we got our money from the Cleanup, but this probably will have been the last year that we'll be allowed to hold the event past the nominal deadline (end of May).

SEUL Board

Shirley reads highlights from the latest SEUL Weekly Update: the upcoming Neighborhood Agenda Kickoff; opposition to I-36; new insurance in place for neighborhood associations. The Diversity Committee is in the process of upgrading its curriculum. There's also a new staffer to assist the work of the committee and there's a goal to visit 5 NA's and help them reach minority and other under-represented groups.

Transportation

Martha reports that the meeting to decide which neighborhoods are accepted for the Getting Around Portland program is tomorrow. Providence has offered \$5000 to help fund the effort.

Crime Prevention

Galina reminds that National Night Out is August 3rd. Any block parties that wish to have a street closing must register w/ SEUL about 2 weeks ahead.

Visit the CrimeMapper website (<http://www.gis.ci.portland.or.us/maps/police/>) to see police crime statistics.

Next Thursday @ 6:30 is the next meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Galina is working with Center Commons mgmt, mediation, housing inspectors and police to fix problems at Center Commons. Some of the seniors have safety concerns.

Judy says that there have been a lot of people going through the garbage in her

neighborhood. Galina suggests: not putting out the garbage the night before and organizing a foot patrol for garbage morning; build a relationship with the neighborhood officer.

SEUL LUTC

Barry – Initiative I-36 (property takings) is an important topic. David already has an agenda item for this, I'll wait for it to come up then.

Neighborhood Cleanup

See Treasurer's report.

Also, Mihai is interested in being chair if others commit to help. He has another standing commitment on Tuesdays and can't attend these meetings.

New Business

Sam Adams, candidate for City Council

Sam addresses the meeting and distributes campaign literature.

Slating of Officers

John agrees to stand for chair for another year, likewise Barry as secretary. Theresa stands for Treasurer and Robert for vice-chair. Shirley wants to continue as SEUL Board Rep. The slate is elected unanimously.

Community Connections Committee

The group decided that we first need to focus on connections within the board and the circle of other active members. They present a list of ideas for ways to improve connections within this community. The next step is to figure out how to start implementing some of the ideas. The next meeting is August 4th, 7pm at Center Commons.

Action

Motion to approve minutes from June. Cathy moves, ? 2nd, passes.

Initiative I-36

David gives a brief overview of I-36. This is a ballot initiative sponsored by Oregonians in Action that would require government to compensate property owners for any regulations that reduce the value of property dating back to when the family took ownership of the property. Barry says that the SEUL LUTC took a position against this and wants to put a statement in the Voter's Pamphlet and asks for NA support.

Action: Robert moves to support SEUL opposition to I-36 2nd: Nana passes unanimously

Action: Robert moves to authorize a contribution to help pay for the Voter's Pamphlet statement up to \$100 based on equity and need 2nd: David passes unanimously

[This ballot initiative is now known as Measure 37.]

Random

Do we need to have an August meeting? Yes.

Theresa brings up the topic of illegally parked cars.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Next meeting 8/17/2004