

St. Johns Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 12th 2014 7:00 p.m. St. Johns Community Center
Minutes by Crystal Glanz-Kreutz, Secretary

Board Members present: Emilie Saks-Webb, Jen Levy, Ben Poe, Crystal Glanz-Kreutz, Adam Robins, Jason Moos, Joe Adamski, and David Green. Eight citizens were in attendance.

7:04 pm- The meeting is called to order.

We started with introductions- Which was your favorite booth at the Bizarre?

SALT Updates, Ben Poe- The next SALT meeting will be next Monday, at 7pm at the St. Johns Community Center. The Safety and Livability team is working on crime issues, working with Portland Police and Angela Wagon. They are trying to gain a sense of what the wants and needs of the community are. Ideas: neighborhood foot patrol, walks, and neighborhood watch programs.

Land Use Updates, David Green- The Comp Plan is under construction- should be done in a couple of months. A current hot topic- in-fill and skinny houses. There is a discussion of lot size. Another issue- the tear down of older homes with no prior notice, concerns about lead exposure, etc.

There is a Portsmouth walk about set for 6:30pm on May 22nd.

Changing zoning to be more mixed-use will encourage development. In the next 20 years, it is forecasted that mixed-use areas will account for 50% of zoned areas. It is projected that there will be 125,000 households and 140,000 jobs by 2035 in the Portland Metro area.

Bizarre and parade Discussion, Emilie and Jen- The SJNA booth had great sales. We raised between \$600-700, which will go to more art in St. Johns.

Jen is hoping to apply to receive another RACK grant (\$10,000) for more art, possibly for islands on Fessenden.

A discussion develops between Robin Plance, Jen Levy, Emilie Saks-Webb and David Green re: Wapato and Good Neighbor agreement, Land-use and development... to be continued.

Jazz Festival Updates and Discussion, Emilie and Jen- The Jazz Society has taken over the Cathedral Park Jazz Festival (CPJF). Jen took information to the St. Johns Leadership meeting, everyone is on board to help CPJF, and so it should happen without an issue. The goal is to make the CPJF a neighborhood event that brings more people into St. Johns, giving businesses a boost. The event is looking for volunteers. A suggestion: Offer a shuttle that goes from CPJF to the plaza. CPJF planning meeting is this Wednesday at the Central Hotel at 6:30pm. The Jazz fest will be July 18th-20th.

Announcements (read off of the agenda)-

- Kenton Street Fair- May 18th 10am-6pm
- Community Bike Rides---

- All ages ride out to Kelley Point Park, and back 6/21, 7/19 and 8/16
- North Portland Sunday Parkways
 - June 22, 2014 ~ 11am-4pm (9.5 miles)
 - Cruise along the scenic Willamette Boulevard, and then glide towards Peninsula, Arbor Lodge, Kenton, Columbia Annex and McCoy Parks to enjoy an array of activities, food, music, vendors and fun.
- Impossible Project "Silver Shade" at Blue Moon Camera and Machine Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13th and 14th, from 3 - 8 p.m each day. This is an airstream trailer with Polaroid images inside.
- Cash Mob- Friday, May 30th at St. Johns Booksellers. After Party location TBD. The event coincides with "Thems Fightin Words" an open mic, spoken word event with featured poets.

Review of the April General Meeting Minutes. David moves to approve with change noted. Adam seconds. There is unanimous voice approval.

Another update- Trash to Treasure was a great success. However, there were some inappropriate items donated, and some security issues. The comment/feedback time is now. A suggestion: find a way to better manage attendance and keeping it local (not as wide spread/ city wide).

Jen announces that we'll be holding our summertime May-Aug board meetings at different local restaurants to support our local businesses. Each meeting location will be announced in advance, and all ages. Dates and times will remain the same- 4th Monday of the month, 7pm. The May board meeting will be held at the Central Hotel.

Treasury report, Jason- \$3,035.85 in the General fund (with a few winter social items still to be cashed) and \$1,898.31 in the Art Fund.

Announcement, Ruth- Swap n Play/ Preserve & Serve has changed the preservation courses to be held at Golden Harvesters. This is because Swap n Play is transitioning and there are space issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.