

St. Johns Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 25th 7:00 p.m., St. Johns Community Center
Minutes taken by Crystal Glanz-Kreutz, SJNA Secretary

Board members in attendance: Jen Levy, Justin Sundling, Crystal Glanz-Kreutz, Adam Robins, Joe Adamski, David Green, Ben Poe, Babs Adamski, and Shamus Lynsky.

Guests attending: Donna Cohen

Call to order at 7:07.

Board Meeting Minutes- Crystal. Agendas were misprinted; the June Board minutes will be distributed via email for review.

Treasurer Updates- Adam. Adam is working to repay all SJNA debts and bring our accounts up to date.

Paperwork with the state needs to be filled, Jen is working on completing that which is necessary.

ODOT- Shelli Romero updates and Pedestrian Safety – Babs & Jennifer. ODOT dropped the ball and has created a delay. The project must go out to bid once again (in two parts- ground work and lighting). Work is delayed until early 2015. Babs would like to engage in outreach/raise awareness on proper crossing zones- topics like: using corners don't cut between cars.

An idea- ODOT, SJNA & Oregon Walks to join forces in raising awareness?

Ben- has outreach/education worked before? Babs- Yes, on 80th and Powell, thanks to political and citizen engagement.

October elections- Jen will not be co-chair. Shamus & David have each been considering it, but circumstances have changed. Ideas: some Neighborhood Associations don't have chairs... perhaps we could have a rotating chair position. There is discussion of positions and possible candidates. We will continue to brainstorm and contact/recruit people.

Changes to neighborhood groups. Emily Burrueel resigned from SJFM board, Robin Wright's internship ended at SJMS. The farmers market may become part of Main St. There will be a leadership meeting on Tuesday, 8/26.

Directory update- Babs. The directory has been completed, quotes have been received. A directory at 16 pages, up to 1,000 copies is \$695 (which is 69.5 cents each). At the original printing, the SJNA spent \$600 for \$1,000 copies. The quote is through City of Portland printing.

Can we pursue joint funding? –Main St, Boosters, NPNS, Police/Fire, other funds?

Discussion of the next stage of the art project, Light boxes. Jennifer explains that this isn't an SJNA project, but she's working with Robert Petty and Main St. to create a light box display. Glass but outs 8"x8" that will be installed on the side of a building, they will be illuminated, color changing and customizable. Main St. will put in \$7,000 to cover project costs. The project is in its planning stages.

SALT- what is its role? How does it relate to SJNA? Can we compress groups/meetings? We need to increase engagement. Can we set up pre/post meeting focus groups? Is there a way to take advantage of otherwise short/brief meetings to include SALT topics?

Good Neighbor Agreements- Brekkens and Slims each need GNA's, David & Joe will each write one in order to get them completed.

Occupy Group- Town hall event. November, 2014? Can SJNA host a town hall instead of a general meeting? Should another location, other than the SJCC be used? The town hall will be 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Ideas: Can we hold a brief SJNA Nov. Meeting and combine it with an Occupy town hall? Can we ask for the SJCC on a Wednesday evening, after the Nov. General meeting in order to promote it at the SJNA general meeting? Ben will check in with the Occupy group to brainstorm more.

List of priorities for SJNA 2014-2015 Brainstorm... Current SJNA board will hand-off, add a transition between the old and the new positions. Tom Griffin-Valade to host a meeting in October with information, resources, and more.

SJNA priorities- Strong organization, streamlining, project management, strong leadership/ the ability to run meetings on point & in a timely manner.

David- The SJNA site was hacked- but it's been fixed now. Can we use media to engage with people, especially in between meetings... utilizing the Facebook page, consider other venues as well: Instagram, Twitter, etc.

Donna Cohen Roosevelt High School/ STEM updates

There is a possibility for potential student loss due to the STEM issues. We need to be attracting students. People are working to put pressure onto PPS- contacting the press, such as: KATU, The Oregonian/ Steve Dean.

The new RHS principle wants the best STEM at RHS, but he's also new to the situation & we've been discussing this awhile.

At 8:34, David motions to extend the meeting by 5 minutes, Adam seconds, there is unanimous voice approval.

Donna- There are RHS board meetings on September 2nd and 9th, also on Tuesday, 8/26 is registration day at RHS (a good opportunity to share information with students & parents). Donna would like to rally the press on the issue, to engage other neighborhood associations (University, Portsmouth, etc) to phone tree information and pressure to both the press and PPS.

Adam will contact other neighborhood associations with information.

Ben will show up at RHS to help Donna in passing out fliers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.