

**SJNA General Meeting**  
**March 9th, 2014 St. Johns Community Center**  
**Minutes by Crystal Glanz-Kreutz, Secretary and Emilie Saks-Webb, Co-Chair SJNA**

Board Members present: Emilie Saks-Webb, Jen Levy, Justin Sundling, Ben Poe, Crystal Glanz-Kreutz, Adam Robins, Jason Moos, Joe Adamski and Shamus Lynsky. Ten citizens were in attendance, as well as two police officers.

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Jen. Introductions were skipped this meeting.

Officer Elam spoke to the group. Officer Elam works in St. Johns Friday-Monday from 3pm-1am. A question was asked about a recent drug bust (home off Fessenden) - Mr. Elam wasn't involved in that situation and can't speak to it. Someone asks about the area behind Anna Bananas/The Central Hotel/The Portland Rose. Officer Elam states that officers walk it regularly and are dispatched to the site 3-4 times a night. The Portland Rose is working with the OLCC. Bon Hill states that her car had been stolen from St. Johns but was found off of Division. The officer states that there is a 96-97% return rate for stolen vehicles. Ben Poe asks about prescription drug disposal. The officer believes that the nearest collection site is at the North Precinct, but he suggests calling ahead first. Shamus Lynsky states that he called non-emergency regarding a theft issue, asks what to do with recovered (discarded by thieves) stolen items. Officer Elam suggests that any recovered items be taken to a police station so that they can be stored and so officers can run names/addresses in relation to burglaries. Jason Moos mentions that near George Middle School there are kids loitering and taking items. He has contacted the school principle with the issue but to no resolution. He is wondering if he should escalate the situation to police. Officer Elam suggests contacting the SRO School Resource Officer; he also says that he'll ask the daytime street police officer to patrol the area.

February meeting minutes were reviewed. Ben moved that they be accepted, Joe seconded, unanimous voice approval.

Land Use- One antenna was installed in the area. There isn't an update regarding the Transportation Advisory Budget Meeting. Shamus will be seeing Tom Griffin-Valade on Thursday and will ask about it. There will be a Land Use meeting soon, date and time to be determined.

Dre Davey- Trash to Treasure. This annual event is facilitated by Swap n Play, it will be held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. Drop off of reusable goods begins on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm. The event is held at the Red Sea Church (7535 N Chicago Ave). Recyclables are still being determined, but they will be announced soon. (The Trash to Treasure website will have an approved list ASAP) The event is looking for volunteers; roughly 100 are needed to run the event. Volunteers will be fed and they work in 2 hour shifts, older children and families can volunteer. In 2013, 1,200 people attended Trash to Treasure, and 9,700 items were exchanged amongst neighbors. As for recycling, there was 360 lbs of scrap metal, 30 cubic yards of block Styrofoam, 20 gallons of batteries, 200 gallons of rubber soled shoes, 500 cubic yards of plastic and 50 cubic yards of bulk waste collected and diverted from landfills. This is the largest sharing event in Portland, Kelly Guess is the event coordinator and Dre Davey is the volunteer coordinator. Recology will be offering 40 cubic yards of compost. There will be a "no" list for recyclables, they can refuse to accept items. Lithium ion batteries will not be accepted, but you can take them to Metro recycling. Unfortunately, Metro will not do a satellite pick up on these batteries because their location is so close to St. Johns. The event is looking for businesses to sponsor/ donate to the event. Kelly & Dre asked for ideas regarding advertising the event, suggestions given included: St. Johns Review, PTA meetings, Boosters Sign Board, The Skanner newspaper, reusable yard signs, sending letters out to ask for donations, talking to developers such as Walsh Construction,

2/3rds Project and the Port of Portland.

Joe Adamski- Greenway Trail progress. NP Greenway connects the East Bank Esplanade (downtown) up to Kelley Point Park. STIP funding has built a bridge pass that connects Chimney Park over to the landfill area. The Wabanah Trail was recently completed and the ribbon cut. The group is currently deciding how to get a trail over the University of Portland railway. Getting bicyclists off of Greeley would be a great improvement as it's a major safety issue. Completing the trail over the slough hasn't been decided yet. The NP Greenway team has been working on these connections and improvements for the last 8 years and hopes to have the full project completed in the next 5.

Joe Purkey- RHS redesign presentation. Joe is a member of DAG (Design Advisory Group). Right now they are finishing up the schematic design. Master Plan was approved in winter 2013 by the school board. There have been concerns voiced more lately than ever before, as we're getting closer. CTE advocates, teachers, athletic supporters and more are all voicing their concerns over the current proposed plan. There is one more planning meeting- Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at George Middle School, 9am-12pm. There will be a free breakfast, child care and translation services. The Master Plan allows for 6,000 square feet of CTE space, however, 10,000 is the recommended minimum. In order to make an impact, stakeholders need to show up and speak up at the meeting on Saturday.

Announcements: Bon Hill, Friends of Baltimore Woods- Native Plant Sale Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm in the St. Johns Plaza. St. Johns Cash Mob will be Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Grocery Outlet Mural-- and art projects in the near future.

Mark Hill, Friends of Baltimore Woods. Mark spoke about all of the great things that FOBW has done. They are looking at long range goals such as oak groves and cross-generational groundwork. Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a FOBW meeting at the BES Water Lab from 6:30-8pm.

Richard Nudelman- Portland Food Project. There are 687 volunteers who work on this project, it is 100% volunteer run; there are no employees. Every 2 months a reusable shopping bag is picked up from food collectors homes, that food is then distributed in the local area to those who need food. At the most recent pick-up, there was over 9,000 lbs of food collected. The volunteers will email/call reminders as pick up dates near, because pick up dates are the second Saturday of every other month. (The next scheduled pick up being Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.) There is one coordinator and 9 donors in the Portsmouth area right now. That food is taken to the Hereford House in Portsmouth by Fire station 26. Generally, there is 400-2,000 lbs of food delivered to each collection site every other month. The group is currently seeking a pantry/ collection site in St. Johns, as well as volunteers to coordinate &/or collect food. Emilie will provide Richard with a list so he can make a match with a pantry/ food collection- distribution site in our neighborhood. The program is all about neighbors helping neighbors; it's an easy way to do a little but to share a lot.

Additional announcement- The St. Johns Parade and Bizarre will be on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.