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**St. Johns Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 14th 7:00 p.m. St. Johns Community Center
Minutes by Crystal Glanz-Kreutz, Secretary**

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

7:08 pm- The meeting is called to order. Introductions are given, names only.

Crystal makes a motion to add Jim Stevens to the agenda, Ben seconds, and there is unanimous voice approval.

Shamus briefly explains his role as parliamentarian, voting and the rules for voting.

Review of June General Meeting Minutes. Joe moves to approve with change noted. Adam seconds. There is unanimous voice approval.

Adam Robins- Treasury Update. Adam is new to the treasurer position; there have been no changes in our accounts since our last meeting.

David Green- Land Use Update. No new updates- a few ADU applications, but that's about it. Shamus asks about Brekken's (a new venue that has replaced the New Portland Rose) and if there should be a good neighbor agreement (GNA). Babs asks if GNA's are land-use or other area of the SJNA, we'll discuss Brekken's and a GNA at the next board meeting.

Ben Poe- Occupy & SALT Updates. SALT will be meeting at the St. Johns Library for the next three months, 6:45pm, every 3rd Monday. Donna Daniels, founding member of the St. Johns Occupy group passed away suddenly last week. Occupy is working to organize a town hall re: environmental issues in North Portland (the superfund site, etc.). The plan has the support of Tina Kotek/ Chip Shields. Occupy is looking for assistance in organizing the town hall. The SJNA will discuss this at the next board meeting.

Shamus Lynsky- Trail proposal for Pier Park. Pier Park path improvements; a map of the current conditions is shown. Residents of St. Johns woods need access to transit options and the children need to get to Sitton. Note: roughly 1 in 6 St. Johns residents live in this area. Current issues: There is a locked gate, make-shift pathways, low-light and unpaved walk ways. Proposed plan: access to Iris way and beyond, paving and lighting to be installed. This will be an asphalt path like the one to Chimney Park. The funds are secure, the design is complete, and there is approval from stake-holders. A bilingual notice will be mailed to local residents. Angela Wagnon states that residents of the 3 apartments nearest to Pier Park can't use the school bus, and so they walk. Babs motions that SJNA approves of the path plan, Ben seconds, there is unanimous voice approval.

Roosevelt Update - Kimm Fox-Middleton. Quick update re: Portland Public Schools (PPS) summer improvement projects at James John Elementary. Roosevelt updates design/project team- Sarah Oakes and Michelle Platter. Process: Review of project, improvements, phase planning, design details, design development (furnishings, etc). Design development to be completed and construction documents to begin in November, 2014. Ground to break in Spring, 2015.

The designers followed a CMGC process- rather than going to bid, they brought contractors in early. Conversations were had with the contractors because the phases of work- students will be shifted throughout the space as the construction is being completed. This is presented as an "opportunity" for the students to see the work as it is being done. STEM engineers/ teachers will integrate design/ engineering into curriculum.

There is a review of the plans- what will go, what will stay. A commons area is being created, there will be a theatre (for band, theatre, etc.) a plaza to support head start, a food & clothing pantry and more. 3 basketball courts, a weight room, etc. Ground will break in Spring 2015; project will be completed in Fall 2017.

The designers are seeking feedback re: construction phases and organizing access to the school/ neighborhood. Babs identifies the area around RHS- makes a suggestion to the designers to seek feedback from the immediate surrounding area, completing outreach, and possibly holding a meeting at Assumption Village or other nearby area to solicit comments from those most directly impacted by the construction process.

Jen explains to the group that the RHS redesign has been under significant debate; due to outreach (or lack thereof), the design proposal, PPS response (or lack thereof) to feedback, etc.

STEM Improvements - Roosevelt - Donna Cohen. STEM is training for in demand jobs. Students learn via experience and hands on activity. To support STEM, there must be access to equipment. The PPS design shows split STEM areas within RHS- STEM areas are placed on opposite sides of the courtyard, students will need to go outside/across the yard or walk around the courtyard to access all of the STEM equipment. Donna shows a Panera bread commercial as an example of design/problem solving. She calls for a direct response to the issues in the current STEM design. She wants the students to be involved, as well as encouraged to be involved, and an integration of the equipment.

Michelle: We're designers. PPS is creating the program/curriculum/gathering teachers, etc. The design provides opportunities with space; the space responds to the program, it's not thinking about unknown types of equipment for future needs. There are multiple opportunities in multiple spaces- flex design.

Donna- There wasn't a tech. educator involved in the design. Joe Purkey (architect) a retired engineer and others have rallied to review the design plan, to update and improve it.

Jen- If the design development isn't done, why can't it be changed? Why can't the two STEM areas be combined?

Joe- What are the requirements for a strong/ well designed tech space today? Answer- Many pathways, depending upon the trade/skill. RHS is a comprehensive high school, an introduction. RHS is not a focus school, like Benson. It's more of a "salad bar" education.

Shamus- Two schools currently have STEM? Answer- Yes, Benson and Wilson. After the changes, RHS, Franklin and one other school will join STEM.

Babs- Sounds like PPS isn't invested in RHS enrollment numbers being enough to maintain resources, our area is being underserved. Reply- RHS is being expanded to accommodate 1,350 students, 10 and 30 year walls, can accommodate 1700 and more to meet needs over time.

Michelle feels that the design responds to the needs of the space and creates solutions via design.

Shamus- Additional things to know about RHS: The current RHS principle is leaving (via promotion), there was a meeting, and PPS is seeking someone on a compressed timeline (2 months, the beginning of the school year). They want experience; teaching, administrative and community. Consistency is needed & wanted. AP classes at RHS are thriving. Currently, RHS has a partial (less than 2 days a week) librarian. There's an online feedback form... community input could be beneficial.

PBOT - Rich Newland, pedestrian improvements on Lombard, North of St. Louis. Re: the truck strategy project on Lombard. There will be 2-3 years before build. In 2011-2012 it was asked, what do we do with Fessenden & St. Louis re: trucks, truck network, access to other main roads/parts of the truck network. Currently, Lombard was repaved and is to

be repainted. The St. Louis area (36 feet) can widen lanes for truck access and room. Parking supply & utilization: west side of the street has less parking (which means less to lose); the other side has more utilization. This is sort of a phase 1, by striping now it saves removing the striping later, doesn't decrease funds for future phases. Fliers were sent to area neighbors in early July, there were 3 responses received- 1 neutral & 2 upset.

Shamus- Design outreach was done in 2011-2012; there were many meetings and outreach/feedback. Is money an issue? Answer- No.

Jen- Where is the funding coming from? Answer- there's no money lost if we do this later, to do the striping now is not using the grant money, it will be saving that for later use. The area to be improved is between two curves- it doesn't provide room for an increase in speed. To stripe now would be using maintenance money, not grant money... leaving the other planned improvements and all funding for later.

Jen asks for a show of hands to strip now vs. wait, group would rather do it now.

Babs motions to extend the meeting by 10 minutes, unanimous approval.

Resident- There's a 3-way stop on Baltimore & Lombard, there are businesses, and pedestrians- cross-walks would increase safety. Answer- We can refer to the plan which was designed for a solution & to find the money to update.

Jen invites Rich to attend our August meeting.

Angela Wagon, Crime Prevention Coordinator - Police bureau project update. Officer Michael Schmerber PPP, part of North Portland area since January 2014, he's been in the neighborhood response team for 1-1/2 years, a part of PPP for 13 years. There is a St. Johns initiative- addresses street drinking, transients, long term issues & livability problems. Drug use/drinking & transients are being intensively focused on from Central-Ivanhoe and St. Louis to Mohawk. The idea isn't a PPP clean up; they're looking for a neighborhood partnership. The focus is the transient population, theft, burglaries, drug use, street drinking, bike thefts, etc.

Babs- seek feedback from businesses- tip jar theft, etc.

Crystal- Local businesses have a phone tree for issues/ suspicious activity. There have been a number of iPad thefts; maybe PPP can meet with Boosters/Main St?

Officer Schmerber would like to know where we want focus. His contact info: 503-823-5795,

Michael.schmerber@portlandpublic.gov He works Tu-Fri, 6am-4pm.

Chad Silver with the Mayor's Office, introduces himself. He handles Neighborhood Involvement/ Public Safety, works with ONI and PPP.

Jim Stevens- Wants to form 3 person bike teams, in two hour shifts, a neighborhood watch that travels.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.