

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013 - 7:00 p.m. - St Johns Community Center

7:00 Introductions

7:07 Babs Adamski- social events and treasurer report

7:10 Dennis Keepes- Giant Sequoia

7:20 Will Fuller- Elders in Action

7:30 Dre Davey- Trash to Treasure

7:40 Linda Jo Devlaminck- Community of Hope

7:50 Angela Wagon- 7-Eleven License/ Teresa Marchetti- OLCC issues

8:15 CJ Doxsee- Land Use and intro to Barry Manning

8:17 Barry Manning- comprehensive plan

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-Board Members present: Jennifer Levy, Emilie Saks-Webb, Gloria Luzader, Gil Luzader, C.J. Doxsee, and Babs Adamski. Meeting started at 7:06 pm by Jennifer and Emilie. Introductions around the room. Comment was focused on "Why are we excited about St. Johns?" Twenty-six neighbor/business members present.

-Dre Davey: Trash to Treasure will occur April 27th 2013. The first year 100 people participated- last year, over 1,000. Dumpsters will be available. Lightly used goods or dumpster trash. Please, no hazardous waste, no light bulbs.

-Crystal Glanz-Kreutz: St Johns Cash Mob will restart late spring. A local business is chosen to be "mobbed: and people should bring at least \$20 to spend in the business. Cash mobs are on Fridays, the business name will be posted on Thursday on the St Johns Cash Mob FB page.

-Babs Adamski: treasurer report. SJNA has a balance of \$4,306.14. The attendance at the social was about 700 people. The social committee is planning on participating in the 2013 St Johns Parade in May.

-Farshad Allahdadi from the OLCC gave a presentation about the Oregon Liquor Commission. A bit of history: They do have a current website. They license and sell hard liquor through licensed establishments. 2011 - \$900 million revenue. A private person can get a special license for a one-time event. I.E.; weddings, parties, the BITE, etc. Approval can take 2 weeks to 2 years. Depends on the investigation. Wine shops usually take about 2 months to approve. You must have an endorsement by the City of Portland (or what city your shop is in), the local business group and the local neighborhood association. The average time is 65 days. Passion does have a roll but usually not much. OLCC staff can recommend in favor but neighbors or interested citizens can testify against. If the commissioners vote to not approve, the applicant can appeal. When a business applies the business is posted and all neighbors and businesses within 300 feet will be notified. The license is a public privilege. Cost is \$400 a year, at this time. (Theresa Marchetti is a city employee who works with ONI and a neighborhood advocate.) Less than 1% of applications are denied. 7-eleven expansion is all over the country. The December commission split the vote, so did January. (There was not a quorum of the commissioner's.) The February 28th commission meeting could be the final hearing. SJNA can ask for restrictions. Any limitations must be based on the law. The OLCC does not have the legal authority to rule on an impact area. Nor has a saturation area been defined. It's all about the law – ORS 471.313. Mr. Allahdadi answered citizen questions pleasantly. (Note: he was wearing these great black socks with little bicycles on them.)

-Next up were Shellie Romero and Sue Dagnese from ODOT. They came to an SJNA last fall because we were concerned with the lack of crosswalks and safety near the Grocery Outlet and Dollar Tree. Many people were

jaywalking and N Lombard St. is a Hwy. 30 bypass. The speed limit is 30mph but people tend to drive over the limit. So, ODOT did a pedestrian count and a car volume count at the intersections of Lombard and Polk and Tyler and Mohawk. ODOT discovered the pedestrians were jaywalking – twice the number they expected. And the cars were doing crazy things. A large amount of both, much more than what was expected. So, do we get striped cross walks, a signal? No, does not increase safety. So, we will get bump outs on all four corners and increased lighting at Mohawk and Polk and Tyler. Cost? Maybe \$80,000 to \$100,000. Possibly built by July.

-General meeting adjourned 8:26pm.

-After general meeting- a short board meeting is called by Jennifer and Emilie. 8:31pm.

-Stephanie retired from Secretary position. Babs nominates Gloria. Gilbert seconds. Gloria is again secretary. Yea!??

-Dennis Keepes talks about the Pier Park trees being cut down. He says they are taking down trees that are NOT posted or taped. Also, there is a sequoia that will come down for the ped/bike bridge from Pier Park to Chimney Park. Urban Forestry did not follow procedure. Gil motions and Emilie seconds that Gloria will write a letter and/or contact the city, urban forestry and the mayor.

- Occupy St Johns wants the 7-Eleven on Lombard to close down. Maybe a good neighbor agreement with heavy restrictions. CJ will draft a letter to the OLCC. Babs opposes an attempt to settle. Adjourned at 9:05pm.

February 27th 2013, North Portland Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC) Report

- The meeting was held on February 27th at 7pm in the old Kenton Firehouse. 2209 N Schofield
- Angela Wagnon called the meeting to order and the pizza arrived. She then introduced Cameron Herrington from the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services. He gave a presentation about the grant program with watershed stewardship. There was a church parking lot that backed up to a building in SE Portland. Along with the graffiti and drug deals, the place was trashed. So, with the aid of a \$10,000 grant the neighbors tore up part of the parking lot, put in bio-swales and a greenway, and painted a mural on the building. Ta da! A clean inviting area.
- All neighborhoods may apply for a watershed grant. It must benefit the neighborhoods and the community. The grants applications are due March 29th and the money comes in July. Your team has a year to spend the money. \$3,000 may be used for professional services. As is usual, you spend your money and then get reimbursed in 6-8 weeks.
- The Annual Graffiti Summit is May 23rd, 6 – 8:30pm at Montgomery Park. There will be demonstrations and hands on exercises. This is a great class in what to use to clean up the graffiti and what NOT to use. We are talking about good and bad chemicals. All citizens are invited.
- City budget forums are coming up. St Johns has one at George Middle School, 1000 N Burr, from 6:30 – 8:30pm on March 12th. If you are interested in where your city money is going, you should attend.
- Commander Leloff introduced our new North Portland Lieutenant, Larry Graham. He has been with Portland Police for 17 years. He will work the 2pm – 11pm swing shift. * Lottery Row is still active but there have been 26 drug cases on their way to court. When convicted, the person is excluded from the island. They now have armed security 24/7. Over 50% of the “customers” are Washington residents. They are attracted by the cheap cigarettes, cheaper liquor and the lottery machines payoff. * Possible house on Washburn and Willamette is operating again in stolen goods and drugs. It is owner occupied. The police are working on a trespass agreement but the owner is not very cooperative. * Plaid Pantry corporate owner is being very pro-active to deter crime. They have installed lights and cameras at many locations. * A suspect was being pursued by an officer and a dog. Dog bit the guy in the butt and he was subdued. Love dogs on the force. * Budget hearings again. Police are supposed to be cut 10%. Does this mean we could lose the horse patrol, again? Yes. * Below Overlook Park near the Greely Interstate intersection is a sizable homeless camp. Last week was noticed they have acquired a Tuff Shed. Anyone missing a shed from their yard? * We will not lose our DDA for North Portland in the budget. Jim Hayden is funded by a grant. * Leloff says he will be at Celebration North Portland on March 16th.
- Patrol cars have a new electronic device on board. It reads license plates. If the plate comes up as “stolen car,” the car is pulled over and the occupants detained. Don't we all love computers? Yes!
- Street crimes on Hayden Island seem to be decreasing. The OLCC, the Lottery and the street crimes officers are working close together. Residents on Hayden Island/Jantzen Beach really keep their eyes open. They have 911 on their speed dials.
- If you have a situation in your neighborhood that you are not sure how to address – come to the PSAC meeting and express your concerns. There is always time at the end of the meeting for announcements and/or general complaining. Sometimes this is when the police and the citizens find out about situations and/or problems in the North Portland community. There are always a few of our Portland officers in attendance.
- Next PSAC meeting is March 27, 2013. All interested community members are invited to attend.
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