

**St. Johns Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
Agenda
Monday, September 14th 2015**

- I. Call to Order *7:00 pm*
- II. Introductions
- III. Review of August Minutes
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. SALT Report and walkability discussion
- VI. Land Use Report
- VII. Discussion of October Election- call for nominations
- VIII. Update on the Willamette Cove cleanup efforts. (Dwight Leisle Environmental Program Manager, Port of Portland) *7:15*
- IX. John Teply- Charleston and Lombard Development/ vacation of Ivy Island. Comments and community discussion *7:25*
- X. Forum on gang violence- speakers: Angie Russo and GET officer *7:45 pm*
- XI. Open Forum

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Special General Meeting
Walking Meeting
Minutes
Monday, Aug. 10, 2015**

Shamus Lynsky called the meeting to order at 6:30. Everyone introduced themselves.

July minutes were approved without edits. The treasurer was not there to report.

Josh Leslie gave the land use update. The street vacation for Farid's project would be voted on by City Council at some point during the fall. There is not a set date yet. The Bank of America building is for sale. The apartments at Catlin and Lombard are being renovated. The next Land Use committee meeting is on Sept 10th. Folks from different non-profits who focus on housing affordability would be presenting.

John Teply asked for time at the September meeting to present a counter proposal to the Union at St Johns development (proposed development at N Lombard and N Charleston). Shamus said he could have 10 minutes on the agenda in September.

6:45 pm. SJNA business completed. Scott Bricker introduced himself and gave a presentation “Your Place and Walkability”, synopsis on the neighborhood walkability concept and his non-profit, America Walks.

7:00 pm Everyone headed out for the neighborhood walking meeting. Walk was just about 1 mile. We walked to the inner side of the James John playground and discussed safe routes to school. We walked to N Ivanhoe and N John St and discussed how pre-St Johns/Lombard Plan, development was very auto centered with big parking lots and drive throughs. Development is supposed to be more pedestrian oriented now. The group stopped in the plaza to discuss walking issues around downtown St. Johns and potential improvements; specifically areas where crossing the street is a concern. CJ Doxie gave a summary of proposed Trimet service changes. Many in the group did not like what Trimet was proposing. As the group walked from the plaza towards N St. Louis, folks noted there are no signalized crossing, crosswalks or curb extensions between N Philadelphia and N St. Louis.

8:15 Group returned to community center for debriefing

- o Attendees expressed:
 - General concerns and perceptions

8:25 Next Steps

- o SJNA: Safety and Livability Committee - Ben Poe let neighbors know that discussion of improving the walkability and safety of St Johns will continue in the SALT meetings. This is where specific suggestions/issues can be addressed. Ben then gave the SALT updates. We decided to have time focused on the gang violence issue at the September meeting. There will be an update on the Willamette Cove clean-up at the September meeting. The work was postponed a bit. Mention was made of the rapidly progressing decision making around the Superfund project.
- o SJBA Committee - Sydney of St Johns Main Street let neighbors know that Main Street will also be working with local businesses to assess and improve walkability of the downtown shopping district.

8:30 Adjourn

***minutes recorded by Emilie Saks-Webb August 10th, 2015