

Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association Minutes

May 21, 2009

Duniway School Library

In Attendance:

Board Members: Kurt Krause, Theresa Langdon, Bert Sperling, Gretchen Sperling, Mike Fisher, Robert McCullough, Richard Pierce, Bill Ten Pas, Kathy Ten Pas, Chelly Wentworth, Dennis Stenzel

Board Members Excused from Meeting: Steve Baker, Bill Nichols

Board Members Absent from Meeting: Bud Oringdulph, Elspeth Tanguay-Koo

Neighborhood Residents: David Rhys, Peggy McLean, Eleanor Krause, Ron Tracy, Margaret Ellis, Mike Ellis, Marti Wullschlager, Cheri Groth, Dave Groth, Corliss Rogers, Susie Pontefract, Ernestine Oringdulph, Beth Barteletti, Karen Tosi, Ray Guimary, Al Glueckert, Chris Riddle, Joe Barllori (?), Greg Lathrop, Emily Clay, Stuart Campbell, Sally Campbell, Willie Koo, Christine Morita-McVey, Karl Hausafus, Jerry Curtis, Steve Johnson, Allison Starkey

Others in Attendance: Colby Westhead (Reed College), Jennifer Bates (Reed College), Kirsten Weiner (SEUL)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Gretchen Sperling

April Minutes were reviewed and unanimously and enthusiastically approved.

Reed College – Jennifer Bates and Colby Westhead

Reed just graduated its largest class ever. School is now out for the summer and conference season is beginning. There will be 1000 alumni on campus first week of June and on Saturday June 6 there will be fireworks on the west side of campus. A helicopter may have been flying over Reed today to take pictures of campus. The new café on campus will be closed for the summer. A steelhead has been found in the Reed lake. Reed is still working on getting the city permit for use of the Parker House.

A question was asked about the recent Willamette Week article about Renn Faire and concomitant drug use on campus. Ms. Bates pointed out that drugs are used on all college campuses. Ms. Bates indicated that Reed officials are open to discussing these issues with neighborhood residents.

Treasurers Report

Mr. Nichols is absent tonight, but the Treasurer's report was sent out earlier to board members and was reviewed by all.

Committee Reports

Tree – Gretchen Sperling

The local elms will be inoculated again this year. As always, help is needed with this and a committee chairperson would be most welcome. Contact Mr. Stenzel @ 503-777-6651 if you are interested in helping.

There was discussion re proper tree pruning.

Web Page – Bert Sperling

A more interactive and immediately relevant website for the Eastmoreland neighborhood was discussed. Our website is Eastmoreland.org and Eastmoreland.net.

SEUL – Kurt Krause, Kirsten Weiner

SEUL is a coalition of twenty SE neighborhoods. It coordinates with ONI (the Office of Neighborhood Involvement) and gives our neighborhood a voice in City Hall.

Upcoming events include:

The Annual Neighborhood Board Orientation - 6-27-09, Noon, 3534 SE Main
503-232-0100, receptionist@southeastuplift.org

Neighborhood Ice Cream Social – 6-6-09, 7:30 to 8:30 PM, 3534 SE Main
503-232-0100, receptionist@southeastuplift.org

Now We're Talking - 5-28-09, 6:30 to 8 PM, 4312 SE Stark
503-823-4424, judith.mowry@ci.portland.or.us

Newsletter – Chelly Wentworth

Ms. Wentworth has been doing the newsletter for three years now. Barbara Degenhardt is in charge of advertising. Interesting articles are always welcome for publication. We are most fortunate in that ODS donates all the printing for our newsletter.

Garden – Gretchen Sperling

A chairperson for the Garden would be most welcome. The ENA is responsible for one hundred percent of the maintenance of the Garden.

Railroad – Richard Pierce

The history of the litigation between the ENA and the railroad was discussed. Mr. Pierce has met with Union Pacific several times and enforcement of the agreed upon limits to coupling and uncoupling of trains is exceedingly difficult. Most of the recent neighborhood complaints involve train horns rather than coupling and uncoupling noises.

Land Use – Kathy Ten Pas

Remodeling has slowed down in the neighborhood, likely due to the economy. Ms. Ten Pas receives notice from the city when a homeowner requests a variance from city code. Sidewalks are inspected by the city on a twenty five to thirty year cycle. Inspections may occur sooner if the city receives a complaint about a sidewalk.

There was discussion about homeowner encroachment on public property. Portland Department of Transportation would be the agency to contact with questions about this.

Transportation – Jerry Curtis (?), Dan Packard

There will be a Light Rail stop at the Bybee overpass. There are many issues that need to be addressed including parking and crosswalks. There will be access to the station on both sides of Bybee. Please contact Mr. Packard with questions.

Safety issues were discussed. TriMet says that there are 0.65 crimes per 100,000 riders on TriMet.

Remodeling Fair – Kurt Krause

The Remodeling Fair is being postponed until 2010. Mr. Krause is doing personal research into house painters.

Reed College Place Restoration Committee – Robert McCullough

The committee has been talking with Carol Mayer-Reed, a landscape architect, regarding a plan of care for the Reed College Place strip. She has offered to do this work for \$6,800. The source of the funding for this is undetermined.

New Business

Peggy McLean raised questions about the increase in crime in the neighborhood and the decrease in funding for the District Attorney's office. She would like to encourage concerned neighbors to contact the city to protest this funding cut. Mr. Ten Pas moved to have the ENA write a letter to Ted Wheeler, City Commissioner, regarding this. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Ms. McLean will draft this letter and bring it to the Executive Committee for approval.

Havilah Ferschweiler is the ONI Crime Prevention Program Coordination. Her contact information is 503-823-0540, hferschweiler@ci.portland.or.us.

Crime is rampant during the garage sale. Lock your doors and keep track of your outdoor furniture.

Mr. Sperling read a very nice tribute from Ms. Tanguay-Koo to Ms. Sperling. Mr. Pierce, Mr. Ten Pas, and Ms. Wentworth also contributed accolades.

Elections

General Election

Alison Starkey, Karl Hausafus and Susie Pontefract expressed interest in joining the ENA Board and were duly elected by a majority of the neighborhood residents present.

Bill Ten Pas, Kathy Ten Pas and Steve Baker have completed three year terms and were re-elected to second three year terms by a majority of the neighborhood residents present.

Executive Committee Election

President – Richard Pierce 12 votes

Vice President – Bill Ten Pas 10 votes

Secretary – Elspeth Tanguay-Koo 12 votes

Treasurer – Bill Nichols 12 votes

And the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes submitted for the very last time (Yippee!) by Theresa Langdon

Minutes approved by a unanimous vote of the ENA board on September 17, 2009.