

Board Members Present: Allen Field, Josh Warner, Annie Niedergang, Doug Klotz, Michelle Ryan, Celia Kane, Randall Heeb, Carmel Bender, Susan Levine. Board Members Absent: Stephanie Walker, David Currie, Ebb Zlatnik. Others Present: Sarah Moore, Nathan Day, Kim Freeman, Steve Hoyt (SEUL).

Meeting called to Order at 7:04 by Michelle Ryan. The Declaration of Unity was read.

The Minutes from the November 4, 2004 meeting were adopted unanimously.

Announcements:

Josh announced there will be a Division Street Community Workshop on Saturday, January 22nd.

Issues:

Meeting Rules: Michelle was concerned that the meeting announcement posted in the Southeast Examiner discouraged public attendance because it indicated this meeting was for board members only. After discussion, it was decided that the notice still complied with open meeting law and we could conduct business. Wording on future notices will be more careful to be inclusive of the public when distinguishing between board and general meetings.

Police Matters: Allen reported that there would not be a police report this month. Officer Maynard was promoted and there is a decline in the number of neighborhood officers. Brendan MacQuire is the new officer assigned to us, but often not available. He will send an alternate if we request it. It was agreed that we would like that. A meeting is scheduled on January 11 at 9:00 am for the five Hawthorne neighborhood groups to work with police representatives. Allen will attend this meeting and report on any proposals to improve community policing and communication.

Big Box: Doug reported that the PDC is considering three proposals for the Burnside Bridgehead property, two of which included big box home improvements stores. A group of neighborhood representatives have voiced opposition to these two plans, and formed an organization called AFRIEND (Alliance for Responsible Inner Eastside Neighborhood Development). They have asked us to send a letter to the PDC opposing big box development at this site. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to send the letter supporting AFRIEND. There will be an open house on January 22nd, 2:00 –4:00 pm to view the designs. The PDC decision is expected late February.

Meeting Location: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to continue holding the RNA meetings at the Richmond Clinic.

Presentations:

Sarah Moore, past RNA chair gave a history of board activities since 1999, highlighting the neighborhood cleanup, campaigns against undesirable development, saving the Richard Price house. She encouraged preparing an annual accomplishment review so that you can see how the board activities benefit the community – what seem like small or routine actions, over time add up to significant contributions.

Sarah and Steve facilitated a process to set future goals. With the financial reserves we have, we can think about hosting a social event. We first looked at the projects we are already committed to, and then developed a list of projects we have accomplished in the past, some of which are ongoing:

Committed Projects

Tree Planting (Allen)
Spring Clean up (Sarah)
Art Walk (Susan)
Street Fairs (Annie)
Quarterly Newsletter (____)
Division Vision (Josh)
SE Examiner (Celia)
Land Use Matters (Doug)
SEUL Coalition Board (Dave/Michelle)
SEUL Land Use Committee (Carmel)
*Copperbeach Park
*Sewallcrest

Future Goals

“Buy Local” Campaign
Increase distribution of newsletter
Update bylaws and organize documents
Participate in City’s *Getting Around Portland* study to improve alternative transportation options
Improve pedestrian safety on Powell
Grafitti removal
Community Social Event: ice cream social, street dance, movie in the park etc...

*It is not clear whether or not we have ongoing activity with these projects. Allen will contact Michelle Freedman regarding status of Copperhead, and Allen and Ebb will report about future needs of Sewallcrest .

Committee Reports:

Land Use/Planning/Transportation – Doug reported on two issues that required immediate action. The City has removed the crosswalk at 45th & Division because the school, for which it was installed, was no longer posting a crossing guard there. While the school may not be utilizing the crosswalk any longer, it remains an important pedestrian crossing point. The City will reinstall it as a “neighborhood crosswalk” if it is requested. Doug proposed a letter to the City making this request. An amendment to the letter to make the point that there is no other crosswalk between 41st and 50th on Division, was accepted. A motion for the Board to send the letter as amended was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

As a follow up to the meeting held between ODOT and the Powell neighbors, the neighborhood association leaders have prepared a letter to ODOT to document their understanding of issues addressed at the meeting, as well as ongoing concerns. It was agreed that Doug should send the letter on behalf of RNA, but he should sign as our land use representative, since he is the one who attended the meeting.

Healthy Hawthorne - It was decided to remove this item from the report list, as it is not an official committee.

Treasurer's Report - As of 12/9/04, the account balances were:

Washington Mutual Checking:	\$6,675.56
Franklin Money Market:	\$5,274.95

Next meeting will be February 14th at the Richmond Clinic.

Adjourned at 9:00

February Notetaker: David Currie

March Notetaker: Ebb Zlatnik

April Notetaker: Allen Field