

LNA Membership Meeting SIGN-IN Sheet

Tuesday 5-26-09 7 pm All Saints Cafeteria

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**LAURELHURST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7PM
ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH CAFETERIA MAY 26, 2009
3847 NE GLISAN STREET PORTLAND OREGON**

The General Membership Meeting of Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association was called to order by President MJ Coe at 7:10PM. There were 56 members in attendance. Board Members present were MJ Coe, Goudarz Eghtedari, Lyle Howard, Jim Edelson, and Gary Naylor. Board Members absent were Tyson Calvert, Eric Miller, Colin James, Elena MacPhee, and Kelly Bocian.

President Coe inquired of a person videotaping the General Membership Meeting who he was and the man replied he was from Channel Six.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Annual Spring Clean-Up

Mr. Coe reminded those present about the annual Spring Clean-Up which will be held from 8am-1pm, Saturday May 30th in the All Saints Parking Lot. John Russ is the Chairman of the Annual Clean-Up and Councilwoman Amanda Fritz' attendance is anticipated.

Laurelhurst Neighborhood Garage Sale

This year's sale will be on June 20th. Members were encouraged to sign up for the event. Mr. Coe commented last year there were approximately 120 neighbors who paid the registration fee and about 12 who did not contribute to the event but participated anyway.

Laurelhurst Park Tree Map

Martha Works informed the members present that the Laurelhurst Park Tree Map was for sale for \$5 at the meeting and also at Powell's Books on Hawthorne.

Laurelhurst Centennial Celebration

Laurelhurst is 100 years old this summer! Mr. Coe shared information about the planned Centennial Celebration. There is a Planning Committee and Mr. Coe encouraged members present to volunteer with the organization of the event and give help during the event. A sign-up sheet was passed around and approximately ten members signed to help.

SE Sunday Parkways

August 16th is the date for this year's Bureau of Transportation's SE Sunday Parkways event. The City sponsored celebration is in need of volunteers and Mr. Coe encouraged members' support and help.

Interest has been expressed in combining the Centennial Celebration and the SE Sunday SE Parkways event.

LNA Website

Mr. Coe gave a brief update about the LNA Website. The two retired software engineers are in the process of revising and updating the LNA website with new "functionality." Mr. Coe told the members present that this will be a "great communication tool."

Commander Crebs explained to the Laurelhurst members present that the Portland Police Precincts were being reconfigured due to a \$3.5 million budgetary reduction. Precincts are being downsized to save overhead of command staff and supervisors. The five precincts are being reorganized into three. The SE Precinct (which has been serving Laurelhurst) will be split in half. **West** of 39th Avenue will be under the command of the **Central** Precinct and **East** of 39th will be serviced by the **East** Precinct. The new officers in charge will be Officer Steve Gandy and Officer Jeff Pontius. The Main Office number is 823.4800. Non-emergency calls should be dialed to 823.3333. Commander Crebs said that he feels response time will stay the same or better with the reconfiguration of the precincts. Officers will be patrolling and answering citizens' calls from their cars – not from the precincts. When citizens need to call the telephone numbers are **Main Office East Precinct 503.823.4800. Non-emergency 503.823.333. Emergency 911.**

SOLE (Save Our Laurelhurst Elms)

Jill PUNCHES, Coordinator of SOLE, gave an update on the trees and Dutch Elm Disease. Ms. PUNCHES told the membership present there are approximately 220 elm trees on the sidewalk rights of way in Laurelhurst. An infected tree can die within three weeks. Ms. PUNCHES reported SOLE has \$2632 in its bank account and this has come from neighborhood donations. It costs about \$10,000 yearly to inoculate all the trees and that each tree should be inoculated once every three years. Ms. PUNCHES said that there will be a table set up at the Garage Sale with information. LNA needs to address this fundraising in the future.

There was a drawing for the door prize connected with SOLE donations. MJ Coe drew the names entered and Michelle Marcyk won a Heathman Hotel package and a lovely plant from MJ Coe's yard.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD and INTRODUCTIONS

MJ Coe introduced Laurelhurst residents who had volunteered to take Board positions. All positions were filled except President. Several people inquired about the duties of President and Mr. Coe briefly detailed the position to organize the meetings, work up an agenda, talk to the press when necessary, act as conduit from the General Membership to the Board. Different people expressed interest in the Presidency and Mr. Coe invited them to contact him for more detailed information.

Fern WILGUS inquired about how the Slate of Officers was determined for presentation to the General Membership. Mr. Coe answered that these residents had volunteered. Mr. Coe encouraged nominations from the floor for the Presidency and also write-in candidates for any Board position on the ballot. Ballots were distributed by Gary Naylor who had graciously volunteered to help with the tabulation.

Mr. Coe introduced Ruthann Bedenkop to the General Membership. Ms. Bedenkop was attending the meeting as the Communications Program Manager from SEUL (Southeast Uplift).

Ballots were distributed and the voting commenced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Laurelhurst Pond

Mr. Coe provided some brief background information on this issue. Jeff Milkes (SE Service

Fruits further commented that he thinks Cesar Chavez should be honored when something new is named.

Jeremy Tousey-French noted that he feels the renaming policy employed by the Portland City Council is incorrect.

Mr. Coe interjected that Mayor Adams was quoted during the Interstate Renaming Process that he (Mayor Adams) would be supportive of renaming if there were neighborhood support.

Jill Simpson wanted to know if Cesar Chavez had been actively involved in Oregon.

Patty Martin had testified at the Hollywood meeting and shared again at this meeting that indeed Laurelhurst DOES have historical significance. She cited Coe Circle. She also cited Laurelhurst Park's designer who had a relationship to the architectural firm that designed Central Park in New York City.

A member added she felt that it was a "done deal" and questioned what recourse does LNA have?

Mr. Coe shared that Kurt Kruger had been asked about recourse if 39th were renamed and Mr. Kruger responded that if 39th were renamed Cesar Chavez that citizens could embark on the same process to rename it 39th Avenue.

Bill Fuller, who is not a Laurelhurst resident, was recognized. Mr. Fuller's concerns were of the \$200K allocated by the City for the signs on the Freeway and 39th Street itself. He cautioned that in reality it might cost twice this amount. He cited the post card survey and reiterated that 39th Avenue is needed for navigation in the City. He referenced a Willamette University Professor who had said that 39th Avenue had no historical significance. Mr. Fuller reminded those present that Laurelhurst is this year a 100-year old neighborhood.

Mary Devlin added that Portland streets are on a numbered grid. 39th Avenue is necessary to let you know the distance from the river.

Jill Panches agreed that 39th Avenue is a directional issue.

Lyn Norbury said that the Portland Planning Commission had failed to define "significant in its own right" and that there was inadequate determination to rename 39th. The policy is flawed and that the Historic Panel had commented (1) the Code denies renaming something else (2) dislikes the process and (3) acknowledged disregarding language in Charter.

John Martin suggested research to choose another street for renaming

Will Snyder, a resident of Hollywood, voiced opposition to the renaming. Mr. Snyder has spoken with "100s" of people and thinks the renaming would be a "festering wound" for many years to come. He feels the renaming of 39th is being jammed down people's throats.

Goudarz Eghtedari commented some people are against ethnic diversity. Mr. Eghtedari agrees that the process is wrong and also racial. Mr. Eghtedari added that Laurelhurst does not really

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SE QUAD REP – Kelly Bocian
SW QUAD REP – Jim Edelson

Goudarz Eghtedari will be the Editor of the Laurelhurst Association Newsletter

President MJ Coe adjourned the meeting at 9:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Kretz Ferguson
(Acting Secretary for the General Meeting)