

Creston Kenilworth Neighborhood Association Meeting

02/27/17 Shut Up & Eat

Board Members in Attendance: Rachel, Darian, Elizabeth, Jeanne, Jason, John G. Elizabeth, Yashar, Joanne,

7:00 Meeting begins.

Neighbor would like to add item to the agenda, but is discussed right away. What to do about an old fourplex going up for sale, how to find out what's going to happen to it, will the tenants be evicted, how to find out who will be buying.

Rachel: The city has contacts once property is purchased. And that's the best way to find out information. Can give contact information for city resources after the meeting.

Darian moves to approve the agenda, Elizabeth seconds. Unanimously passed.

Community Announcements

Elizabeth: March 9th Potluck at Kateri park, check Facebook of Catholic Charities for more details. Also Grout PTA auction to raise money for new playground equipment on March 10th.

7:05 Neighborhood Response Team – Jason Walters

He'll be the long term contact for our neighborhood. Contact with concerns including livability issues. He will call back, He's the "follow up guy." Our neighborhood crime stats are low even though next door may make it feel like it's a lot, it's actually down.

Neighbor: I'm worried as camp cleanouts happen downtown, camps might appear here.

JW: Camps aren't going away anytime soon. If 3-4 tents pop up, email me. We have the resources to help them. Its more of an issue in the summer. Email or call, we have the resources and contacts.

Neighbor: How do I not overload you with emails?

JW: Don't worry about it.

Neighbor: Have you replaced officer Graff?

JW: Yes but I can recruit officers to help here.

Neighbor: In reference to new ordinance not evicting people w/out cause. Is the city prepared to step up the use of chronic nuisance ordinance to deal with drug dealers?

JW: Well I'm reaching out to land lords. I (as a police officer) can park outside if the landlord is fearful. Police can't enter the residence though. I'm happy to work with the landlords. It's a delicate line between "No cause" & "Chronic Nuisance."

Neighbor: Does the city attorney have to approve a chronic nuisance eviction?

JW: Not sure, most likely, civil disputes office. Officers are pulled so think they're not able to keep up on it. Neighbor's call with details often and it does catch traction.

Rachel: We need to move on, final questions and we have Jason's contact at the sign in sheet.

Darian: Fill out police report or email you directly?

JW: Email me with case report number after you wrote the report or just email me.

Rachel: Welcome to the NRT come by again.

JW: send me reminder emails.

Lily & Jamie from ODOT, Paving Project 99E.

Lily: ODOT is repaving 99E from SE Harold to Harrison starting next month. There will be lane closure at night. Four weekend northbound lane closures at night. The official detour will be on ODOT roads. They're replacing the Crystal Springs Bridge and reconstructing some of the Highway. The base is not strong, replacing it so it won't deteriorate as quickly. There will be no changes to Highway Function, just repaving.

Neighbor: Are the dead branches hanging over the road going to be cut down?

ODOT: Can't touch the trees. ODOT only owns curb to curb, but others are also concerned about it, you should call the city. I'd like to introduce Jamie, who is involved with the construction on site.

Jamie: There is an open house April 4th 5-7pm at Milestation in Sellwood. You can sign up for email updates and email me with any other questions.

Plans for pedestrian crossing, Scott Kelly

Will CKNA support with a signature on their letter?

SK: I'm the chairman of the transportation committee in Sellwood Moreland N.A. The letter is asking the city to push the Reedway overpass project that was envisioned in the 90's. The proposed overpass would fill the mile gap between Holgate and Bybee. This would allow for easier connection between our neighborhoods. The letter has been worked on for over a month and they want to send out by the end of the week. There is a direct correlation between development and lack of connections over the rail yard.

Neighbor: Will it be bike and pedestrian crossing.

SK: Yes, similar to Lafayette crossing. We're open to other designs but right now we're just pushing the city to allocate funds to get the project going.

Neighbor question: Where is the money coming from? Does it come from a general pot of money or is city required to pend funds within the neighborhood boundaries.

SK: I don't know, that's a good question. They do have to follow some rules to spend between the neighborhoods but I'm not sure on the exact way they fairly distribute the funds. May be a pre-existing need or equity or other various factors.

Board Member: IF we endorse this we are saying we support this but we're not allocating any funds from our neighborhood association

SK: Correct, it all be funded from the city for this project not to our Sellwood Moreland Neighborhood Association

NQ: Going over 99?

SK: Correct. This will help with the Reed college students as well.

NQ: Can you make an argument for increased safety? Improve flow and safety.

SK: We have made this argument and will continue to make the argument for increased safety.

Darian: Why not improve the Holgate overpassing?

SK: The goal is to fill the gap between Holgate and Bybee.

Darian: For our neighborhood that is our access point to the Holgate max station; the overpass needs to be improved as well.

SK: I sympathize with that, you have a very good point. Again the goal is to close the mile gap

Rachel: Any board members like to make a motion to approve our signature on the letter to PBOT

Board Member: Let's add to the board section of the meeting, and discuss.

7:40 Rachel: next is **CKNA plans for the coming year.**

Last week the board planned our goals for the coming year. Take into consideration that this is volunteer time based. So I'll go through one by one, the issues we picked out as our priorities. They'll give a brief 1-2 min explanation of their priorities; feel free to talk to them at the end of the meetings.

I'm the chair, and my priority is to make sure the meetings run smoothly. Also Immigrant and Refugee community outreach and Traffic safety- Yashar will work with me on this, to figure out what leverage we might have over union pacific to make traffic changes. Community building with Immigrant and Refugees communities; Yashar and Elizabeth. Disaster preparations: John

John: I'm a Portland NET team member. I've done a little initial planning. I can see activities related to this organization in two areas. Preparedness projects and outreach ideas:

Ideas: a small space on the website, that we update monthly, a bullet item, "what to do to prepare," to keep disaster preparedness in our conscious. In our case, the Cascadian subduction zone earthquake. At NACK events, an information table with distributive info. A brochure in the welcome wagon, or a mini lesson.

Major projects: Map your neighborhood. Who in the neighborhood will need assistance in a disaster, disabled, elderly, also the resources in the neighborhood. NET and ATV recruitment and local training. There are 19 people from CK being trained. ATV is Affiliated Trained Volunteer, agree to work with NET in case of emergency. Emergency equipment and supply cache, though possibly more than a one year project; Emergency shelters, for more permanent and portable structures.

Rachel: Improving outreach: Jeanne, with lots of help.

Jeanne: 3 major events. NNO, Movies in the park and Clean-up. Clean up is fundraiser, the other 2 cost our neighborhood, Movies in park no longer a possibility to make money. We need to step up the Clean UP. NNO looking for a food sponsor, Yashar will need help with fundraising. Clean up needs muscle. Hoping to do a garage sale at clean up this year.

Q: East Moreland has a successful garage sale, can we piggy back onto their garage sale? Can we promote it and get some cash from that?

Jeanne: Clean up is still relatively new, only 3 years old. We've never done a yard sale during the clean. We could already be selling the things that get dropped off.

Rachel: Community building with the immigrant and refugee population in our neighborhood. Specifically, Catholic Charities. We are going to do our part to get to know people and let them know they are welcome in our neighborhood.

Elizabeth: Potlucks, craft night, Catholic charities, every Wednesday, handsongreaterportland.org

Board Member: put ourselves on that list of needing volunteers, but also sign up to volunteer with charities.

Rachel: Communications; Elizabeth and Rachel are lead, spending effort doing recruiting to CKNA and to share our resources. David who is not here is going to focus on branding for the neighborhood association, think about ways to improve the website, we can get you in touch with him

Fundraising Yashar: aside from events already mentioned (reach out to fred meyer for NNO) we want more discretionary funding. To do things like host our own events, have money for speed bumps, A lot of these things are interconnected, we want to reach out to corporate sponsors, Safeway, etc. We'd like to have business owners come to the meetings. I'll need the help.

Rachel: Things to do but don't have manpower: need new land use committee chair. Description of position, the hub for all updates on land use and sustainability issues and then report to NA. We also need Welcome Wagon take over. The gift bag of goodies from businesses for new neighbors. Need someone to collect donations, mostly a coordination position.

15 min break

8:15: Rachel commences Board meeting. We don't have to check in every month but we need to check in on a regular basis.

Board member moves to approve the October, November, January minutes, seconded by Yashar, passed unanimously.

Land use: no report but Yashar can sit in on the land use reports at SE uplift.

Can we contact Zach and see if he is ready to pass on his role and Yashar could fill this role. Or should the se uplift land use and transportation rep also be the land use chair?

Jason: I am recruiting for a new Land use rep, needs to talk about it. Moves for Yashar to be rep to SEUplift transportation seconded by John. Passed.

Treasures report: no change, same balance, 6751.70, no deposits or withdrawals. SEUplift owes us 10 dollars. We need board approval for the \$50 Secretary of State filing.

Moved to approve by John, Jason seconded. Unanimously passed.

Rachel: and food for visioning meeting. \$85.25, Will the board reimburse?

John G. Moved to approve, seconded by Jason. Unanimously passed.

Jeanne: Date for movies in the park is July 8, pending, if there may be a conflict at Kenilworth Park, and then it may be moved to Creston. Every neighborhood is allowed only one movie. PPR (Portland Parks & Rec) are being more equitable. All the money must go through PPR if you want to get their perks, because other neighborhoods were taken advantage of the situation. We can run our own fundraiser event at our table. Sponsorship will be more difficult. Having a table will be \$300. If we are giving the business any sort of reward, name on screen etc. the money has to go directly to PPR or it won't happen.

Darian: What is our fundraising goal? Can we angle that to our business sponsorships? There is a small benefit to the business but they might be more interested if they see how much impact they can make based on our goals.

Jason: of our big 3 events, 2 of them can be single sponsorship. Shifted to clean up and ideas for garage sale, giant 5 dollar pile, 3 dollar one dollar, if it doesn't sale we still dump and get money from the people paying to dump it.

Jeanne: transition back to Movies in the park, any extra money goes to PPR and not directly to us. To be specific about how much money we need, be direct in our communication to potential sponsors.

SEuplift Yashar: They are in transition, in process of hiring new Executive director. It's a huge focus of all meetings right now. I'm on the search committee and will keep you posted in that regard. The other thing is the new Reedway crossing was passed unanimously. Other discussion of Taberspace, the other property SEuplift owns. What to do with it? Relocate or sell it. It was more internal discussions at the last meeting. The issue of truck traffic on 26 is on the docket to be discussed at both land use committee meetings and general meetings.

John G: I want to add, can they move the containers across the rails, what's the investment to get a crane to move the containers.

Yashar: PBOT is scared of Union Pacific, they've been approached before about putting a bridge between the two yards, they said no way. There is a long history over this issue. There have lawsuits etc. SEUPlift, is trying to come up with more advocacy, grass routes civic response, PBOT is too afraid to do anything about it. We are in talks about rerouting the trucks.

Rachel: reconnect 24th up to Holgate so trucks can use that road. Another angles is getting in touch with air quality advocacy groups and bike advocacy groups. Diesel particulates are very dangerous to public health, if there are multiple organizations making calls and noise, we might gain some traction.

Rachel: Reedway overcrossing?

Jeanne: Can we have some time to mull this over.

Darian: I want to be supportive of other neighborhoods, but we need a comprehensive plan for our neighborhood. I can't deny them the money but I would like to have projects that we can ask for a few million dollars. I would like to revisits the 1990s visioning. To move from being reactionary to visionary and have a position that's available to the public and the builders.

We've never had a position to say were against that or for that

Rachel: Neighborhood plan process, does it still exist? Does this exclude us from making a decision on the Reedway crossing?

Yashar: There is no direct conflict with the Transportation Systems Plan.

Debate: We have other problems in this neighborhood we are not ready to support a Reedway crossing. We are not ready to come to a decision.

We want more information: How much does it cost. Are there any projects closer to our neighborhood that we can support that we would prefer to have promoted than the Reedway crossing?

YES - Holgate 41st crossing. Reedway will cost 7.5 million, our Holgate crossing will cost "small" (per TSP)

Asking the city to prioritize our projects. Darian & Yashar can write the draft of a letter.

In concept we are supportive of this project, we have other projects in our neighborhood that we need to prioritize. Darian will contact Scott Kelly about our official response. Yashar will send Darian line items on the list that will benefit the residents on our neighborhood. But we don't want to create an atmosphere of competitiveness between the neighborhoods.

Holgate 41st project is funded, we need to push our neighborhoods to support: Yashar, Darian, & John G. will collaborate on letters on transportation projects that effect our neighborhood – via list Yashar has TSP.

Jason moves that we write letters to support the projects in our neighborhood. Yashar seconds, unanimously approved.

Joanne: Add my notes from visioning meeting that I missed. I'll support with online outreach, community outreach and welcome wagon.

Jeanne moved to add Jordan to the board meeting. Seconded by Jason. Unanimously passed.

John L: potential committee development on disaster preparedness.

Darian moved to adjourned, seconded by Yashar, Unanimously passed.

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