

Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Association Meeting
July 25th, 2016
Shut Up & Eat 3848 SE Gladstone

Board members present: Joanne Shepard, David Hackney, Yashar Vasef, John Gethoefer, Rachel Davies, Darian Davies, Jason deParrie-Turner, and Jeanne deParrie-Turner

7:05 Yashar moved to approve the agenda, John seconds and passes unanimously.

Community Announcements/Show and Tell:

Pastor David from Kenilworth Presbyterian:

National Night Out potluck on Tuesday, August 2nd. Bring a side dish or dessert to share enough for 12. Reed neighborhood will join this year. Need help to set up at 4 and clean up at 8:15.

Rachel Davies:

Movies In The Park, August 12th 6p food carts, live music, climbing wall. Movie (Big Hero 6) at dusk (9:30-9:45). Free popcorn. Grout PTA bringing craft projects.

John Gethoefer:

Community policing. Response times are getting worse and worse unless it's a big emergency. Expressed the need to engage in city politics. There doesn't seem to be a lot of support from the city to the police force.

7:10 Neighborhood officer Randy Stowe: Sunnyside neighborhood was able to get a lot of attention about issues into their neighborhood. They were able to get news and city response for issues like: parking. Encourage us to talk with folks in their neighborhood about how they did it.

Hired 3 new officers last month. They will be off probation in 18 months. 40 officers are up for retirement in October. 60 police officers short now. It is demoralizing to see the lack of officers. There are some districts, which have no patrols and they are supposed to have 2 per district.

Fires and crimes on 4th of July was unremarkable in comparison to other years.

Q: Has petty theft increased? Is there a way (as a citizen) to find accurate information?

A: Homeless population is increasing and so is petty crime. Reporting is important. The more data, the better the police can respond to the issues.

Q: What are you anticipating with clearing out Springwater Corridor?

A: The initial clean up will happen. The follow up is still a question, the police force has no tools to enforce after the clean up happens.

Jason deParrie-Turner (community announcement): August 20th adult soap box derby on Mt. Tabor. Family friendly event, food carts, beer garden and volunteer opportunities.

7:30 Rob Nosse: State Rep for House District 42. Running for second term. Comes out to neighborhood association meetings and PTA meetings to check in. (Tom Crawford, legislative assistant visiting, as well)

Question: What's up with Bullseye?

A: From his understanding, the baghouse which was installed was not doing a good job. The suspicion is that there is residue from the past. Given the guidelines, it's not a cancer-causing agent as is. The DEQ is engaging in a rule making process for regulation for glassmakers. Taking public comments on what the regulations should be. Another week to comment. Federal law (title 5) for air quality. When it was written, it didn't take into account smaller manufactures. Even if they aren't under title 5, they will follow state regulations.

Neighbor states: "The truck traffic and pollution is worse than Bulls Eye.

Rob Nosse: We have the worst regulations for diesel gas in the country. If you have an engine built before 2008, they are dirty and the filter for these cars is 22k and we have 35k of these cars in Oregon. We have no idea what's going on for commercial or agriculture. California is spending a billion to mitigate. Oregon is likely spending less than 1 million.

The railroads have federal protections, which date back to when they were built. It is very difficult to change anything with the railroad.

Question: What is going on with the homeless issues?

Rob Nosse:

The state level conversation is how the state can support individual cities. There is not a stronger role on the state level.

From observation (anecdotal) haven't seen the camping/homeless issue this bad since he has lived here (1996). Not enough funds and not enough time to work it out legislatively. Looking to 2017, rent control, more money for homelessness.

Q: Are there plans for increasing addiction/mental health services?

Solving this is complex. We don't have a good mental health system. We don't pay mental health workers well. We need a major investment in mental health system. Measure 97 if passes some progress in that. We don't have a vehicle for funding. E-cigs aren't taxed. Low beer, wine and cigarette tax. Insurance companies have been lowering the rate of reimbursement for mental health workers.

Q:How can citizens help?

Rob Nosse: In the 90s we passed property tax limitations. Those constraints hurt schools and emergency response. He is in favor of measure 97. We need a larger tax base. We embraced Affordable Health Care Act but we will have a deficit in funding soon.

Q: Schools are in disrepair because of deferred maintenance. How are we going to get our schools safe and enough for education?

Rob Nosse: Because of property tax and recession, had to make decisions, which put off repairs. Parents pushing and what happened in Flint informed us to check into what is going on with our water.

There are emergency funds available (money set aside between sessions), which are typically used for fire season. The lack of repairs in schools is a state wide issue, not just a Portland problem.

Derek Metson, Greenbox Architecture: 3602 SE Francis. Existing house. Relocate a portion of the existing house to a different part of the lot and subdivide the rest of the lot. Will be put on the market (not an owner build).

Rich Newlands 20s bikeway: Construction start date early August. The direction of construction is south to north. South of Holgate, widening bike lanes to 6-8 feet. Will be parking removal, many of the land uses have off-street parking. PBOT plans to repave 28th avenue soon so the bike lanes may take about a year to complete. Diverter on 28th avenue and Holgate. Signs but no physical barrier because of bus traffic. North of Holgate, speed bumps and neighborhood greenway. New signal at 28th avenue and Powell. Disallow left turns onto 28th ave. Working with ODOT to allow PBOT to keep the bike lanes on 26th.

8:36 Board meeting: approve minutes June Darian moves to approve, Yashar seconds and passes unanimously.

Treasurer report: June and July : June balance same as may \$6398.74. July balance \$6633.74, \$75 sponsor from SUAE, \$160 Kenilworth Presbyterian.

Outreach communication: NNO Tuesday and Reed will join and have annual picnic at the same time.

MITP: Raising funds. Movies In The Park is losing money. Portland Parks and Recreation have limited what the neighborhood can give to small businesses in exchange for sponsorship. This has greatly reduced sponsorship this year. We are in danger of losing the ability to continue Movies in the Park therefore, crowdsourcing \$400 on using NextDoor and Facebook. MITP costs our NA \$980. Yashar moves to crowdsource on youcaring. John seconds, passes unanimously.

Land use: no report.

John motions to adjourn, Yashar seconds, passes unanimously.

Submitted by: Jeanne deParrie-Turner