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Neighbors West-Northwest Review Board April 14, 2010 Meeting

Attending

NWNW Board:

Frank Bird, President, NWDA
Charles Clark, NWHNA
Les Blaize, FPNA
Greg Madden, NINA
Jeff Boly, AHNA
Peter Stark, HNA
Tina Schafer, SHNA
Brian Hoop, LNA
David Owens, OTCT

NWNW Staff:

Mark Sieber
Angela Southwick
Alison Wallisch

Guests:

Allan Classen, NW Examiner
Leland Baxter-Neal, Oregonian

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2010

Motion 1: Blaize moves to approve the minutes as written. Boly seconds. Unanimously passes.

Staff Reports

- Finance Reports

Finance Committee met today, we are on track for the budget. The exception for some line items. The six neighborhoods that are not 501 (c) 3s are counted as the coalition in Quickbooks right now and they have skewed certain line items. For instance our mileage appears to be over budget because it was tilted by the purchase of a plane ticket for one of the neighborhoods.

- ONI Budget Process

NWNW staff and some neighborhood volunteers supported ONI at city council. The strategy was to give up half of small grants and ask for it to be returned in the Right Budget for ONI. Please write in to city council if you have not. There are still a couple of weeks left.



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- Fundraiser

Annual Fundraiser is happening on May 6th. A theater performance, food and drinks for \$35. This year we are also planning a pre-event block party. Raffle tickets are also available \$10 each or 3 for \$35. Please take this back to the neighborhood leadership and try to get commitments from the neighborhoods. \$3,000 of budget is from this fundraiser, with the remaining from corporate donations. Eight tickets per neighborhood is our goal. So far we've sold 13, 10 to the Pearl District. We will send forms and flyers digitally. All tickets are will-call. Great raffle prizes.

- Personnel Hiring

Hanna Craig left. We have a similar position open for electronic communications, websites and trainings including social media. It is a 30 hour a week position, without benefits. Interviews are starting now. Final interviews the week after the Fundraiser.

- Request for Fiscal Sponsorship

Neighbors for Clean Air have requested that we serve as their fiscal sponsor for two grants: Metro Central Enhancement Grant, and a NWNW Small Grant. Their previous fiscal sponsor, Oregon Center for Environmental Health, is now not in existence. Neighbors for Clean Air have applied for state corporation status but have not yet received it. They asked NWDA to sponsor them as an organization. We would not be taking responsibility for them as an organization, we would be fiscal sponsor until the grants are wrapped up. This is low risk. Money will come in two batches, and will go out in minimal payments. Approving this would require waiving the requirement in our current sponsorship agreement that we can only provide fiscal sponsorship to corporations.

Motion 2: Schafer moves to approve Fiscal Sponsorship of Neighbors for Clean Air as explained by Sieber. The current fiscal sponsorship agreement will not change. Blaize seconds. Motion Passes.

ONI Grant Draft Approval

Majority of funding comes from this grant. This is a five year grant which tells the mechanism not the amount. The grant outlines roles and responsibilities of Coalition and roles of ONI. Language tightened in most recent revision. Action items fleshed out for our scope of work. Aspirational goals were removed. Five coalition directors had a hand in this. In order for this to go forward to City Council the board should approve it tonight.

Motion 3: Blaize moves to approve the proposed budget, Boly seconds. Motion passes. Sieber will bring it back if anything changes.



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Coalition Office Support Priorities for Upcoming Fiscal Year

- Board Retreat & Survey Information

The survey that grew out of the board retreat is now closed, but we still need help from the board in developing our workplan.

Outreach-Schafer enjoys being able to contact us for help with demographics and asking questions to help with mailing lists and membership lists. Madden appreciates our help with email lists and electronic data as well as website assistance. Hoop points out Benefits in individual versus group newsletters. Sieber points out that the Examiner serves as legal notice for meetings. Hoop recommends both. Print newsletters are more feasible in small neighborhoods. Stark likes flexibility for neighborhoods and our ability to work on a specific project per neighborhood.

Board trainings- Southwick thinking about citywide trainings. Happy Hour trainings would be a draw. Owens recommends a take home training packet. Standardizing as many items as possible.

City Official Lists could be put on the website specific to neighborhoods or specific to constituents. Owens wants mailboxes provided for everyone in the city. Resources could all go there. Blaize likes Media Lists.

Neighborhoods should get their priorities cleared up. Special projects do come through the pipe. Minimum range of what people can assume they have access to staff-wise is 8 hours per week per neighborhood. Board needs to see opportunity to mix with the group and ask their neighborhoods opinions. Email Wallisch comments about questions handed out. Staff will make workplan with executive committee.

Interest expressed in changing bylaws for the coalition to institute more change quicker than the amount of staff time that would go into coalition traffic and land use committees. Bylaws changes could make it easier to have collective action in the coalition; there is some concern about neighborhoods that have differing opinions. Majority of board has to approve the bylaws, but advocacy issues require 100% approval. Owens wanted to ensure time span to temper so heated arguments don't happen. Maybe a super majority? Boly pointed out sometimes everyone agrees but they aren't here to vote. If they aren't here but organization could submit a letter from the board, we might be able to achieve collective action. Bring discussion back to board.

Neighborhood Reports

Forest Park-Mountain biking, Blaize has become badgering obstructionist. He's working to ensure that Goal 5 of the Forest Park Management Plan is followed. Questionable increase in



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use impacts the park, how does it affect resource carrying capacity. Health of park needs to be determined. Some trails grandfathered in which could be used by bikers. Single track trails are being looked at. Open House for Forest Park Single Track Cycling at Holiday Inn on April 20th. SOLV clean up this weekend.

Sylvan-Working on bullet points from grant. Lots of energy dedicated to events and outreach. SOLV clean up this weekend. Invasive weed walk coming up, movie night, national night out, zoolights, bike fair etc. Working to increase membership base is trying to be and change the logo to join the century.

Linnton- Clean up May 8th on a neglected part of NW St. Helens Rd. Actively involved with North Reach Plan four neighborhood reps spoke.

Arlington Heights-At board meeting they talked about reservoirs and publicity to get participation and response necessary to stop the cap. The city is wasting \$400 million for the destruction of water source and quality. Water Bureau is colluding with water contractors and supporting a federal rule that started this. In 2002 and 2004 Water Bureau tried to oppose but then the other rule went through. New testing has shown that our water is clear of threat. Premise of LT2 is flawed because it doesn't distinguish between cryptosporidium that is harmful to humans and that which is not. Boly put together a summary and made it more potent to try to attract more allies.

Hillside-Dealing with a neighbor that closed Macleay without notifying the neighborhood... neighbors were very angry. Got a permit but was allowed outright to close the street. The neighborhood is working with PBOT and the permit process will probably be changed so that notification is required for lengthy street closures. CRSC had significant meetings last month and met with development directors from each bureau. All were receptive especially Environmental Services because degrading the road leads to further problems. PBOT is going to run with the program and see what they can do. Working with Paul Smith going after Metro funding. Hoping for a LEED project, a hopeful first in the nation for infrastructure development and to improve the health of Forest Park and the area. Changing perception of the road will change the flow of traffic to keep use limited to the neighborhoods it touches.

NWHNA- Forest Heights having large function this Friday, Clark is attending as a guest. Clark is working to start an Association meeting to get more interest and activity the focus will be on transportation and bus service in the area.

Old Town-Spending energy trying to discourage PDC from moving out of the neighborhood. PDC's presence has increased business activity in Old Town and decreased crime because more eyes are on the street. They could potentially leave because the lease isn't favorable. But if they leave it will be in violation of a city resolution that states bureaus and offices should be housed in historic structures when possible. Drug dealing in Old Town is currently up, but the street



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crimes unit is highly present in the neighborhood putting warrants out and arresting. Five convictions are needed before these drug dealers can be put away. Alcohol Impact Area is also a contentious issue in the neighborhood, now the city is trying to make the state initiate an Alcohol Impact Area. Stumptown Comics fest is next weekend, this is a neighborhood issue because the head of the Comic association is an Old Town resident.

NWDA-Lots of things are in process but nothing is new.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM

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Next Meeting: May 12, 5:30 NW Library, 2300 NW Thurman