



## NEIGHBORS WEST-NORTHWEST

Coalition of Central Westside Neighborhoods

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Arlington Heights · Goose Hollow · Forest Park · Hillside · Linnton · Northwest Industrial · Northwest Heights  
Northwest District · Old Town-Chinatown · Pearl District · Portland Downtown · Sylvan-Highlands

### Neighbors West-Northwest Review Board March 10, 2010 Meeting

#### Approved Minutes

#### Attending

##### *NWNW Board:*

Jeff Boly, Vice President, Presiding Officer  
Dave Davis, Pearl District  
Carol McCreary, OTCT  
Gordon Huntsman, Linnton  
Michele Mass, Hillside  
Tina Schafer, Sylvan Highlands  
Juliet Hyams, NWDA

##### *NWNW Staff:*

Mark Sieber  
Angela Southwick

##### Guests

Liz Kelly, Linnton

#### Meeting called to order at 5:50 p.m.

#### Welcome & Introductions

#### Approval of October Minutes

Correction to November 2009 Minutes: Correct spelling of Dave Davis in the attending board member list.

**Motion 1: Huntsman moved to approve November 2009 minutes. Davis seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Hyams, Mass, and Schafer abstain.**

#### Staff Reports

##### *Finance Reports*

NWNW financial are still running in the black. Our new CPA is still working on the federal and state reporting. Sieber announced that that more volunteers for finance committee are needed. We are still working out the kinks of the new accounting system developed by the new accounting service.

##### *ONI Budget Process*

The City required bureaus to cut all one time dollars and 4% additional cuts. In order to make the budget balance and not cut staff, 40% of the small grants program was cut. Community support is needed to ask for the small grant funds to be restored.

##### *Fundraiser*

Southwick announced the upcoming fundraiser, another partnership with CoHo Theater. On Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, volunteers have the opportunity to watch a preview performance of *This Lime Tree Bower*. Block Party starts at 6:30 p.m.—bring cookies to share. Refreshments will be

available for those purchasing tickets to the play. Seating for the performance begins at 7:45. Theater tickets are \$35 each or \$25 for students and seniors. Raffle tickets are also available: 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25. A full house at the theater would mean 8 tickets sold per neighborhood. We need to raise \$4000 this year, which is more than a full house. Corporate donations are needed as well.

#### *Internships*

The internship program is off to a great start. Three new internships are being advertised because some of our recent interns move on to other opportunities.

#### *Survey*

Surveys are currently online: one for the board and one for the general public. The results from our workplan and budget for the upcoming year.

#### *Lease Renewal*

Currently NWNW is subleasing office space from CoHO Theater. Goose Hollow shared a lead with us, but we have not heard back. The Jefferson, in Goose Hollow, has mostly on street parking. We would not want to move more than every 4 to 5 years. At our current location, we have enough room for 5 staff. The current lease has 3 months opt out clause and our cost is about half of the current office rental rates. **Motion 2: Huntsman moves to sign the lease with CoHo Theater. Mass seconds. Motion approved unanimously.**

#### *Workplan and Budget Timeline*

April board meeting will be working on the budget and workplan to see what services might change moving forward. May the budget would be finalized.

#### *Small Grant Update*

This year's grant committee awarded 11 grants, all partially funded. The full list of grant recipients are available on our website under the "Resources" heading.

#### *Staffing report*

Hanna Craig will be leaving the NWNW staff. Finance committee suggested hiring a replacement quickly. We may look for someone that can support web development and direct neighborhood support. Hyams suggested moving into a social networking arena.

### **Communication Funds**

At least \$1500 coming back but could be up to twice that amount. Sieber proposed to:

- 1) Send out a postcard to people that don't have email addresses in our database to request their email, promote fundraiser, and to get information out about NWNW. This would cost about \$1200.
- 2) Transition the coalition website over to an online content management system (WordPress) to make website updates simpler and more flexible so any staff member can post website updates. This will cost between \$250 to \$500.

**Motion 3: Mass moves to spend up to \$500 on a web conversion to Word Press. Shafer seconds. Motion approved unanimously.**

Board suggests changing "Support Us" to "Donate" when doing updates.

## Neighborhood Reports

*Jeff Boly, Arlington Heights:* Last Thursday, hearing with the public utility board was a good example of democracy. A broad section of the community gave good testimony and everyone that spoke did not support this project. A decision will be made later in March.

*Juliet Hyams, NWDA:* Renewing the ordinance for the shared parking agreement with Legacy. The neighborhood is considering applying to PDC's Main Street Program. The Slabtown Committee is developing a neighborhood vision in the Conway area of the neighborhood. The committee will offer development ideas. Working with the Nob Hill Business Association to address parking issues. The repairs on NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue are ahead of schedule.

*Gordon Huntsman, Linnton:* Still trying to determine what will happen to the plywood mill site. The North Reach Plan went before City Council but there was a process issue: Businesses spoke a long time at the beginning and residents left before they had a chance to speak. 140 people signed the people signed the Linnton petition. Linnton wants access to the river, to clean up the river, and establish an environmental sanctuary (with support from organizations like NOAA). Neighborhood's discussing day-lighting a creek near the turnaround. BP has suggested that if they purchase the land that they may give a portion of the property to the community.

*Dave Davis, Pearl District:* 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues are torn up for the street car loop. The Loo is on hold because the Centennial Mill and the Fields Park are higher priorities. At the next meeting, the board will be discussing the Livability Committee's position paper about things like trash cans, cigarette butts, and dogs in the Pearl.

*Michele Mass, Hillside:* The city allowed a private citizen to close a street for 6 months for private home construction, including rerouting a tri-met bus, without notifying the neighbors. The Cornell Road Sustainability Coalition may get some assistance from the city to write grants.

*Tina Shafer, Sylvan-Highlands:* The Neighborhood has a new fresh energy working a lot on communications, sustainability, crime prevention, recruiting membership & soliciting new board members. They are doing several collaborative projects and events. Voted to overlap with Arlington Heights.

*Carol McCreary, Old Town Chinatown:* Looking for an official representative to the NWNW coalition. They updated neighborhood bylaws. Visions committee, with a lot of political clout, has been combined with the neighborhood's Land Use Committee. Board meetings are now meeting in a town hall format. Asking PDC to stay in the neighborhood—their employees keep shoppers in the neighborhood. Neighborhood's working on a unified communications system and thanks to two grants from NWNW, the Crier is now self-supporting. There is a new Good Neighborhood Agreement with an organization feeding the homeless and the issues have been resolved. Confused about why the neighborhood is not considered a stakeholder in the conversation about the camping ordinance. NW Examiner not making it into OTCT (but can be requested by volunteers that would like to receive it.)

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:06 PM.**