



NEIGHBORS WEST-NORTHWEST

Coalition of Central Westside Neighborhoods

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 May 12, 2010 Meeting

Approved Minutes

Attending

NWNW Board

Jeff Boly, Arlington Heights, Vice-president,
Presiding
Les Blaize, Forest Park
Dave Davis, Pearl District Alternate
Judy Gibson, Pearl District
Dave Owens, OTCT

Charlie Clark, NW Heights
Juliet Hyams, NWDA
Bryan Burch, Sylvan-Highlands
Michele Mass, Hillside
Greg Madden, NINA

NWNW Staff

Mark Sieber
Angela Southwick

Guests

Allan Classen

Meeting called to order at 5:43 PM

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of October Minutes

Motion 1: Blaize moved to approve July 2009 minutes. Clark seconded. Approved unanimously.

ONI Graffiti Grant Program

The ONI Graffiti Program earmarked \$42,000 for a citywide graffiti grant program to be administered at the 7 district coalition offices. These are funds left over from the current fiscal year to be spent in the next fiscal year. Approximately \$4200 would be available to NWNW plus an administration fee. NWNW could use the same process & committee from the Small Grants Program, earmarking some of the funding specifically for graffiti projects. Graffiti projects must be completed by September 2011. **Motion 2: Blaize moved to accept the surplus funds from ONI to supplement the small grant program with a graffiti grant program. Clark seconds. Approved unanimously.**

Extension of Electronic Communication Specialist Position to One Year

Lewis Barrett recently filled the Electronic Communication Specialist position, 30-hours per week. Currently the position is available for 6 months—NWNW bylaws requires the board to extend temporary positions longer than 6 month. **Motion 3: Blaize moves to extend the Electronic Communications position through the end of the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Clark seconds. Approved unanimously.**

Coalition Budget

The NWNW proposed budget puts us in the black \$400. It does not include any fundraising.

Supplemental Grant Funding: NWNW usually receives a small Metro grant to supplement ONI funding. Foundation grants usually require starting new programs and staffing it, instead of funding what services we already provide.

Small Grant Program: Full-funding for the Small Grants Program was not restored, though many people wrote in requesting it. If you still want the full-funding restored, you need to suggest what they would cut instead. It appears the NWNW Small Grant Program will have \$10-11,000 to distribute for the small grants program. The administrative fee is flat even though less funds will be distributed.

Good Sam Parking program has fallen off significantly. Residents are allowed to utilize after hour parking and NWNW charges a small fee to administer the program. NWDA is working with Legacy to renovate this program, including renewing the ordinance.

Other sources of income: NWNW receives a small grant to administer the I405 grant process. Interest income is down.

Expenses: Salaries are flat from last year. Insurance is down—it looks like workers compensation may go down as well. *Board requested Sieber research Safe as an alternative to current workers compensation insurance.* Rent is going up, but is currently considerably lower than market rate. The Newsletter has 4 extra pages in this budget utilizing the supplemental communication dollars like last year, reducing the communication dollars available to each neighborhood.

This is a precursor for next year, where available funds may be reduced again.

Motion 4: Blaize moves to accept the proposed budget. Hyams seconds. Fundraising discussion. Approved unanimously.

Fundraiser Report

The fundraiser made approximately \$1300 before expenses. Because our current event doesn't raise as much as we hope each year, Frank Bird will be leading a discussion about diversifying our fundraising strategies and developing realistic goals.

Neighborhood and Coalition Reports

Dave Owens, Old Town Chinatown: Next year's Police Bureau budget eliminates the street crime unit, which is the most effective way to impact the drug issues in the neighborhood. Dealers have increased. New businesses opening. A building on NW 3rd Avenue and Couch is ready to fall down. PDC may move out of the neighborhood. The elimination of fareless busses brought back crime because people are not moving between areas in the fareless square.

Les Blaize, Forest Park: Can we work on taking a vote, even if not all neighborhoods attend one meeting? (Sieber to do more research on allowing a debate at the neighborhood level and then send forward neighborhood's position onto the coalition board.) Bike open house occurred. No one knows what the health of Forest Park because the assessment hasn't been done in 15 years.

Dave Davis, Pearl District: Had the biggest turn out and largest amount collected for Polish the Pearl. There is a Greet the Board tomorrow night. The neighborhood is spending money on trash cans and butt stations—now need places to put them. Maintenance is expensive, including bags for trash cans and pet debris stations. First Thursday now takes up five blocks instead of three.

Greg Madden, NINA: Annual meeting coming up next Wednesday.

Charlie Clark, NW Heights: Clark invited to write to the paper to explain what the neighborhood is to the Forest Park Homeowners Association. A solar project may occur up in NW Heights as a way to build bridges and connections.

Michele Mass, Hillside: Peter still coordinating Cornell Road Sustainability Coalition. Plans are in the works for the 4th of July Picnic & Parade. Street still closed in the neighborhood for private construction, but no extension is planned.

Bryan Burch, Sylvan-Highlands: Holding several social events throughout the year. The Weed Walk is coming up in May and a Youth Bike Fair in June. Other neighborhoods are invited—would love to have you and your members join Sylvan-Highlands. Neighborhood's working on communicating and building our membership. Looking at requesting boundary extension from Arlington Heights.

Jeff Boly, Arlington Heights: Looking on increasing publicity around the water issue to get more people involved.

Next Meeting: June 9, 2010 5:30 CoHo Theater

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM.