



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 October 12, 2011 Meeting

Minutes

Attending

NWNW Board:

Frank Bird, President, Northwest District
Tommy Huynh, Old Town Chinatown
Scott Schaffer, Goose Hollow Foothills League
Harold Hutchinson, Northwest Industrial
Claudia Martin, Sylvan-Highlands
Peter Stark, Hillside

NWNW Staff:

Mark Sieber, Executive Director
Angela Southwick, Community Resources Program Manager
Alison Wallisch, Community Support Coordinator

Guests:

Allan Classen, NW Examiner
Jerry Powell, Goose Hollow and BAC representative

Meeting called to order at 5:55 PM

Finance Reports – Sieber

Current Financials

The budget to actual report is not ready, but we are within the budget. The spending is a little over and a little under in some categories, not by much.

ONI Budget

This year is not going to be a flat year for the budget. The ONI budget is required to report three different cut models to the Office of Finance next month. The cuts would be 4, 6, and 8 percent of the current budget. In the budget process there's a lot of talking among staff to see what cuts would be the least destructive. We don't know if it will actually be a cut year, but the Bureau is required to report possible cuts. To date the worst level of cuts has never been taken. This depends a lot on the economy.

IRS & State Filings

The reports for neighborhoods and the coalition for the IRS and state are in progress. The CPA gave a final report for the 990's and the coalition CT-12. The bid was right on for the budget \$1200-1300 for a full 990. The CPA will get the required information in the next two weeks. This is the third time we've done this with the CPA.

Bank Account Signatures

The signatures on our Home Street bank account need to change. There are legacy signers on the bank account. Bird and Sieber should be the only signatories and everyone else should be removed.

Motion 1: Schaffer moved to allow a letter to go to the bank removing all signers except for Bird and Sieber. Hutchinson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Email Archive System

So far one neighborhood has transitioned to the new email archive system, Goose Hollow. We encountered one glitch with Schaffer's email because of his secure email server at work he can't get the emails he sends because it is being

flagged by the server. We are working to see if we can operate around the glitch. In pattern and structure the board@ email address seems to be working well. If an email goes to the board email it will automatically be archived. Forest Park asked whether correspondence between two board members was public or not; according to a decision of the board in response to Classen's grievance, yes. We were asked to talk to ONI about it and they didn't know and are asking the city attorney.

Metro Grant Application

Sieber submitted a preliminary letter of interest to Metro for a new computer system so we can upgrade to Windows 7. Our operating system hasn't been updated since 2004. The ask is approximately \$2600.

Approval of September 2011 Minutes

Motion 2: Stark moved to accept the September minutes. Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed with a change to reflect one item that says March instead of June.

Grievance Appeal

Jeff is still working on the grievance appeal.

Elections Committee Report

No one from the elections committee could make the meeting.

Graffiti Abatement & Neighborhood Small Grants

Grant applications are due November 1st at 4:00 PM. Southwick is encouraging all individuals applying to meet with her this week or next. On October 20th Southwick will be taking a medical leave for a week and possibly longer.

Currently Southwick is recruiting grant committee members. So far Wayne Luscombe of FPNA and Janet Filips of NWDA are on the board. Southwick is also working with a professor at the PSU Institute for Non-profit management hoping to find a grad student to sit on the board. Southwick might contact Kaye Wolfe. If you have ideas you can recommend someone. Randy Weisberg served in the past. Stark will send an email to his board to see if there is interest. We would like to firm it up this week. Bird suggests putting it on the listserv. Sieber is answering questions about the grant in Southwick's absence.

Training Opportunities

Building Leaders, Building Your Board! Best Practices for Effective Neighborhood Associations: Southwick passed out a flyer about this workshop. The workshop is scheduled on October 27, 2011 6:00 to 8:30 PM at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in the Wistar Morris Room 1015 NW 22nd Avenue, Portland OR 97210. The workshop is good for new board members and people who have been around. There are quizzes on the ONI Standards, Scenarios and networking with volunteers in other neighborhoods. This is the result of work by all neighborhood coalitions to have uniform trainings and more networking opportunities across the city.

Coffee Klatches: Southwick passed out a flyer reminding folks about the Coffee Klatch series. The first Coffee Klatch was held about Emergency Preparedness and the second on Sustainability. These are informal gatherings to talk about successes and challenges. In November the topic is Arts, Culture and History and in January the topic is Working with Trimet, and Wallisch is trying to recruit a Trimet board member to come. This series evolved out of the board retreat and survey.

ONI Budget

Powell came hoping to mine Mark's mind about the Monday meeting because he didn't make it, but he serves as our representative to the BAC. The interesting thing about the bureau advisory committee transition to budget advisory committee is that bureau never made policy and budget makes a lot of policy. Sieber has been working with ONI and talking about changing the ONI standards and concerns about process, doesn't want a full process rather a legislative mode to look at the challenges. The budget will require work for three to four months. Budget committee at ONI is exemplar for the rest of the city in that anyone can come and weigh in and their opinions will be heard. There have been no arbitrary cuts in last couple of years and they haven't been protecting ONI at expense of others. Committee convened by ONI is working on best practices for public outreach. There is a desire that other BACs be equally open.

Neighborhood Reports

NINA- No report, the meeting was cancelled.

OTCT-Blanchet house is under new development.

HNA- A Halloween party is coming up. Cornell Road Coalition had a kick off planning a month ago the next one in two weeks. Met with planning of PBOT and transportation management and made a good pitch for significance of Cornell Road and how it can be a citywide concern. There aren't many resources in roads because they can't accommodate more cars, the portals into the city are minimal and mass transit is not being utilized fully. Bike and light rail are receiving the majority of investments. Roads are being misused but if used properly could encourage the use of mass transit. Major arterials are being hit hard by people bypassing freeways. BPS, BES, PBOT and Parks are all going to work together to suggest how to modify use of Cornell Road in subtle ways. CRC isn't going to say don't drive here but they are working to change the perceptions of people. New speed bumps are in, but right now you can avoid them by driving in the middle. They have been effective in slowing people down, but will be more effective once the signs go up indicating fines for crossing the middle line of \$250.

SHNA- The neighborhood is working on Skyline between 26 and Burnside. There are homes here and people can't back out of driveways, and the mailman is worried he'll be hit. Martin has had multiple discussions with PBOT planners and a neighborhood traffic survey was just finished to see that neighborhood consensus is asking for change on Skyline and not just the board. The board feels neglected by the city because there are no sidewalks no neighborhood parks and people speeding through. Eastside is getting tons of services but the residential hill neighborhoods aren't being served. The teams should connect. Stark mentions that Cornell road might shift traffic to other roads, so there might need to be stoplights etc. Bike lanes could help on Skyline, signage is increasing but hasn't fixed the problem. The planners are looking at a roundabout at Barnes and Skyline potentially using federal funds.

GHFL- Banners from two years ago are all handed out now. They must be visible so there is going to be a lot of footwork going to the homes and businesses that took them to ensure visibility. The banners have been featured in the NW Examiner. Other neighborhoods have commented on them. There is potential new development right next to max at 20th and Jefferson. Developer is Mill Creek and they don't own the whole lot, it is split with Trimet. It would 140 units at market rate, 6 stories tall. A few years ago the neighborhood did a vision statement on deficiencies and what they see money being dedicated to and now a Vision Realization Committee has started the next meeting is Tuesday and will be about zoning changes.

NWDA- The big issues on the table are the Conway redevelopment, the Good Neighbor Agreement with ESCO, and the mayor's parking plan. NWDA reps are working on all these issues hoping to achieve compromise.

Stark sits on Streetcar board and someone from Conway just joined the board.

6:25 PM meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting November 9th at Coho.