



Board Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2014
7:00-9:00 PM
Whole Foods, 2nd floor conference room

MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7:06 p.m. on April 14, 2014 in 2nd floor Conf. Room of Whole Foods

Board Member Attendees

Clay Veka
Diane Benson
Adrienne Cohen
Rachel Lee
Randy Ward
Michelle Ganow-Jones
Bill Youngren

Guests

Erin Brasell
Linda Wysong
Nan Stark - City of Portland, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
Susan Goracke
Brian Weaver – Portland Playhouse

Introductions of Board Members and Discussion regarding what the SCA Board and Committees Do

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Michelle moved to approve; Bill seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

We are running in the green because advertising dollars are coming in; we received a donation due to Diane Benson's landscape services.

Nan Stark (Portland's Planning and Sustainability Bureau) Talk Addressing Sabin's Concern Regarding Demolition in the Neighborhood

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NECN is very aware of the issues and is trying to address them. The City is also aware and will be holding a Forum of neighborhood associations. Trying to get some sort of notification in place. The only way that neighbors can actually stop a demolition is if there is a historic landmark that is going to be demolished. Potential incentive if deconstruction occurs. Most frustrating part is not knowing what is in the dust from the demolition of the house.

Brian Weaver

Portland Playhouse is here to stay with a long-term lease. Portland Playhouse is a community theater whose two core values are excellence (professional artists) and inclusion (trying to carve out a populace theater that is for all people). Wide range of programming that tells a wide range of stories with radically different projects. Plays comprise about 60% of Portland Playhouse and educational program (Shakespeare Festival) comprise the remaining 40%. Brian reviewed the very exciting productions for the upcoming year.

General Meeting

Meeting at Sabin School on May 12. Linda Wysong is using this as an opportunity to share Sabin residents' stories. Meeting will be kicked off with elections and other business items.

Property Tax Letter

Property taxes for a newly-purchased home should be based on the market value of the home. Voters should be allowed to approve a temporary tax to fund a specific service. Tax reform must include measures to mitigate the impact of property tax increase on low- and fixed-income homeowners.

Cara moved to approve letter to Oregon League of Cities, State representatives and NECN Schools Committee to endorse the above initiatives. Michelle seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Affordable Housing Discussion

No affordable housing advocacy groups so difficult to channel issues. Another meeting to figure out what we can do so that neighborhoods can help the situation. Should we send out a survey regarding how people in Sabin really feel about affordable housing and whether we want to put forth efforts to preserve and create more affordable housing? How deep do we want to go with this?

Summer Events

National Night Out (August 5)
Community Yard Sale Day (June 28)

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

Committee Reports -- April 2014

LUTC Committee Report

April 2014

The corner lot partition proposal that we opposed is still pending.

We are submitting a comment in favor of Mr. Kusyk's proposal to partition his three lots on 14th behind Whole Foods, and to allow him to have a garage as part of the front façade and have the front door 6 feet above grade. The owner of the corner lot has decided against requesting a partition of it at this time.

The neighbors group that had been interested in reaching out to other neighborhood associations for political advocacy around code changes has fizzled. The leader says that she doesn't have the committed volunteers to take on this campaign, and she isn't capable of taking it forward herself. So, we will not be sending out the outreach letter as the board had previously authorized. I have let NECN know that our LUTC and neighbors are interested in this issue, and Shoshana says that some other neighborhood coalitions are becoming active on it as well. So, there may be some movement happening elsewhere, but it doesn't look like Sabin folks will be spearheading anything in the near future.