

University Park Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 23, 2007, 2007

Start Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Portsmouth Lutheran

Attendance: Approximately 15

1. Introductions of the Board, Members, and Guests

2. Police Report (by Ken Reynolds 503.823.2121)

- a. In April 1995 there were 36 burglaries, in April 2007 there was 4. There were a few car prowler larcenies last month as well.
- b. Traffic has been a problem in a few areas including McKenna and Bowdoin. Problems are related to traffic using it as a cut thru, and there is a lot of excessive speeds.
- c. Graffiti update. Cases are very difficult to convict. Most of the tagging in the past couple of months have been related to the 18th Street tag.
- d. Crosswalk area is an area of concern for safety for the U of P. They are willing to partner with the City to make any improvements that are possible.

3. Committee/Chair Reports

- a. Chair Update (by Fletcher Trippe):
 - i. Alternate plan for N. Precinct has been discussed and proposed. There will be another open meeting with Chief Seizer will be held in the next couple of weeks.
 - ii. This Wednesday the N. Portland Tool Library is having a fund raiser at the White Eagle. ½ of the proceeds will be donated, and prizes will be handed out.
 - iii. Monday, May 6th, the St. Johns Pub is donating ½ of the proceeds to the Sauvie Island schools.
 - iv. No UPNA General Meeting will be held in May due to Memorial Day.
 - v. All are welcome to the May Board Meeting to discuss the Summer Event.
 - vi. No notification has been given to UPNA for the new restaurant, University Grill, at the old McDonald's site.
 - vii. Playground improvements: wood structures will be replaced by the end of May.
- b. University of Portland (Jim Kuffner):
 - i. Women's team played the Canadian National Team and over 4,300 attended.

- ii. The OSU baseball team is playing the Pilots tomorrow at 3:00pm.
- iii. Improvements are underway for the Chiles Center / Merlo Field area. Will include: 1) a new turf for the practice fields, 2) breezeway between practice fields and Merlo Field, 3) improvements to the entrance and addition of restrooms of Merlo Field. All improvements look to be within the limitations of the current Master Plan.
- iv. Annual Commencement, the largest event of the year, is coming up on the first weekend of May.
- v. No more than 15 high school graduations will be performed this year at the Chiles Center. If two events happen on the same day, there is at least 3 hours between, and additional litter & parking patrol are implemented.

4. Speaker/Guest Topics:

- i. Carol Colinmoar, a representative from the office of Jeff Kogen, new city commissioner. Here to talk tonight about a new Library in North Portland. Levy passed in 2006, funds will be available in 2009 for new libraries in N. Portland and Troutdale. Levy is only for staff, books, etc., no funds are set aside for the building itself. Siting process has started for 5-6K S.F. space in existing building, or mixed use with easily accessible handicap parking. Mike Sublet, w/Multnomah County is leading the effort for siting, and is currently looking at 30-40 sites. Public input will be asked for after the selection process is narrowed to about 10-15 sites.

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- a. Phil Tavernier: will be working on the newsletter to present a draft at the upcoming Board Meeting.
- b. Greenway Travel: a week ago Friday, the committee took Councilman Dan Saltzman on a tour of the path. Reaction was positive, but need a push from the local community to push for the completion of the Wadds Bluff Trail. Have about 2 years to get it completed, otherwise, it will be about another 4-5 years to get it completed due to the upcoming construction projects in the area. Go to the web site npgreenway.org for updates.
- c. An invitation will be extended to the new owners of the house on Monteith and Oberlin, who are renovating it to reopen it as an elderly care facility.

- d. Those interested in assisting in the Summer Event, and cannot make it to the May 14th Board Meeting, contact information for Jen will be posted on the web site for those that want to volunteer.