

Lents Neighborhood Association

Minutes for General Meeting, April 26, 2016

Lents Activity Center (Seventh-Day Adventist Church)
8835 SE Woodstock Blvd.

Chair Kyle Linhares called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and the board introduced themselves.

Citizen Communications

Vicky Oglesbee, from the Holgate Library, shared the upcoming selection for the book club (*Angela's Ashes*) and information about upcoming events, including workshops on earthquake preparedness (5/20, in Vietnamese), making felted beads (5/14, for adults), and cooking around the world (5/22). Bill Stewart, from the Portland Pickles, shared information about the coming season. Opening day will be June 10, and four fireworks displays are planned for the season.

At-Large Member Gary Primack asked if movie in the park attendants could still bring picnics, and Stewart said they could.

Primack and Barbara Bader asked about parking and encouraging public transportation; Stewart admitted that parking would probably be an issue and confirmed they will encourage alternative transportation.

Michael Cummings shared information about the Multnomah County review committee, which is considering topics including term limits, the election or appointment of the sheriff, and the way in which the committee itself is formed.

Ashley, a representative from REACH Community Development, shared information and flyers about the group, a nonprofit that works to provide affordable housing in the community.

Paul Trakarn introduced himself as a neighborhood real estate agent and invited attendants to share in food he had brought.

Carson Gorecki encouraged attendants to join the final event of the Lents Strong project, sponsored by Livable Lents and Green Lents, to be held at Wattles Boys and Girls Club on 4/28.

Steve Madsen, from the Lents Seventh-Day Adventist Church shared information and flyers about their vacation bible school and planned summer events that focus on health issues.

At-Large Member Raymond Hites shared information on the 82nd Ave Parade of Roses and carnival at Eastport Plaza, on 4/30.

Reports

Land Use Chair Cora Potter stated that while no new land use issues have arisen, she had recently been contacted about the possibility of the LNA joining a current lawsuit against the city. This will be discussed further at the next board and general meetings.

Neighborhood police officer Steve Wuthrich introduced himself, spoke about crime in Lents, and answered questions about current enforcement policies, including the single point of contact number for homelessness issues.

Public Safety Chair Robert Schultz spoke about the issues of homelessness and safety in Lents, and expressed concerns about exclusion from mayoral meetings on the issue.

Schultz made a motion that the Lents Neighborhood Association be included in any future discussions of homelessness policy with the mayor's office; Acting Vice Chair Judy Low seconded, and the motion **passed**.

Wuthrich also shared flyers with citizen referral phone numbers and answered questions about current enforcement policies. He stated that the one point of contact number was being used for any homelessness issues, and that specific concerns, including emergencies, crimes and abandoned

vehicles, would be better addressed to different numbers.

Acting Transportation Chair Clinton Garner stated that there are no new updates on the Foster Rd project, and the 82nd Ave rapid transit project has been postponed.

Linhares updated attendants on the Spring Clean Up, sponsored by the LNA, being held 5/7 9am-1pm and handed out flyers with waste disposal container locations.

Oglesbee stated that other neighborhoods had stopped holding clean ups for liability fears; Linhares responded that volunteers will be on hand to prevent illegal dumping.

Action Items

Potter made a motion to accept the March 2016 minutes as submitted, Garner seconded, and the motion **passed**.

After introductions and a discussion about filling board vacancies, Primack expressed concerns with transparency and board position availability, stating that he wants more neighbors involved.

After a spirited discussion and gavelling, Wes Wolfe made a motion that there should be a discussion to better understand the position of the Lents Neighborhood Association and the role of the board within it; Linhares seconded and the motion **passed** unanimously.

Primack then made a motion to approve Judy Low as Vice Chair, McElligot seconded, and the motion **passed** unanimously.

Linhares made a motion to approve Clinton Garner as Transportation Chair, Potter seconded, and the motion **passed** unanimously.

Linhares updated attendants on the problems with ilovelents.com and need for a new, possibly temporary domain name.

Potter made a motion that the LNA register and use lentsneighborhoodassociation.com, Mary Oxford seconded, and the motion **passed**, with Low and Schultz opposed.

After discussion, Linhares made a motion that the Will Gardner will be paid for his work on the website only after he attends meeting to explain it; Schultz seconded, and the motion **passed**, with Low and Potter abstaining.

Informational Items

Bader introduced Albert Zayha, Katherine Salzmman and Jennifer Jones, who spoke about air quality issues in Portland. They spoke about the methods used to test for air pollution and shared maps that showed the areas of greatest concern, including high levels of arsenic in northwest Lents. They also shared contact information for air quality groups, including Southeast Portland Air Quality and Eastside Portland Air Coalition.

Linhares adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Attendants: Joanne Luchini, Kenneth Luchini, Christopher Luchini, Brian Robinson, Jessica Long, Dan McElligot, Carson Gorecki, Heather Northup, Jennifer Ordaz, Wes Wolfe, Rusty Bonham, Joseph Foss, Barbara Bader, Katharine Salzmman, Albert Zayha, Jennifer Jones, Carma Crimins, Jenifer Young, Vicky Oglesbee, Joyce Beedle, Michael Cumming, Robert Culver, Paul Trakarn, Melissa Stocking, Kailey Herren, Raymond Hites, Ashley Ehlers, Richard Monahan, Steve Madsen, Robert Schultz, Gary Primack, Brittney Jacobsen, Heather Chapin, Cora Potter, Judy Low, Kyle Linhares, Clinton Garner