

Lents Neighborhood Association

Minutes for General Meeting, September 23, 2014

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

Roll Call, Introduction and Citizen Communication

Chair Jesse Cornett called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and attendants introduced themselves.

Amanda Gerace shared information about Chinook Books available for sale to support the Lent Elementary PTA.

Theresa Swett shared information about the Earl Boyles School making flu shots available.

Board Elections

Candidates for the positions of Vice Chair, Public Safety Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and two At-Large seats introduced themselves. Ballots were distributed and collected.

Reports

Transportation Chair David Hyde updated us on the 82nd Ave Improvement Coalition and the Foster Powell plan. Land Use Chair Cora Potter reminded attendants that the Portland Comprehensive Plan was available online and accepting comments and there would be a forum at Parkrose High School.

At-Large Member Raymond Hites shared information about the Lents clean up on 10/18 and the next issue of the EPNA newsletter, coming on 10/1.

Cornett announced a new Lents events email that would be going out monthly, and a Lents Grown meeting on 9/30 about business district improvements.

Action Items

Membership Chair Rose Mary Colorafi made a motion to approve the minutes from the October general meeting, and Theresa Swett seconded. Hites made a friendly amendment and the motion **passed**, with amendment.

Cornett shared drafts of letters of support for Community Livability Grants for the NAYA generations project, a mural on the south side of the Working Class Acupuncture building, and a Community Orchard at 87th Ave, with further explanation about the mural and orchard from Potter and Alison Hilkieh, respectively. After a discussion of the letters, Hites made a motion to send the letters of support as written, Swett seconded, and the motion **passed**.

Kimm Fox-Middleton, from Portland Public Schools, spoke about the use of Marshall High School as a temporary location for the Franklin High School in 2015; the issue will be discussed further at the next general meeting.

Cornett shared the election results:

Vice Chair- Joan Chakwin

Public Safety Chair- Noah Patraw

Treasurer- Natasha Banks

Secretary- Heather Chapin

At-Large Member- Amanda Gerace

At-Large Member- Will Gardner

At-Large Member- Raymond Hites

Informational Items

Trena Sutton shared a proposal to the Lents Neighborhood Association to establish a sanctioned rest area to be located in the Lents neighborhood, including some details about the proposed area and code of conduct.

Joan Chakwin, Swett, Potter, Vern Henry, Diane Mass and Will Gardner asked about specifics of the proposed rest area, and Erik Benson expressed concern about potential safety problems.

Officer Greg Baldwin came to express approval for the proposal, in part because he stated it would be easier for the police to find individuals when necessary.

Patraw and Chakwin spoke about recent crimes in Lents Park.

Galina Burley, from the Parks Bureau, handed out cards and encouraged people to call the park rangers to report suspicious activity.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz spoke about the need for increased resources for parks. She encouraged attendants to support the bond measure 26-159, which would replace the previous bond at the same tax rate. She assured attendants that, if the bond passed, most new development would be in East Portland, and improvements would be made on local parks including Lents Park's playground equipment.

Potter made a motion that the LNA draft a statement in support of the Portland Parks bond measure. Banks seconded, and the motion **passed**.

Meeting was adjourned by Cornett at 8:52pm.

Attendants

Ron Jackson, Amanda Gerace, Brenda Durbin, Trena Sutton, Theresa Swett, Will Gardener, Alison Hilkieh, Norm Butler, Heather Chapin, Raymond Hites, Ptery Lieght, Kimm Fox-Middleton, Cora Potter, Ashley Campbell, Eliza Davison, Michael Cummings, Robert Culver, Veronica Robeson, Chris Cartensen, David Hyde, Wendy Foster, Noah Patraw, Joan Chakwin, Rose Mary Colorafi, Sarah Groshell, Galina Burley, Graham Phalen, Diana Bass, Erik Benson, Alan Linhares, Bryce L Tomlinson, Vern Henry, Barbara Bader, Laura Cartensen, Erin Starner, Logan Mitchell

Submitted by Heather Chapin and approved with amendment 10/28/14