

## **Lents Neighborhood Association**

Minutes for General Meeting, March 24, 2015

Lents Activity Center (Seventh-Day Adventist Church)

8835 SE Woodstock Blvd.

Chair Jesse Cornett called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

At-Large member Raymond Hites made a motion to add nominating a member to the EPN board to the agenda, and it **passed**.

Attendants introduced themselves.

Cornett spoke about a series of burglaries at local business, and updated attendants on the efforts of the Portland Police Bureau. He introduced Crime Prevention Coordinator, Mark Wells, Public Safety Chair Noah Patraw and two local officers to discuss the cases. The break-ins have largely occurred between 11pm-8am, tools and evidence have been left behind. There has been no increase in residential burglaries.

Mark Wells recommended homes and businesses get a security review, and recommended that people call the police at any sign of an attempted break-in, even if it was unsuccessful.

Patraw recommended increased lighting, including motion lights.

Vicky Oglesbee recommended the security review and suggested modifying landscaping to increase visibility.

Wells also spoke about the Springwater Corridor Trail, where two park rangers have been assigned to patrol natural restoration areas. Of approximately 90 active campsites, rangers have successfully helped 60 move voluntarily. Funding for the rangers will end 6/30 ; Wells suggested advocating with the city to keep these rangers and add police presence.

Harry Sampson expressed frustration with relocating people; Membership Chair Rose Mary Colorafi reminded attendants that we had discussed solutions, including low income housing, at previous meetings.

Land Use Chair Cora Potter made a motion that the LNA send a letter to the city council and Amanda Fritz asking to continue funding for the rangers on the Springwater Trail. David Hyde seconded, and the motion **passed**.

## **Citizen Communications**

Vicky Oglesbee, from the Holgate Library, shared information about the Book Discussion group, held the third Saturday of each month, and passed around *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep*, this month's selection. She also informed attendants of the many mobile apps available at the library, including Hoopla, and shared a flyer for April/May events.

Hites distributed copies of the EPNA newsletter and made announcements: the next issue of the EPNA newsletter will be in the mail April 15; the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave of Roses Parade will be 4/25 at 9:30am, and Rebecca Stavenjord and Li'l Lentils will be coordinating the LNA float; the East Portland Sunday Parkways will be on 5/10, 11-4pm.

Cora Potter made a motion to approve up to \$200 to buy bike friendly, Lents themed merchandise to give away at Sunday Parkways, Education chair Natasha Banks seconded, and the motion **passed**.

Harry Sampson shared his concerns with the plans for a minor league baseball team to move to Lents park. Cornett gave some information about the team and assured attendants that parking, noise and other concerns have been addressed.

Sampson would like to see notices about future LNA meetings posted at Fred Meyers.

## **Reports**

Transportation Chair David Hyde said that the steering committee for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave Improvement Coalition will meet 3/30. He also shared that Potter and Colorafi had sent a letter to the city about the

dilemma of Ellis St.

Potter encouraged people to get involved in the outer Powell safety improvement project, and recommended they go to [outerpowellsafety.org](http://outerpowellsafety.org).

Lauranne Kealiher spoke about the difficulty of crossing at 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave, even at marked crosswalks. Banks suggested pedestrian safety flags could be stationed on each side of the road.

In the Land Use update, Potter noted that people were concerned about lot divisions, but said that unless it is a type 2 or 3 review we can have little effect.

Barbara Bader asked if there was a way to comment on development; Potter answered that only type 2 or 3 get into land use decisions, where the LNA could write a letter of support or disapproval.

### **Informational Items**

Cornett announced that on July 19 the LNA would sponsor a Movie in the Park, Goonies, funded by Walmart, with entertainment by School of Rock and Portland Teen Idols.

The Lent Street Fair will be held 7/26, 12-5pm. It is being organized by Events Chair Amanda Gerace, and Li'l Lentils will be organizing a Founders Parade.

### **Action Items**

Natasha Banks nominated Ray Hites to serve on the East Portland Neighbors board, Colorafi seconded, and the motion **passed**.

Cornett shared information about neighborhood way-finding signs, featuring neighborhood landmarks, as recommended by Nick Christensen. Attendants discussed prices and avoiding vandalism. Potter made a motion to approve up to \$200 for the signs, Banks seconded, and the motion **passed**.

Geoff Rosenberger spoke about the Lents girls softball team, and shared information about their gofundme page and upcoming rummage sale to raise funds for a trip to California. More information will be shared in the LNA newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Attendants: Geoff Rosenberger, Nancy Tingley, Angela Reinhold, Michael Smith, Natasha Banks, Barbara Bader, David Hyde, Lauranne Kealiher, Robert Culver, Michael Cummings, Heather Young, Kelly Fitzpatrick, Rinny Lakin, Harry Sampson, Richard Monahan, Rose Mary Colorafi, Mark Wells, Joanne Davis, Bill Chapin, Raymond Hites, Richard Christman, Alys Allwardt, Kari Scheese, Lara Storke, Kelly Grace, Rebecca Binford, Zac Reimer, Vicky Oglesbee, Doug Wilder, Jesse Cornett, Cora Potter, Noah Patraw

Submitted by Heather Chapin and approved 4/28/15