

Lents Neighborhood Association

Minutes for General Meeting, August 27, 2013

Lents Activity Center (Seventh-Day Adventist Church)

8835 SE Woodstock Blvd.

Roll Call and Introduction

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:04 and attendants introduced themselves.

Citizen Communication

Ray Hites announced Johnson Creek Days, September 20-22, including a Children's Discovery Carnival in Lents Park on September 21, bike ride, fun run and Edible Weed Walk.

Education Chair Theresa Swett reminded us of the Day in the Park Monday, September 2.

Vicky Oglesbee, of Holgate Library, announced the September book selection The Warmth of Other Suns, upcoming Ereader help sessions, and a lecture on Forgotten Portland History, October 1.

Announcements

Christensen announced 6 board positions to be filled: Chair, Vice Chair, Land Use, Education, Transportation, and Membership. Ballots need to be completed by September 17. Current chairs reviewed their responsibilities:

Swett, as Education Chair, has connected with schools and set up box tops and labels fundraising.

Cora Potter explained that Land Use chair keeps up with land use notifications, talks with neighbors about concerns, notes code violations and gets information to development services.

Teresa Fettig, Transportation Chair, represents the LNA on transportation issues, working with groups on 82nd Ave and the Powell corridor.

Christensen explained that Membership Chair is responsible for recruiting and encouraging meeting attendance, Vice Chair assists the Chair and sets the agenda, and the Chair acts as a facilitator, representing the community and working with elected officials, community groups, and others.

Christensen also announced a continuation of the, supposedly resolved, dispute over a boundary overlap with Powelhurt-Gilbert.

On the issue of homelessness in the Lents neighborhood, Christensen announced that ODOT plans to landscape the area under 205 at Foster.

Sam Freeman reported on plans by ODOT, in conjunction with PPD, to clean out campers from the Johnson Creek camp, where they had established a large, but unhealthy and unsafe camp. Campers will be given notice, JOIN will participate to help relocate individuals, and ODOT will landscape the area there to discourage future camps.

Reports

There are no changes to report by the Treasurer and Land Use Chair.

New Business

Richard Christman made a motion to accept the minutes from the June General Meeting, Theresa Swett seconded, and it was **passed**.

Christensen reported that a number of groups were looking for letters of support for Livability Grants, including the Urban Grange (endorsed at the August LNA board meeting), Portland Mercado, and the Wickman Building. Attendants discussed supporting the expansion of the Earl Boyles School.

Cora Potter questioned the size of their request, in contrast to smaller projects without alternative

funding options.

Rosemary Colorafi spoke positively about their previous presentation to the LNA.

Heather Chapin expressed concerns about their willingness to work with other community groups.

Christensen made a motion to endorse Earl Boyles, with a letter that expressed concern over the size of the request.

Richard Christman moved to amend the motion, endorsing the application up to 30% of the funds available (\$180,000).

Motion **passed** with 8 in favor and 3 opposed.

Dan Peterson of the Native Wellness Committee spoke about building a Community Health Center at the Naya Family Center on Columbia Blvd, requesting a letter of support for their receiving a \$100,000 Community Livability Grant. They plan to renovate the building, adding a lab and three exam rooms, employ a nurse practitioner.

Public Safety Chair Alpha Hayward asked if the clinic would serve all, or only the Native population, Peterson replied that it would serve all.

Richard Christman made a motion to support the application, Theresa Swett seconded, and the motion **passed** with 9 in favor and 1 opposed.

Cora Potter asked for a letter of support for a \$20,000 grant to create a mural on the south wall of the Working Class Acupuncture building, with the rest of the funds crowd-sourced or in-kind donations from the community.

Heather Chapin made a motion to support the application, Ray Hites seconded, and the motion **passed** with 9 in favor and 1 opposed.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm

In attendance:

Nick Christensen, Dan Peterson, Sam Freeman, Richard Monahan, Rosemary Colorafi, Tama October, Ashleigh Normeal, Raymond Hites, Theresa Swett, William Chapin, Heather Chapin, Vicky Oglesbee, Katharine Fletcher, Richard Christman, Michael Cumqs, Robert Culver

Submitted by Heather Chapin