

Minutes for the TCAP **BOARD MEETING** held 25 November 03,
In Columbia Cottage, 4339 N. Lombard, Portland, OR
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The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairperson, Susan Landauer.
Attending: Edna Riddle, Susan Landauer, Bill Vuch, Patt Opdyke, Helen Warbington, Scott Jensen, Lisa Horne, Jeanne Knepper, Leslie Esinga. Visitors Gyrid and Dick Hyde-Towle, from Bridgeton neighborhood, were invited to present ideas for increasing meeting attendance. **A quorum was present.**

Minutes of the October 03 Board Meeting were reviewed individually. It was noted the date of the November meeting was incorrect. **MSP** to approve the minutes as corrected. **VOTE: Aye** – Unanimous; no abstentions.

Treasurer's Report: Jason, Treasurer, sent a verbal report that the balance was the same as last meeting, or \$1770.34.

Land Use Committee Chair, Patt Opdyke presented an update on the St. John Center/Lombard Main Street project. She listed some of the changes in the plan, and suggested there should be more residential focus in the plan between Woolsey and Fiske Streets. She suggested that reducing minimum density so that it would be closer to an R2.5 for the entire area. Additional discussion was held regarding ideas to increase interest by developers and businesses. She said that TCAP could identify areas where investments might be beneficial.

Patt asked the group to think about the possibility of having TCAP host a meeting with representatives from affected neighborhoods. The purpose would be to encourage and stimulate more interest in the Lombard Plan. Patt agreed to compose and send a note to the neighborhood association chairs inviting them to send a representative. **MSP** to approve Patt's sending a memo to invite all neighborhood association chairs to bring this idea to the attention of their membership. **VOTE: Aye** – Unanimous; **Naye** – none; **Abstentions:** none.

Increasing attendance at our meetings: Our guests, Gyrid and David Hyde-Towle, talked with us about their success in getting large turnouts for their meetings. They have two membership meetings a year. On one large social event, they had 300 attending. They reported they have 50 attending their membership meetings. Gyrid explained that in order to get people involved, you often need to contact specific people, individually, with a definite request for their assistance. They have had several successful contacts with the Port of Portland while working with them regarding the noise of planes flying over their community. Port representatives provided some funding for a large social event involving families living in their neighborhood. Both David and Gyrid shared their ideas that also included a successful event resulting from 15 people agreeing to go door to door, involving 360 houses, to invite residents to a large picnic. They suggested finding commonalities, and following through with letters which ask for help either in time or funding. Taking risks is also necessary sometimes. They suggested sending lists of ideas to membership in order to get feedback. Ethnic food at picnics is also a good way to encourage involvement.

TCAP board members expressed appreciation for their time, effort, and energy spent in sharing with us, and asked them to consider coming back sometime to participate in event we might hold.



Goals, Strategies, and Action Ideas: Patt said that some of the board members have not returned their ideas for priorities and asked that we help by getting our preferences to her in the next week or less.

Next Forum, 02 December: Discussion was held to come up with ideas for the December Forum. Some discussion included the suggestion to cancel the meeting since there were no specific program ideas, others wanted to have a focus on a holiday party. The latter was chosen. Lisa, PCDC, will compose and mail a post card, Helen will run the pages of labels and give to Susan. Jeanne will bring a jar of jelly beans, hold a contest to guess how many are in the jar, with the winner getting the jar as a prize. Lisa, Susan, and Scott will help decorate, arrange for snacks, and prepare the meeting space.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Next Board Meeting will be 27 January 04.

Respectfully submitted by Helen L. Warbington, Secretary

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