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PNA Board Minutes
5/19/09 7:00-8:30 PM
Community Education Center, 4625 N Trenton

Present were: Officers Greg Wilhelm, Chair; Rachel Burdon, Vice Chair; and Matthew Denton, Treasurer. Also present were board members Diana Bartlett, Jeanne Knepper, Susan Landauer, Sam Thompson, and Mary Wheeler. Stephen Leiker was on vacation. A quorum was present.

Greg called the meeting to order about 7:05. He addressed our lack of a secretary. Diana volunteered. Jeanne made a motion to appoint Diana as secretary with the stipulation that board members will share note-taking responsibilities. Mary seconded. All voted yes

- Land Use Committee
 - The Lombard Branding Process is stalled on deciding on a name for our Lombard business district. An early choice by a group with representatives from PNA, University Park NA, North Portland Business Association, and the Alliance of Portland Neighborhood Business Associations, and the University of Portland was “University Park District.” Then someone suggested University Place, which has gained popularity. Our May 6 Forum favored University Park District. There is a goal of having sign caps by this summer.
 - Many entities are requesting expansions of the ICURA (Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area.) A recent contender is the Rose Quarter area, which would like money for a new Convention Hotel and a baseball stadium. Matthew will write a letter saying that PNA is opposed to the expansion.
 - Richard Ellmyer is contesting the Conditional Use hearing for Bridge Meadows. He claims to represent the neighborhood better than PNA. The hearings officer has continued the matter and will make a decision later.
- Events
 - Susan suggests we sell or give away something like water at the Summer McCoy Concerts to interact more with the audience.
 - PNA had 10 people who walked, pushed strollers, and rode bicycles in the St John’s Parade. Rachel wants to organize a float next year.
- Communications
 - Sam plans the third edition of the PNA Newsletter for the fall. Rachel agreed to maintain a list of active members, which will drop people off after three years of no contact. Susan wants an effective email list for contacting people about meetings and events.

- Livability
 - Stephen is absent. There will be a Dumpster Day at the Eagles lot May 30 from 10 to 2, in cooperation with University Park NA.

County Commissioner Jeff Cogen would like to meet with PNA regarding ideas about the vacant Clarendon School.

Greg gave us a quick run down on how we are performing against our January strategic plan. We have accomplished much, but can do more with community outreach and building our volunteer base.

We reviewed our committee system, and renamed the Board Development Committee as Community Outreach. Mary volunteered as Chair, with Rachel and Diana. Approval was unanimous.

We talked about our last general meeting. Suggestions were: a circle or horseshoe seating arrangement, a timed agenda, having attendees introduce themselves, name tags, evaluation sheets, a flip chart for people to write their concerns, or ask people to state their concerns.

New Business

Mary invited us to an Anti-Racism training, and invited us to join her in visiting other neighborhood association meetings.

Matthew says the Lombard Streetcar is back on Tier 2, and is 20 years out. They want to do MLK first.

The meeting adjourned about 8:45.

Susan Landauer
Acting Secretary