

Crestwood Neighborhood Association Minutes

Wednesday, September 14, 7 PM, 2011
West Portland United Methodist Church library
4729 SW Taylors' Ferry Rd.

John Prouty, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Introductions

In attendance: Darien Reece, John Prouty, Jim Ure, Leslie Baird, Linda Niles, Tony Hansen, Bill Bennington, Mopsy Ballard, Pam Harrell

Agenda approved with one change from Darien. She wanted to talk about resigning as a board member.

July minutes approved with several changes: Add names to attendees: Jim Wilcox. Change spelling of Laurel Kitzke to Laurie Kitzke. In parks section, make these changes to survey area: 172 people surveyed, 84% approved, 16% in opposition. Go to Crestwood website (not SWNI website). Change spelling of Leslie's name to - Leslie Kausbau (Community Garden Coordinator). Add Laurie Kitzke's name to Steering Committee and delete Chris, Kris and add Carrie Smith in that same sentence.

There was a quorum

Treasurer's Report – No Treasurer's Report

No Visitor Reports – Community Policing Officer or Outreach Coordinator

West United Methodist Church Community Garden – Bill Bennington

- History – This property was owned at one time by the Bartrick family. The church obtained the property and the house was demolished.
- Goals of the garden: feed the hungry – “Produce for People” program through Neighborhood House, involve the community.
- Expenses: \$7,000 for water hook-up – 9 spigots added. \$1600 operating budget. They will take in donations also, to offset expenses.
- 54 plots: 200 sq. ft. for each community plot. 18 inches of good topsoil. There will be 4 corner plots used for “green waste” – mulch from dead plants, etc. Chain link fence will be added around the garden. Maps of owners' plots will be given to plot owners. Plots are staked out. Owners need to include pathways in their plots. Raised beds will not be available to community plot owners but may be available to long-time church members.
- How will the church choose plot owners? Priority will be given to church members, people who are sponsored by church members, people who live close to the garden and persons who are willing to participate in the “Produce for People” program through Neighborhood House. If CNA wants to participate in the program, then they will receive priority also. One person can own up to 2 plots.
- Rules: No dogs inside fence. Water will be available – 6am to 9pm – only need 1 inch of water a week to maintain garden.
- Cost of plots: \$40 per season for community plots. Plots will be tilled 2 times a year – Spring and Oct. Plot owners can grow extra food and donate to the Neighborhood House (“Produce for People” program). Plot will be free if you are going to donate all of your produce for the “Produce for People” program. Neighborhood House will receive 4 free plots. They will need to find volunteers to work the plots.

- Good time to apply for plots – sometime in December, 2011 or January of 2012. The church will advertise in January with large banner on church. Contact info: westportlandumc@qwestoffice.net. A garden plot request form can be obtained via e-mail.

Audit/Embezzlement Discussion

- No info about audit or Ginny Stromer issue at this point in time. Leslie Baird agreed to e-mail Sylvia to possibly find out more info. John Prouty said that until Ginny is prosecuted and the case is closed, SWNI may not be able to obtain insurance monies.

Dickinson Park/Community Garden Discussion

- Steering Committee has not met.
- Concerns about the Garden have been posted to the Crestwood Web Site. Jim Ure has created a page which mentions good points about having a garden at the park.
- Parks dept. sent 7 people out to review the park for the garden. They reported that they could not support the idea of placing a garden at the bottom of the park. Reasons for this: there is no parking, steep hills, not good access for heavy equipment, park policy that a garden should not be placed with 100 ft. of a natural area.
- Jim is reluctant to move forward on the garden project if there is no support for a garden at the top of the park.
- Discussion from Tony Hansen about concerns for placing garden at top of park: vision for park doesn't fit master plan vision, don't like the idea of a fence around the garden, the top of the park is very wet in the winter time, lack of parking at the top of the park.
- Tony Hansen agreed to meet with parks people in the winter time, February, to tour the park and discuss concerns about placing the garden at the top of the park. These findings should be well documented.
- Jim Ure wants to hand over the project to someone else to lead this discussion in the future.

Dickinson Park Stewards – Tony Hansen

- Work parties will start up again soon.

Transportation – Linda Niles

- Taylor's Ferry Rd. – change of speed to 30mph. Linda has sent an e-mail concerning this matter to PBOT and ODOT. Andrew Sullivan answered the e-mail and turned down the request. He sited that the average speed of 85% of drivers is 40mph. He did not think that lowering the speed would make an impact on drivers.
- Walgreens building where Castle Video is located – no news on when it is going to be built. Design of traffic lanes will be impacted. Walgreens will add a sidewalk along Taylor's Ferry along gully up to first house on TF
- Fence Issue on TF – property owner (near fence) says that City will not allow them to build a fence. Walgreen's may fix the fence when they construct a sidewalk next to it.
- 1 project in Southwest Portland (Regional Flexible Fund) - The Barbur Demonstration Area, from 19th to 26th Aves (ped, bike & streetscape improvements) - was rejected for funding by the city in favor of a Bike Sharing plan in downtown Portland.

National Night Out Event

- Nice Event

E-mail discussion

- John Prouty and Darien have been trying to find out password of G-mail address so that John can receive the e-mails. They are now forwarded to Darien. Obtaining password isn't possible, so it was agreed that John would create a new e-mail address that we would use.

Ashcreek Joint meeting

- Oct. 27, 2011, 7pm at Multnomah Art Center. We will talk about joint ventures, news, etc.

Small Grants

- It was agreed that Tony Hansen would write a grant for Movies in the Park for next summer. We can discuss the event and what movie choices there are at a future meeting.

Board Members

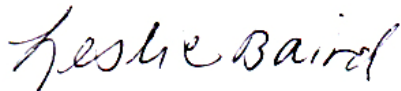
- Wes McMullen does not live in the neighborhood anymore and Darien Reece would like to resign her position. There was a motion to elect Tony Hansen as a new Vice President. Motion passed.

Barbur Concept Plan

- Walking tours - Sept. 22 and 24. Meeting – Sept 28 at Tigard Library. The meeting will cover transport -regional high capacity transit, stormwater investments, changes to city policy and zoning. For more info: www.portlandonline.com/bps/barbur

Meeting adjourned at 9pm by President, John Prouty

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie Baird, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Baird".

Next Meeting: November 9, 2011