

**Monday July 7 2014**

**BNA Board & General Meeting**

**Agenda**

7:00 Intros

7:05 Minutes

7:10 Public Comment/Announcements

7:25 Police Report

7:35 Committee Updates

7:50 Chair/Officer Elections

8:10 National Night Out

8:25 Trash Can Project

8:35 Miss St Fair Report

8:45 Adjourn

**Attendees:**

- Board Members: Ted, Kay, Jessie Blanchard, Chris, Noah, Katy
- Others: Katy Asher with NECN; Bill McGee, New Seasons Manager; and Portland Officer Oscar Haase
- Neighbors: Ed Shiang, John Paul Castiaux

Not enough board members for quorum to pass any motions or do elections.

*Absent Board Members:* Karis, Stephen, Lupin

**Officer Oscar Haase**

- Recent gang activity uptick in North Portland, mostly the MLK, Killingsworth and Columbia area. Police have limited resources. Night shift: 15 officers from St. Johns to Gresham from 1-84 North. Afternoon shift: 22 officers. Compared to other cities of our size, we are incredibly understaffed, rank near the lowest. Portland has under 1 officer per 1,000 citizens.
- **Operation Cooldown** is in North and East Portland, trying to stop gang activity before it happens. Opens it up for questions and concerns.
- Kay asks what she can do to put signs up to discourage illegal parking blocking the alleyway. Officer H. says we can put up our own signs on our own property. Parking issues are not a priority for officers, because of their low resources.
- **Project Respond** deals with people with potential mental health issues.
- It is important to call the police non-emergency line or reach out. Anyone can ask for a ridealong.

**Public Comment**

- **Noah:** Talked to Tam who owns the Williams Street Market on the corner of Fremont and Williams, who removed his trash cans because they are overflowing too quickly, and he has to deal with graffiti almost every day. Now there are no trash cans on Williams at all.
- **Kay:** Speaking of graffiti, the Miss/Sippi apartment building was hit with red paint all over the electric meters. They cleaned it up the next day.
- **Bill McGee, New Seasons Williams Store Manager:**

- South of New Seasons will be a mixed use, 5 floors of condo apartments, underground parking for residents, street parking for retail space. Sierra Construction Group. Have weekly meetings with foreman. Sierra paid for the crosswalk safety staff person, the City paid for the crosswalk painting, and New Seasons put in the signage.
- New Seasons donates their extra food to employees, then to Sunshine Division and Oregon Food Bank. Hardly any food goes in the landfill. Most goes home with the staff. They considered our suggestion to provide discounted bruised/older food just for this store, but decided not to, because of the benefit it provides to their employees.
- All commodities have gone up in cost: fuel, produce, meat, organic flour and others.
- **Katy Asher, NECN:**
  - Think about in the coming year - between now and next year - how you want to spend your \$1K communications funds. The funds for the next year will become available on Aug. 1.
  - **NEXT STEPS:** Karis and Katy will send our plan to NECN.
- Chris asks if the folks that put on the **Concerts in the Park** (part of the **Summer Free for All** program from the Parks department) ever ask for feedback, because he lives near Unthank Park and the concert the other night was incredibly loud. Katy A. suggests he reach out to them by finding their website's contact info. Also, Paul Van Orden is the City Noise Ordinance Officer, and lives really close to us in Eliot. We can talk to him. You can also measure the decibels yourself by using a \$1.29 smartphone app, so you can put a number on it. Paul has said the best way to make a complaint is the online form, not calling in. Jessie has noted that the Parks seem to move the programming around from year to year to see what works best. She suggests we ask for free lunches and request no more loud concerts, since that is more appropriate for our park.

### Communications Updates

- After trying to use CoolerEmail for the first time, Katy recommends we move to a much easier to use and more up to date, widely used email management system: MailChimp. Ted notes that while CoolerEmail is old, it can program to send out at a point in the future, keeps record of the activity. **Note:** Since the meeting, Katy has looked into MailChimp's features, and it can do those things, plus much more. She emailed a list of features around as part of a Communications Plan and Protocols document and no one has had any objections, as of a week from sending.
- Katy Asher notes that NECN uses **Google Apps** and **Constant Contact**, and that she moved her neighborhood's (Arbor Lodge) email list to Mail Chimp.
- **NEXT STEPS:** **Katy will work on migrating our CoolerMail email database to MailChimp.**

### Land Use and Transportation Committee Updates

- At last LUTC meeting, heard two presentations from developers. Vancouver and Shaver lot with Loren Brutz Construction will get 70 apartments with communal kitchens in hallway and kitchenettes. First communal living building in our area. 4 stories tall, courtyard. LUTC thought it was alright with no specific complaints. Stepped down roof on NE corner to allow light to houses. Courtyard will be shared by business and residents. Front seated area under overhang on sidewalk. Large indoor biking. They will start at \$900-\$1,000 for a studio with communal kitchen access. *What would be some issues to talk about if we see a trend toward micro apartments?*

- The other development is next to the old Tropicana restaurant (soon to be the People's Pig). Will be 7 or 8 stories tall with a woodsy waterfall theme.
- **Lifeworks** is having an **Open House on July 24**. Lifeworks is on Mallory and Beech. Their tenant rules are restricted to women with one child, and at least two drug-related convictions. They are one of the shining anti-gentrification stars in our neighborhood.

### **SALT Updates**

- Katy is working on putting together **National Night Out**. She created an online survey and flied neighbors in the area south of Unthank Park to see if anyone wanted to host a block party instead of doing the party in the park, and if they were interested in having it on a Sunday afternoon/evening so it could go longer.
- Jessie Blanchard notes that getting more involved with the community is a main reason she joined the Board and is interested in National Night Out.
- As of minutes being completed on 7/22, Katy has decided that based on feedback, she will keep National Night Out on the traditional date of August 5, which is a Tuesday, and hold it as always in Unthank Park. This is so people that expect it to be on that date and in that location will not be disappointed or confused. She will work with other neighbors to have block parties with other themes and to promote a sense of community.
- **Save the date! National Night Out: Tuesday August 5 from 6-8 pm in Unthank Park.**
- Katy will send out an EventBrite invite to the email list, the board, and promote on Facebook and Nextdoor. She is also gathering volunteers to put the event together, and potentially flier. She's also looking into logistics for mailing fliers.

### **Board Appointments**

**Ed Shiang:** Interested in joining board. Lived in neighborhood for 3 years, in OR for 7-8 years. Civil Engineer by education, expertise is in environmental engineering, semi-retired. Owns a house on Kerby between Beech and Fremont. Just got a real estate license.

**MOTION:** Ted nominates Noah and Ed for the board, and Kay seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

**Welcome to the board, Noah and Ed!**

**Note:** We now have quorum to do Officer Elections.

### **Officer Elections**

#### **Chair**

**MOTION:** Noah nominates Ted. Ted accepts. All in favor, motion passes.

Background: Ted was Chair Fall 2011 - Spring 2013. Wants a Co-Chair. Just wants to do meeting facilitation, but doesn't want to fill in for officers that are slacking.

#### **Co-Chair**

Kay nominates Ed for Co-Chair. Ed accepts.

**MOTION:** Kay moves, Noah seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

#### **Treasurer**

Karis emailed to say that she wishes to remain Treasurer. Kay nominates Karis in absentia, Noah seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

#### **Secretary**

**MOTION:** Katy self-nominates. Ted seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

#### **LUTC Chair**

**MOTION:** Stephen emailed to say that he wishes to remain LUTC Chair. Ted nominates Stephen. (Didn't catch who seconded) All in favor, motion passes.

#### **At-Large Members**

#### **SALT Committee**

**MOTION:** Kay nominates Katy W., Noah seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

#### **Communications Committee**

**MOTION:** Noah nominates Katy W., Kay seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

#### **NECN Representative**

**Note:** This representative's role is to bring issues of Boise neighborhood forward to the NECN Board of Directors and also brings back news to Boise. They must attend both meetings (total of two meetings a month) and acts as a conduit. We can have two NECN reps. This is separate from the NECN LUTC and SALT NECN meetings.

**MOTION:** Katy moves Lupin in absentia fills this spot as she had indicated interest and Noah seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

**7/22/14 Note:** Since this meeting, Lupin asked for excused absences in advance as she isn't sure she can make it to many BNA meetings since she is also part of an NECN subcommittee. Expectations are that Board members will attend all meetings, and as NECN rep, should attend all meetings. Lupin then decided to step down as NECN rep.

#### **Other Business:**

**MOTION:** Ted moves to write a letter of appreciation to Tam, the owner of Williams St Market. for the trash can effort. Kay seconds. All in favor. Motion passes. Ted will draft the letter.

#### **NOTE:**

BNA is skipping August for regular meeting, as our Bylaws state. See you in September!  
Land Use is on July 28th at the Q Center.