

Meeting Minutes-February 4, 2008  
Mt. Scott-Arleta NA

*Board Members Present:* Shawna Fuller, Walt Nichols, Alyssa Agee, Marla Turner, Bryan Agee, Scott Vala

*Neighbors and Guests:* Harry Reeves, Amy Krog, Ruthann Bedenkop, Dustin Freemont, Ted Ooyevaar, Dan Coughlin, Havilah Ferschweiler, Allyson Spencer

Meeting called to order at 6:pm.

Approval of Minutes: Alyssa makes a motion to approve minutes. Marla seconds. All in favor. No nays and no abstentions. December and January minutes approved.

Police Report: Officer Gandy could not make it this evening. Mandatory training going on this evening.

Crime Prevention: Restructuring precincts and SE precinct consolidated and we would be absorbed. Police Bureau putting on meeting about Precinct Restructuring on Feb 11 at 6pm at Holy Trinity Greek Church. Proposed boundaries would not include full neighborhood. Districts don't necessarily match the neighborhood boundaries. Potentially part of our neighborhood could be in East precinct and part in Central. Downsizing from 5 precincts to 3. Condensing back to 1994 when we only had 3 precincts. Not cutting a lot of positions, not cutting cars on the street or programs. Two other options are on the table. Please look on the bureau website for more information. Potentially save \$3 million and save jobs, not buildings. Please attend informational meeting.

US Census Jobs: Dustin, hiring for the census has begun and it's a fairly easy process. Take a brief 30 minute multiple choice test to qualify. Will be testing every day through February and into March. Local number to call if interested in applying 503-205-8370. Looking for local organizations to donate space for testing. Does any one have suggestions? Test at Southeast Works this coming Friday but it is completely booked. Anticipated time commitment is variable but generally about 20 hours a week with the possibility of getting into the 30s.

#### Monthly Reports:

*Mt. Scott Community Center:* A thank you was sent to the NA via the center. Reptile Man is going to be at Family Night on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. Entertainment will start at 6pm. Swimming and skating starts at 7pm. Busy time of year for the center. Most rooms have activities going on in them. Molly just recently introduced about 24 teen classes. Fitness program is going really well and the fitness room has been very busy. Group personal training is now available.

*SEUL:* Cece resigned last month and her last day was last Friday. We now have an interim director, Paula Manley. Today was her first day on the job. She will also be the search manager for the new director. Changes going on at SEUL. Budgeting could cause the communication money given to NAs be cut entirely.

“When Controversy Comes to your Neighborhood” meeting is next Wednesday, downtown. We will be discussing the renaming of streets at this meeting.

Partnering with several coalitions to start discussions about upcoming changes (growth, class issues). Not looking for an outcome at this point but want a series of conversations. First talk is Feb 26 6:30-8:30pm Multnomah Friends Meeting House.

Land use committee is now called the Livability Committee is meeting third Monday of the month.

Scott asks about neighborhood interests/requests, if that's still in process? Ruthann says it is but it's just temporarily shelved and is being reintroduced and is called the Neighborhood Engagement Group. Will be contacting neighborhood leaders soon and roll it into strategic planning for next three years.

Scott was wondering if there has been any movement with the ONI mission statement reworking? Ruthann hasn't heard anything but she'll look into it.

*Library:* Two book discussion groups. Page Turners meets monthly on the Third Wednesday of the month at 6:45pm. The other book club is called Beyond Fact and is put on by OMSI and they bring in their staff and local scientists. You have to register for Beyond Fact but Page Turners is drop in.

Lunar News Year celebration over 450 people attended. Quite a success. 5 lion dancers and several were also volunteers at the library. Sandwiches from Best Baguette. Crafts focused on the year of the ox. Vietnamese dancers in traditional costume but dancing to a hip hop beat.

*Treasurer:* Phyllis is not present tonight. \$41 on supplies for last month's family night and made \$37. Slow night. Got reimbursement for last August's Party in the Park was received. \$264 on childcare was paid. \$4022 is our total right now.

*Land use:* Nothing going on right now.

*Transportation:* Nothing new right now. Walt mentioned the streetcar proposal to put one on Hawthorne that runs along Foster (same route as Bus 14) but we're not sure what progress has been made on it. 82<sup>nd</sup> and Powell streetcar proposals were dropped.

*Website:* Let Marla know if there's things to post on the site. Arleta Elementary is having an art fair/art walk and they're wanting artists to showcase their work and this is something that can go on the website. Scott asked if we posted about the Family Night? Shawna will send a blurb to Marla to make sure it gets on the site.

*Triangle Project:* Triangle project received a grant and Sarah will be on the agenda for March to talk about what progress they've made lately.

Vote to spend communication money: Scott would like to know what we're spending the money on before we vote on it. He's a little uncomfortable about voting on something so broad. Whatever we don't spend gets. Motion to table this until we discuss neighborhood branding.

Vote to Partner with FoPo for annual May clean-up: Bryan moves to partner with FoPo. Marla seconds. All in favor. No nays and no abstentions. Motion carries.

JoAnn is stepping down after this year's clean-up and looking for someone to assume role next year. She has one coordinator from FoPo who would like a co-coordinator for next year.

Neighborhood Branding--

Bryan moves to form an Identity Committee. Marla Seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. No nays and no abstentions.

Bryan suggests delegating the process of the display to the Identity Committee. Bryan suggests that we set a monetary limit.

Shawna and Walt would like to be on the Identity Committee. Henry is also on. Scott is also interested in participating. Alyssa move to set budget for branding display at \$100 . Henry seconds motion. All in favor. No nays or abstentions. Motion carries.

Block Party-- Are we having a block party this year? If so, March would be a good month to begin discussion about it. Lets put the block party on the website. Marla suggested that we mull over it and come back next month with ideas.

Dan suggests making shakes and selling them and then donating the money to the association. Met with general approval.

Do we have volunteers to help with concessions. Henry is available. Shawna and Walt are also going to be helping. Amy will also take a shift.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Submitted by Alyssa Agee