

Meeting Minutes-April 1, 2009
Mt. Scott-Arleta NA

Board Members Present: Shawna Fuller, Walt Nichols, Alyssa Agee, Scott Vala, Phyllis Shelton,
Neighbors and Guests: Vicky Oglesbee, Ruthann Bedenkop, Officer Jenni Baxter, Sarah Stacy
Iannarone, Mariya Coughlin, Cait Irvine, Stacie North, Jeanne Kraje, Tiffany Gates, Harry Reeves

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes to approve at moment.

Police Report: Officer Baxter Reorganization is moving forward due to budget cuts. May significantly affect police service. Final decision to be made in May 2009. Abandoned auto program being disbanded.

Tiffany Gates Illegal Dumping Concerns: Assistant Solid Waste Planner from Metro. Metro covers three counties and roughly 25 towns. Own zoo, manage recycling, owns/manages parks and some cemeteries, planning for Tri-met. Here to talk about illegal dumping. RID Patrol 2 trucks/2 trailers manned by corrections officers and inmates. We pick up couches, tires, appliances. The sooner you call, the better. One item generally attracts more fairly quickly. RID response time is same day or next business day. They prioritize based on content. If you see syringes/hazardous waste please mention when you call. Illegal dump on private property cannot be cleaned up by RID but they can investigate the site and pursue issuing citations. Alleys, right-of-ways, sidewalks are all part of their territory. 503-234-3000. Any recycling questions should use the same hotline. Annual clean-up day seems an appropriate day to advertise/educate about RID patrol. Can you leave brochures? Can call/email Tiffany for more informational brochures. Hearings take place at metro. We have hired hearing officer.

Clean-up: Mailing flyers for clean-up half sheet/NA meeting times/also info on Block Party. We get about 150 vehicles through and we could accommodate more cars. \$1250 cost for 3900 households. Scott thinks it's a very steep amount to pay for mailing and using our entire communication budget. Sarah thinks yard signs and banners may be more strategic. Worried that there are neighborhoods we never reach and think the mailer may be a good way to reach them-Walt and Shawna. Woodstock isn't doing one this year so we could increase numbers just by advertising in that area. The flyer needs to be well worth the cost. What could be added to flyer to make it more compelling? **Walt makes a motion to fund the mailing for May clean-up. Henry seconds. 8 in favor. 1 opposed. 2 absentions. Motion carries.** Bring banner for Block Party to advertise. Sarah will come to spread awareness for arleta triangle project.

Monthly Reports:

Mt. Scott Community Center: Spring Guide just came out. Summer camp guide will be out this week. Summer general guide will be out in a few weeks. Adding more programs (skateboarding, rock climbing, sports) to get kids in off the street. 6-11 years old. Teen programs are on the cutting board in the budget right now so we won't know until July whether there'll be continuing. Scott suggests sending comments/supporting the teens. Brochure will be in collaboration with Sellwood CC to save money and reach a larger crowd. Largest attendance last summer and we intend to up it by 50,000. **Scott makes motion to send a letter to commissioner about concern over cutting teen program. Phyllis seconds it. All in favor. Motion carries. Scott will write it.**

SEUL: Southeast Uplift is offering Facilitation trainings. First one will be April 22. Relevant for any board member, not just chair. First session will focus on facilitating effective meetings. Every one is invited to attend.

Had a Meet n' Greet for Mt. Scott-Arleta/Brentwood-Darlington/Eastmoreland/Woodstock/Reed last Wednesday at Mickey Finn's. Shared challenges as neighborhoods and highlights of the area. Will be having another one in the near future. Can keep every one in the loop. Send out email.

Library: 3 volume set Portland and its history and its builders located in reference at Holgate Library. 82nd ave roses parade on April 25th. Outreach to the hispanic community geared especially for children.

Treasurer: \$1100 in communication fund that we haven't spent at the moment. \$3825 in account right now. Did not do the family night last month so there are no transactions.

Land use: Nothing.

Transportation: Nothing.

Triangle Project: Really busy winter. Wrote a lot of grants. Got 2 out of 3. We got a small neighborhood grant \$1250 from Southeast Uplift. Might be able to bid for some money left over from last years small neighborhood grants. The \$1250 is dedicated to signage/community kiosk. Originally asked for \$4900. Can also be used for alternatively powered lighting. Permits are issued and ready to go. Solve grant will provide \$150 for materials and volunteers and the triangle will be part of the Solve May 16th clean-up. Will be looking at re-submitting grant proposal for around \$20,000 to other foundations/organizations.

Problems with the cob wall. Thinking about using what remains to build a living wall. The project as a whole lost a lot of momentum last summer when volunteers where tapped out with other projects and we were stalled by permits and budgeting issues.

Sarah suggests that we consider matching the Southeast Uplift grant with money from our communications budget to help with signage/kiosk. Will host some meetings about how this signage should look.

Neighborhood Branding-Carried over to next month.

Block Party: general budget is between \$700-\$1000. kickball tournament? Other neighborhood involvement? How can we make the event more intentional? Neighborhood for all ages. Incorporate youth/adult/seniors. Entry fee to kickball tournament? Soil and water conservation plant sale. What about rose society? What about community picnic? Big Band and dancing! That would draw the seniors! **Form planning committee. Henry, Phyllis, Scott, Cait, Shawna, Alyssa.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Submitted by Alyssa Agee