



## **Kenton Neighborhood Association**

Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

7:00 p.m.

### **Attendance:**

Call to Order: 7:04p.m.

PSAC fourth Wednesday 7p.m. at the Firehouse, Ken will be absent. If someone can be here, that'd be good.

Add amber Hollingsworth to the email list.

### **Secretary's Report- Melissa**

Check your emails for notes

### **Treasurer's Report- Angela Moos**

Over email.

Communications: Thanks to everyone who turned in their articles on time. Is the newsletter the best use of \$\$ now that we will not be having a meeting. Larger meeting in June. Announce in the newsletter. Notify all residents. Bi-laws specify two general meetings.

Land Use: Abbasi Design Group; Lift- first project. Buildings that fit into communities and neighborhoods. Planning this project since about July. Demographic appeal to, working downtown but lower rent in North neighborhood. Closed on the deal last month. January 20<sup>th</sup> salvage as much of property, demolition the rest. Nice apartment building unique and special for this area. Whole section unintentionally developed. Prime spot to begin. Make this corridor more pedestrian friendly. Integrates well with MAX stop. 7532 N Interstate Avenue. Micro-retail, appealing to someone maybe a food court. Explore the connection with Nature; eco-roofs. Choosing materials that show-case this area. A building that will age and become part of the neighborhood over time. No parking available, did investigate parking. 33% street parking. Targeting a younger demographic, not a lot of space for an aging one. Most of the units 500 sq. ft. who tends to end up in smaller, less-expensive places. Not being able to park can be isolating. Banking won't let larger 30-40 spaces to build without parking. Syncs up so well with transportation the MAX and bus. LIFT development, developers and partial owners. Professional management company will manage. Holding the building, not selling. Property management and good team. NOT build it, sell it, and get out, we want to stay around. Required elevator for more than 3 stories.

Community Outreach voted on image for graphic design t-shirt contest.

An article saying some neighborhoods have an issue with Wal-Mart, we embrace it. Maybe Wal-Mart will come here and talk to us. Take this next month, review the article in the tribune and decide if we'd like to have Wal-Mart come here and speak with us.

Walmart gave money to groups. Very active in community support in general. Willamette week in Large group discussion. Management of advertising, conduit to resources, letting others know

8:10 Sewer Update: contacted consulting firm, no longer Ann Marie Garcia. Amy Heggs. Invite her to meeting, advertise to the public. Large concerns regarding the number and style of sewer work; questionable paving, etc.

Monthly or weekly updates depending upon what we'd like and need. Following up about McClellan and Denver. As soon as we hear from her, we will put up on Facebook and website. Farmers Market and Street Fair will be built into the contract.

**Noise-** Robert. Various entities involved

No gates or spurs. Reading the regulations takes us out of both the night-time or other quiet zone. If the Frontage Road crossings are public, someone is in charge of those, they should have lights, because they are unsafe. Whether a crossing can be deemed private if it is used infrequently.

Who owns the road on each side. There is some idea DOT mitigation that is tied in with the MAX line. Noise or other environmental mitigation toward other projects in the neighborhood.

Looking in to see if there is any mitigation funds.

City maybe could take on the liability at a particular crossing.

There may be some diagnostic team meeting feds, railroad, state, KNA, etc. even so, three out of four

**Livability-** Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> meet to begin discussion about the Spring Clean-Up.

9 am January 26<sup>th</sup> the last Sunday of this month, meet at the corner of Posie's walk over to Fenwick and Interstate, meat packing displays. Clean-up the leaves and maintain that area. Talk to the rest of the team and plan out the next couple of months. Post to facebook and website.

8:21 Angela and Alex working together to stock up on gloves and maintain cleaning supplies and materials.

SOLVE is offering free trainings for how to lead volunteer groups, feedback, follow-up, advertise. Alex will report back about Village School.

Another in the neighborhood but determining where it will be put.

### **Public Safety**

*Emergency Preparedness-* Sad panda. ☹ We did not receive the Enhancement Grant. 16 were accepted to move on to the next stage. On the website this coming Monday. NET program PBEM-Portland Bureau of Emergency Management. If there was an event tomorrow, how do we organize, meet, etc. Third Monday of every month, meet at the Firehouse. Call-down, phone call and text message to activate. 25-26 identified, trained members. Beacon site. Novick and see the facility. St. John's has been very involved. But, we need established protocols on where to meet, etc. Create outreach communications. Physical capabilities irrelevant, you can get involved as you are.

Portland Village School- public school that wants to be better neighbors. June meeting at Portland Village School? Reaching out to the schools.

GNA is complete and we are at the signing phase. Available from Meegan if you are interested.

Oregon Solutions- Tina Kotek helping facilitate. Oregon Solutions; one of the possibilities is air monitoring equipment installed in NoPo. Trying to put into initiatives, so we can decide what chemicals we are breathing in and who are the primary polluters.

8:31 Niki received email from Parks individuals from Columbia Park are excited partner on the summer concert series.

8:34 Big street paintings, etc. Meegan will send an email. Village Building Convergence; murals, etc.

8:37 Adjourned