

Piedmont Neighborhood Association

Board meeting minutes

October 20, 2016

Attendance: Max Brown, Brian Borrello, Deanne Gomez, Kristen Saxton, Tom Griffin-Valade

1. General meeting agenda; meeting scheduled for Oct. 27, 2016 7-9pm  
June Key Delta House

1.1. PNA board announcements/current affairs/diverter plantings: Jan de Leeuw, etc

1.2. Kerby parking updates: Judy Farmer

1.3. Review of past accomplishments and "What is a neighborhood association" activity: Brian Borrello

1.4. Annual PNA board elections:

1.5. Crime prevention task force: Sophia

1.6. Neighborhood Watch: Danno

1.7. Sewer repair updates: Matt Gough

1.8. Yes on Measure 97 presentation (10 minutes with time after meeting for further questions)

1.9. Steven Gomez development project

2. Meeting location: The Peninsula Park Community Center, where we were holding our monthly board meetings from 7-9pm, is now closing at 7pm. They may be able to make special accommodations and open the building for our meetings, or we need to find a new meeting location. Discussed, but not decided at this meeting

3. Tom Griffin-Valade (with North Portland Neighborhood Services) was present to discuss our questions/concerns regarding our need for general support from the City of Portland, Commissioners, etc.

3.1. Tom suggests we invite Amanda Fritz and other commissioners not only to a meeting where they answer questions, but perhaps to a neighborhood walking tour where we share our neighborhood highlights, talk about what it is like to live in Piedmont and ask for support for the things we identify as needs

3.2. Regarding participation via social media versus in person participation at meetings/events/advocacy opportunities: We discussed the pros and cons of social media as the avenue where people discuss neighborhood issues. It allows for mass participation and generation of ideas/goals, but follow through with accomplishing tasks/getting things done is challenging as there is no one person taking the lead and managing tasks to be accomplished. We could work toward engaging all interested neighbors to take on the tasks they are interested in. The neighborhood association is not necessarily a group of folks who take requests and then get those things accomplished, rather, a group of folks who can direct neighbors to the best contact source and encourage and support those neighbors to find the resources to accomplish desired goals.

3.3. We may want to have a visioning process and spend time figuring out what our mission is for the coming year. How much can we do? What are the time/skills/resources needed to accomplish the desired tasks? What do we believe? Who is doing the work? What is the best way to encourage follow through? How can we engage different groups within

the community as we once did with June Key Delta House?

3.4. Is it time to consider restructuring our meeting schedule? How many meetings do we really want to have each year? How do we want to focus on our two tracks of civic engagement and community development?

4. In 1998, Piedmont NA switched from NE Coalition of Neighborhoods to North Portland Neighborhood Services for reasons that made sense at that time. Do we have more common interests at this point with NE Coalition? Do we want to consider returning to that group of neighborhood associations? Something to continue to research and discuss.

5. Our next General Meeting is Thursday 10/27 from 7-9pm at the June Key Delta House. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!!