

Parkrose Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

January 15th, 2019 -Russellville Grange

(Draft)

Attending: Annette Stanhope, Doug Armstrong, Michelle Kimble, Liz Fernley, Debra Duquette, Vira Cornell, Brook Balocca, Elizabeth Lechner, Sean Lechner, Lea Rivera

Quorum Present: Yes

Minutes of previous meeting date: Yes Approved? Yes

Meeting Notes

7:00 Welcome and Introductions

7:02 Citizen Communications:

Sean inquired into if Fork and Spoon is still open, have appeared to be closed when normally open. Neighbors report it has been open as far as they know.

Michelle reports that Chaba Thai looks close to opening.

7:05 Historic Parkrose Update

Michelle gave an overview of Historic Parkrose and their work. Long-time director Mingus recently left and a new director has been hired. Kate has also left for a new position. Currently HP has two staff, their new Executive Director, Seile Tekle and Annette Stanhope as the new Community Outreach Coordinator.

A new bar called "O' Dear" is going into where Gihooligans was. O' Dear received a 50k grant for remodeling the store front and agreed to have a more family friendly model with minors being allowed until 9pm.

HP Is looking into increasing green scaping on Sandy Blvd. Walk through scheduled in March with PBOT and maybe city repair to find ways to make Sandy Blvd. better for pedestrians and placemaking.

Motel 6 permits expired and had to be resubmitted; it is not clear when groundbreaking will happen.

Son of the former owner of Catalina has expressed interest in opening a new restaurant in their building.

Vera inquired into houses along Sandy Blvd. near 112th regarding overgrown blackberry bushes and poor conditions of the houses. Annette provided information about code enforcement. It is unknown if the houses are occupied by renters, squatters, or if they are empty.

7:19 Crime and Safety Update

Secret Rendevouz update: code violations have been noted and they have been sent a letter to pay for permits which have gone unpaid. They have been recently sent a fine for non-payment. Not as much activity has been noted around the business. It is unclear what will come next.

Dance studio is still in operation on 105th/Sandy. Building owner is hoping to open a pawn shop on the lower level of the building. Many of the buildings on the block are unreinforced masonry which may be an issue in the future.

The community-based crime prevention grant has been stalled due to the government shut down since it is a federal grant. It was approved so it should resume after the shutdown.

Ron Carlson is still around Parkrose area often near the shell and bargain store, over to Argay.

No major incidents have been noted by neighbors, other then the usual activity along Sandy Blvd.

7:35 Board Minutes and Treasury Report

Minutes and Treasury reports from October 2018 approved.

7:39 Neighborhood Newsletter

Discussed with neighbors regarding price of a newsletter. Elizabeth L. offered estimates through her company. \$800 for black/white mailing and yard signs.

7:50 Bulky Waste Clean Up

Tentative Date May 11th

Sandy Blvd Clean up tentatively scheduled for Feb. 9th to due severe need.

Update: Parkrose is expected to get garbage cans for the neighborhood. Art has been submitted by the high school and students were also polled about their interest for the Metro land project. Students expressed interest in a place they could go to hang out such as a bowling alley.

7:58 Land Use and Transportation (LUTC)

Review of PBOT projects for the next 5 years. Several projects are in the pipeline, including sidewalks, bike lanes, enhanced safety crossings, and more. Funding from a variety of sources including federal grants, funds from the marijuana tax, etc. Shaver will not be getting a sidewalk, the grant from ODOT did not come through. Expected improvements near Prescott elementary not being completed either.

PBOT put bike lane on the overpass on the West side after requests not to do so due to safety. Doug contacted ODOT and was able to talk to a safety personnel about this issue. Staff that works on this overpass was also unclear as to why a bike lane would be placed by the overpass ramp. Concerns regarding two way bike lanes.

Many neighbors concerned with safety issues of the 102nd project. Neighbors are not ready to write an opposition letter yet but will keep asking for clarification from PBOT. Will address in February.

50+ miles of unimproved roads will be completed in Portland. Parkrose has at least 3 unimproved roads that should be completed in the next 3 years.

8:26 Parkrose/Argay Farmland Development

Open house to learn about the land involved in possible development. Neighbors got to provide feedback about what they would like to see in the neighborhood. An online survey is also available. A link to this survey has been posted on the PNA's Facebook. So far neighbors have expressed wanting to keep the barn, to save views of the mountains, entertainment, coffee shops, smaller specialty grocery stores, a mix of housing types and support families (e.g. 3 bedrooms). Another presentation will be in March or early April with early sketches of what is in mind for the property.

8:30 End Meeting