

## Mill Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

July 23, 2018

6:30pm commencement

In attendance: Trevor, Meredith, Dawn, Heather, Emily and Victoria from Americorps, and Caleb from the neighborhood.

The board meeting commenced at 6:30.

Agenda:

Previous meeting minutes - deferred

Financial update. Our treasurer was not present and the previous account balance of account \$2539.12 is assumed; \$951.15 will be the allotment for the upcoming year (- business license and DMA donation = \$651)

**Victoria with Americorps** representing Plaza 122 – a Mercy Corps directed group, but, very East Portland focused. It allows residents in East Portland to begin ownership in a piece of property and build equity for business or ownership in general.

Loss protection – Mercy Corps holds the guarantee from the bank and are guaranteed a 2% dividend per annum. Shares can be purchased for min \$10 and max \$100 per month, like a subscription; shares can be sold and cannot be sold for less than their original worth. The project is geographically restricted; 97216, 230, 233, 236 can invest. There is a class requirement for people, 2 4-hour Saturdays to become eligible to invest.

She is interested in connecting with more neighbors to bring awareness to the project. We discussed having her come back to the general meeting next month. They are looking for 300-450 people. There are about 45 currently and the shorter-term goal is 100 by the end of the year.

Victoria also discussed plans to have an “Eat and Greet” in the parking lot at Plaza 122 hopefully by the end of September.

Meredith made a motion and Dawn seconded to offer financial support to the Eat and Greet, amount pending more information about need. The motion carried unanimously with votes from Trevor, Meredith, Dawn, and Emily.

**Division Midway Alliance Festival of Nations** 9/16/18 11am – 5pm; There will be music and food representing several cultural backgrounds in the neighborhood. Dawn is part of the leadership team to develop this and will be looking for volunteers –

new business –

- 1) Budget discussion: the main focus of the meeting is to begin the process of creating a budget for this coming year and events to hold. We need to spend \$651 for the coming year. We have roughly \$3000 to work with (+\$500) from Neighborhood Clean Up.
- 2) Neighborhood Clean up – does not use these funds as people are making donations for their deposits. The money for that goes to EPNO and we have about \$500 in a separate account. Perhaps we could have a monthly clean up with SOLVE and purchase/provide coffee/baked goods for the volunteers. There is a vendor on 109<sup>th</sup> and Powell to inquire with.

We discussed the idea of creating a multicultural event inviting food vendors, musician, performance and other artists. This might be a one time event that we plan in advance, or it could be in the form of a Farmer's Market, possibly in conjunction with the Community Garden project at Gethsemane.

- 3) Nick Fish is now the commissioner in charge of the parks and PBOT in place of Amanda Fritz. He would like to hear from residents about what their priorities are, such as development of Mill and Midland Parks. We should consider posting on Facebook and Nextdoor to have residents encouraged to write him with to make a bigger impact. Nick Fish [nick@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:nick@portlandoregon.gov).

Adjourn 8:00pm