

Mill Park Neighborhood Association General Meeting

January 28th, 2019

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm. In attendance: Trevor, Caleb, Heather, Violet, Emily, Meredith, Sam and Kelly with the board, April with Joint Office of Homelessness, and 5 neighbors. April Joint Office of Homelessness, Director of Transition Projects, Jay Scroggin, and John McVey, and Karen Rhein with Department of Community Justice, Victoria with Mercy Corps and the Plaza 122 project, Kathy Page with Central City Concern, Matt Olgin representing Wy'east Shelter. 20 people in total attended.

Agenda:

Financial update: \$1851.36 is in the bank account. A \$250 donation was made to create a gift basket for the Wy'east shelter for a Christmas gift.

Guests:

Jay , Karen, and John from Department of Community Justice were here to discuss renovations of North and West Buildings of the Department of Community Justice and Probation Office that currently shares space with the Wy'east Shelter. DCJ will be situated in trailers while making a transition to the Hanson Building at 122nd and Glisan. They should have room for 70 staff, conference rooms, etc. The shelter will remain in the same place during renovations. April spoke to neighbor questions about adding kitchen facilities in the shelter. There is not a lot of anticipation of change in operation. The probation office is concerned about reducing people loitering outside the building which has been mistaken for shelter business and the issue is being monitored and addressed. For example, there will be more seating in the lobby for people waiting for others attending to probationary business.

Kathy Page with Central City Concern brought flyers and presented information about the opening of Blackburn Building on 122nd and Burnside. It is transitional housing with health center, pharmacy and commercial space. There will be counselors and mental health services. The permanent housing will be occupied by residents that are working and in need of transitional housing. There will be a near-hospital floor for homeless people who have been recently discharged from the hospital and in need of monitoring for medical recovery. They anticipate palliative care beds in the near future. There will be small rooms for single occupancy. This will be a drug and alcohol-free building with mandatory testing for inhabitants. There will be many inhabitants that will access the building via Max and Bus, but there will be parking for staff and some inhabitants. They would like to attract people from the neighborhood to work in service and professional jobs to help service the community. These are good paying jobs with benefits.

Matt Olgin represented Wy'east Shelter and was on hand for questions. There is a new manager as Avery has moved locations.

Victoria Freitag with Mercy Corps and Plaza 122 was here to update the community investment trust; Plaza 122 is owned by 300 neighborhood investors at a rate of \$10-100/month. The investment is loss protected. It is marketed as an "on-ramp to financial inclusion". There are 4 zip codes allowed. There are currently 99 investors. There is an 8-hour financial class pre-requisite to investorship. She also

mentioned a renewed cart La Osita with Mexican Fusion and good coffee. Victoria is employed with Mercy Corps through an Americorps internship which will end in March 2019.

Meredith spoke about Vitality@GLC and plans to begin a yoga and tai chi class, likely in March.

Trevor spoke about the neighborhood SOLVE cleanup in the Fall; the next one will be in coordination with the Hazelwood neighborhood. They are talking about April, the Sunday before Earth Day. This is funded by the city of Portland (dumpster, refreshments, bags and gloves). There was discussion about adding tools to help clean up broken glass during the next clean up.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, February 25th, 2019.

The next general meeting will be held on March 25th, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.