

Mill Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

July 23, 2018

6:30pm commencement

In attendance: Trevor, Violet, Meredith, Kelly, Dawn, Sam, and Avery Browning from the new Wy'east Shelter, Dan from Portland Parks and Rec Urban Forestry Department, and 6 neighbors including Kaethe Mentrum promoting the NNO for Midland Park.

The general meeting commenced at 6:30.

Agenda:

Police update will be rescheduled

Previous meeting minutes

Financial update. Balance of account \$2539.12

Avery Browning- Manager of Wy'east shelter. There are 90-95 guests in the program. Will be opening up a few more beds. They will be closed this Friday afternoon for pest prevention and moving in the new beds. They already have an employment room, a health connection room and will soon open a recovery room for those needing to transition off drugs. There is currently a temporary fence and the county will be installing a permanent fence in the next 2-3 weeks. Some landscaping will be managed to put in the fence, no trees will come down. Questions were fielded from community members.

There was some concern expressed by a neighbor about a faith based group being turned away due to their affiliation with a church. Avery explained that he is more concerned that there is not proselytizing, but that groups can feel free to contact him about volunteer orientations.

Kaethe Mentrum- visited from Midland Park to promote 2 events; she began with a letter expressing her concern about the transient population in her neighborhood. She would like to invite the Mill Park residents to join as a gesture of solidarity. She would also like folks to join in and consider purchasing new "no camping" signs for Midland Park.

National Night Out block party on SE Morrison between SE 117th/SE 119th 8/4/18 5:30 PM, alcohol free, and,

Neighborhood Watch Training at Midland Library 8/29/18 5:30pm; a motion was made by Violet and seconded by Dawn to offer Midland Park 3 canopies, 4 tables and 8 chairs to borrow for the event. The motion carried unanimously.

Dan Gleason – Portland Parks and Rec Urban Forestry Department; they authorize tree maintenance, and also have an education department.

The department is turning its attention to Mill Park and Hazelwood this year as they have a lower tree canopy. They will be having a series of workshops about how to prune and maintain trees in their yards as well as help educate people about what to look for. Dan would like to help

Sept and Oct will have a series of 5 tree stewardship classes. He is looking for a location. He also wanted to state that this could be a great training program for people looking for a new career path.

He also stated that there is a capital funding campaign to work with the master plan and follow through with Midland Park.

Dan is also interested in knowing what kind of resources community members would like from their department. Questions were fielded about helping plant trees in the Division/Midway area.

Division Midway Alliance Festival of Nations 9/16/18 9am – 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 – she will be sending an email blast soon. She also shared that the historical location is not available this year and she is looking for a location which can be visible along Division between SE 112th and 148th.

An ask was made by the Midway/Division Alliance for a donation toward the event; we would then have a table with stickers, etc.

A motion was made by Meredith that we make a \$250 donation to the DMA for the Festival of Nations. The motion was seconded by Kelly and the motion carried unanimously.

new business – Mill Park NNO is cancelled and we will support Midland Park NNO; neighbor attended who is concerned about the grocery stores are fewer and with no sidewalks and making it harder for elderly to get around. The group put in a request on behalf of the group for a Trader Joe's or other affordable grocery store.

Adjourn 8:00pm