

Mill Park Neighborhood Association General Meeting

September 24 , 2018

6:30pm commencement

In attendance: Trevor, Meredith, Dawn, Emily, Violet and Victoria from Americorps, and 5 neighbors from the neighborhood.

The board meeting commenced at 6:30.

Agenda:

Previous meeting minutes - read

Financial update. Our treasurer was not present and the previous account balance of account \$2239.12

Victoria Freitag with Mercicorps representing Plaza 122 – a Mercy Corps directed group, promoting 500 small donors as investors vs a few large investors.

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. Money can be collected out if notice is given by the 20th of each month and then paid out by the 10th of the next month. 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, the next class will be 4 evenings, Oct 1, 3, 8, 10th. They are working on an on-line course to help more people be able to take the classes as a prerequisite to investing. The timeline for on-line is hopefully by the end of the year. The class is 8 hours regardless of the day spread. The class is compulsory even for people who are financially astute as there is also the benefit of people in the neighborhood meeting each other. Food is provided.

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 500 people. There are about 45 currently and the shorter-term goal is 100 by the end of the year.

This is a new model of business and a new type of project for Mercicorps that is promoting financial stability and stewardship in the neighborhood vs sending aid overseas. This is a local spin off to their micro-lending practices to small businesses over seas.

Dana Freedenfeld with Defend Oregon to discuss Ballot Measures 102 through 106 and pass out yard signs

Proponent: 102 is to establish public private partnership in building allowing more single family housing to help provide a more affordable market.

Against :

103 Prohibits taxes/fees on groceries

104 to expand the super majority in the legislature.

105 to repeal immigrant protection laws

106 reduce access to reproductive medicine for low income Oregonians.

Clare from Eastside Village is a resident and is representing the fee based membership to help people who are aging to stay in their home and age at home versus having to move into residential living centers. The organization is 3 years old. They send volunteers to member homes to help with grocery shopping, reading, other needs, and also has a social component to get seniors out of their homes to stay active as well.

They do not provide medical.

Meredith from Gethsemane reported the success of Native Plants Workshop with 27 neighbors in attendance. The next is October 18th at 6pm and the topic will be Landscaping with Edibles.

A Budget meeting was held on Saturday, September 22nd to set the budget to submit to EPNO for our events this coming year. The budget will be: \$1525 to cover meeting costs, CTIZ, Annual Report, Transition Projects, Clean-Ups, Promotions and Festival of Nations.

Caleb from our neighborhood attended and reported the success of last week's Eat and Greet, Friday, September 23rd. There was discussion about holding another event in 6 months.

New Business:

Sahand LLC is suing the City of Portland regarding protections put on sold trailer parks so that new owners cannot increase prices to try to get people to move. This information was reported which directly affects affordable housing in the Mill Park Neighborhood.

Elections will be held Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2 Board Positions at the November meeting. Since we now have alternating Board and General meetings, we will now have meetings in November and December.

Nick Fish is now the commissioner in charge of the parks and PBOT in place of Amanda Fritz. He previously stated he would like to hear from residents about what their priorities are, such as development of Mill and Midland Parks. Since the last

meeting, several members of MPNA and residents have written letters to Nick Fish nick@portlandoregon.gov and received form letters in response. We discussed follow up action to ask for clarity and transparency about plans for the neighborhood.

Next meeting is a board meeting and scheduled for October 22, 6:30pm.

Adjourn 7:55pm