

Foster Powell Neighborhood Association (FPNA) General Meeting
Monday, October 13th, 2014, 6:30-8:30pm, Bar Carlo, 6433 SE Foster Rd
Approved November 20, 2014

Board Members in Attendance: Li Alligood, Vicki Wilson, Angela Cortal, Meg McHutchison, Aaron Sorensen, Christian Smith, Erica Bjerning

General Membership in Attendance: Dave, Susan, Michelle, Leah, Tesla, Claire, Carl, John, Rebecca, Vikki, Francoise, Linda, Rick, Ben, John

6:30 Meet and Greet

6:35 Welcome and introductions

6:40 Minutes - July 14, 2014 and September 8, 2014 (*Board Action*) *Erica motion Angela seconds all in favor of postponing the approval of these minutes until next month.*

6:41 Michelle Gilmore, program manager, Marysville School SMART Program. They provide literacy support for non profit, reading with kids in schools. Our neighborhood program is at Marysville through mid-May, the same hour each week on Tues and Fri 1-3pm. 85 schools, they need volunteers. 23 year old program. You can share and substitute if you can't submit. Money helps, 95% privately funded. They were awarded a National Library of Congress Literacy Award.

6:46 Li discusses the Portland Comprehensive Plan update/overview/discussion It's the long term planning document for Portland, 20 year horizon, updated every 5 years (not so much lately) and a 2035 update is underway. Land use designations, are considered. Next month someone will talk about the zoning part. Not much plan to change; names are changing to fit the designations better. Mixed Use zoning projects will be considered: what can be allowed to happen, what does a new building look like or how big can it be. If you live near or are interested in Foster, Powell or 82nd, start paying attention to these new zoning ideas. There is a public event in early November considering development and design standards and creation of a handbook for developers. We will be more likely to approve a structure that conforms to our standards. Libraries receive a copy of every city document that is printed. 70's and Holgate bike improvements and sewer improvements and employment improvements are included.

6:51 FPNA support of adopting a Tri Met bus stop (continued from September) Angela refreshes the argument from last month: Carl McNair, lives in neighborhood and works for TriMet. He needs approval of NA to sponsor a trash can at 72nd and Powell. Carl will maintain it, there is no financial commitment. Question: Will there be demerits if he can't take out the trash? Unknown. (*Board Action*)*Erica motions that we approve Carl's request for a trashcan. A straw poll shows neighbors are in agreement. Meg seconds the motion, none are opposed or abstaining, the motion carries.*

6:56 Li explains neighborhood events for new attendees: National Night Out, Neighborhood clean up, movie in park, garden tour, community garden, foster window project.

Committee Reports

6:56 Communications - Erica Bjerning, She has been on a quiet summer hiatus, website works. She hopes to add more content areas. Anyone who has ideas or content for communications, please contact Erica.

6:57 Foster-Powell Community Garden - Vicki Wilson: The garden is approximately ½ way done. This spring and summer we built 10 raised beds which are currently planted with winter crops,

added and plumbed a 2500 gallon cistern to collect rain water, built two raised rain gardens, planted about 120 native shrubs and bushes and did a community art project. A community gazebo structure is currently being built. Several thousand dollars were raised and spent, Dennis 7 Dee's is raising more funds for us with their November 1st Craft Bazaar. It sounds like everything is going great but...John and I are burning out and our time is split between this and other projects. We need some more committed folks to come on board now or for early Spring so that we can finish the garden layout next spring and summer. If you'd be interested in committing to a long term or regular garden task please contact us at 62ndgarden@gmail.com. The Fall Festival is October 25th from 4-8. We hope this will be an annual event. It is a celebration of the work we've done and it won't be any fun unless you come.

7:00 Foster Window Project – Vicki Wilson: The Foster Window Project is an art project that places artistic installations in underused storefronts along Foster Rd. Once building owners have agreed to participate, we will have a community input and design selection process. The installations will be created by the community and coordinated by John Larsen and Vicki Wilson. The neighborhood association is seeking additional funding from RACC to cover some of Vicki and John's donated design and coordination work. We do not have firm commitments from building owners yet. If you know a building owner that you could help get interested, please contact us at 62ndgarden@gmail.com. The committee for this project is meeting here, right after the general meeting tonight.

7:03 Tree Inventory - Meg McHutchison NTI in Foster Powell happened this summer. Nov 8th 9-4, at Mt Scott Comm Center-Urban Forestry Tree Summit. There are gaps in our tree canopy and concerns range from health, size, type and location where more are needed and what is appropriate. If you have space for trees, they are free to FoPo residents this year. Foster Green steering committee is concerned with the 52nd-122nd Foster corridor and looking for a new representative from our neighborhood. Contact Meg for more info.

Representative reports

7:06 Land Use, Aaron Sorenson-65th and Holgate, no parking to 8 units. They put out a revision 2 weeks ago for a parking pad behind each. Susan lives nearby. More parking is needed, especially with residents with special needs for close parking. It seems like many residents might have 2 cars. Li encourages Susan to get involved with the new mixed-use discussion. A no parking sign might be removed if there is no reason for it to be there.

Transportation-Dan Campbell – no report, not in attendance

Jennifer Merrill- Treasurer-bike bells raised \$200, Angela spoke about buying Chinook books, 1 month left to purchase them as a fundraiser for the neighborhood

7:25 Holgate Library - Vicky Oglesbee-upcoming events. AIR B & B class? Interested? Upcoming events can be found at: www.multcolib.org/events/

7:30 General Business, open discussion

- Leah-Nov 5th \$25 per person DIY hairdos, The Phix Hair Studio 59th and Powell
- Ballot measures:

Rick North: Yes on 92-Oregonians have the right to know what is in the food we eat and serve our families. Worked for the American Cancer Association. Labels for 64 other countries. 24 other states have bills, 3 other states have passed bills.

Rebecca Tweed: No on 92- Vegan, involved in community. Measure does not give information. It's expensive and unnecessary. The new labelling does not give the information on GMO and will be expensive.

John Robbins Yes on 90-Worked in politics. Closed primaries cause gridlocks in politics.

Tesla Blake-No on 90- Our choices in the general election would be limited to just 2 parties and the major parties would always have the financial advantage. 25% of races are between 2 of

the same party. Some people could win seats from the primary if they got more than 50% of the vote.

7:55 Erica motions to adjourn, Christian seconds, none are opposed.