

**Foster Powell Neighborhood Association (FPNA) General Meeting**  
**Monday, December 8th, 2014, 6:30-8:30pm, Bar Carlo, 6433 SE Foster Rd**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Li Alligood, Vicki Wilson, Angela Cortal, Tracy Gratto, Dan Campbell, Jennifer Merrill

**General Membership in Attendance:** John, Nick, Linda, Barb, Robert, Ashe, Linda, Sarah, Blake, Carl, Claire, Shawn, Dustin, Alan, Matt, Buck, Vikki

**6:30-6:35 Meet and Greet**

**6:39 Officer Bacon**-says there is not really an increase in crime in our neighborhood recently. The mental health system is the not functioning well.

**6:40 Welcome and Introductions**

**6:40-6:40 Board Action-Approve Minutes: November 10, 2014 Dan motions that we approve the minutes as is, Tracy seconds.**

**6:40-6:55 Information: Southeast Uplift updates and introduction to new Chair, Ashe Urban**

The following is the paraphrase of her introduction by Robert McCullough: SE Uplift supports the 26 neighborhoods of the SE area with wisdom and communication. There should be reforms coming after Dec 17<sup>th</sup> designed to put Portland back into "Portland rules". Air B & B is a problem, safety inspection is changing for this. 1500 airs had 75 inspections. Cost of repairing streets is coming to the middle class. Novick will decide. How was this decided? Secretive. A complaint is being filed by SE Uplift. Advocacy campaign to bring SE Up.ift back into government.

**Ashe Urban-Applications are due Jan 5<sup>th</sup> for neighborhood small grants.** The criteria is broad, brings neighbors together. No grant writing experience needed. Visit website [www.seuplift.org](http://www.seuplift.org). Organizational max award is \$4000 of \$23,000 total. Living Stages Montavilla interactive performance around homelessness is an example of a project.

**McCullough again:** 72<sup>nd</sup> and Foster park strip: he would like to get the city back to maintaining it. Citywide problem, there are 7 locations all over the city. Robert is available for conversations.

**6:55-7:10 Board and Membership Action: Vote for the Foster Window Project Design for the Phoenix Building-Vicki Wilson and John Larsen.** John presented the three images. Buck talks about the flavor of the history but the future as well. This was what was here. Buck has owned the building 14 years. It's a good landmark but he knows it's derelict. Things are in the works and hopes for the future. Buck says he owes it to the community. He really likes the third option-Foster Tlme. We all hope it is temporary. Circumstances to change the building require money. More info about the project and voting is available at [www.fosterwindowproject.wordpress.com](http://www.fosterwindowproject.wordpress.com)

**7:10-7:30 Information: Committee Reports**

**7:05 Foster Window Project, Vicki Wilson-** The community paint party for the Phoenix Mural is Thursday, January 15 from 6:30pm-10:30pm at Performance Works NW, Linda Austin Dance Studio. **Info is available at** [www.fosterwindowproject.wordpress.com](http://www.fosterwindowproject.wordpress.com) 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.

**7:10 Foster-Powell Community Garden, Vicki Wilson-** The garden is on hold for the winter and will resume with plot assignment in February. A detailed blog can be found at [www.62ndgarden.wordpress.com](http://www.62ndgarden.wordpress.com) The garden is approximately ½ way done. We have 10 of our 20 raised beds, 2500 gallon capacity of rainwater collection, 120 native shrubs and bushes, a community art mural, 2 rain gardens and a community gazebo structure is currently being built. 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 Vicki at [62ndgarden@gmail.com](mailto:62ndgarden@gmail.com).

**7:15 Communications, Erica Bjerning**-Not much activity lately. Materials and website are recently revamped.

**7:15-7:40 Information: Representative reports**

- **Holgate Library-Vikki Oglesbee**-lots of handouts. Events can be seen at [www.multcolib.org/events/](http://www.multcolib.org/events/) The library also has a gift guide. Book: Where'd you go Bernadette. Book group is the third Saturday of the month.

- **Treasurer-Jennifer Merrill**-We didn't get a request for a charitable donation this year. Bike bells paid for movie in the park (along with John McKay's advertisement). Jennifer will work more on fundraising if someone takes over the garden tour. Can Parks pay for the movie in the park? They do pay for some.

- **Transportation-Dan Campbell-67<sup>th</sup> and Holgate**: We can report dangerous intersections. Complain or contact Dan Campbell to write letter on behalf of neighborhood. The more people to write, the better. Streetscape change will cause more problems. SE Uplift comprehensive plan updates include a 60's and 70's bikeway. It might be better to have one at 60's and 80's. Parking on 72<sup>nd</sup> could be a problem so we are waiting to approve this until we have more info.

**7:36 Vicki motions that Dan drafts a letter concerning the dangers at the 67<sup>th</sup> and Holgate intersection. Angela seconds the motion: None are opposed.**

**Land Use-Aaron Sorenson is not present.** There will be things to talk about at the next meeting.

**Angela Cortal, Chinook Book fundraiser**-we raised \$240. Angela has left the neighborhood and now there is a board opening for the co-chair position. Asha and Li are available to talk about it and. Dedicated volunteers make up the neighborhood association board. The more volunteers we have, the better.

**7:38-7:45 General Business, Open Discussion**

**Synopsis of Upcoming Foster Rd Streetscape-Dan Campbell**: Groundbreaking should occur in late 2015 or early 2016. The neighborhood association has been involved with the process for more than 10 years and we supported this plan at the May 2014 City Council meeting where it was adopted. 9 pedestrian deaths occurred on Foster in 10 years and a new slower road configuration is the best way to make it safer. The plan runs from 52<sup>nd</sup> to 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave. East of 82<sup>nd</sup> sidewalks are being widened to 9 feet. Throughout the high crash corridor, the speed limit will be reduced and the traffic will be one lane in either direction, a center turn lane and bike lanes.

**7:40 Barbara Kirk**- United Neighborhoods for Reform, epidemic demolitions are occurring and 33 neighborhoods came together. Demolitions are changing neighborhoods too fast. Demolitions are happening without much notice to neighbors. This group is asking the city for a task force that is composed of 50% neighborhoods. Concern is being voiced that new homes are less affordable. Affordable housing has been a concern and an objective of this neighborhood.

[kerrclifford@hotmail.com](mailto:kerrclifford@hotmail.com) or Google united neighborhoods for reform. We won't take a position tonight but if it is the desire of the neighborhood let us know so that we can take the issue up. Ashe questions: Definition for affordable housing? What is the number? No answer available at this time.

**-What's up with the Wickman Building?** It is being leased all to one person. They don't want to break it up. The leaser could sublease: incubator for office space. Pizza? Sublet?

**7:46 Motion to adjourn: Vicki, Second: Angela**