

**Foster Powell Neighborhood Association (FPNA) General Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2015, 6:30-8:30pm, Foster Burger**

Board Members in Attendance: Vicki Wilson, Christian Smith, Meg McHutchison, Dan Campbell, Erica Bjerning, Li Alligood, Ashe Urban

General Membership in Attendance: Dave, Sean, Alfredo, Michelle, Eric, Ashley, Francoise, Nadia, Ryan, Garrett, Jocelyn, Eric, Claire, Shawn, Marjorie, Eric, Beth, Ben, Jenny, Nick, Amy, Joe

6:30-6:43 Meet and Greet

6:43-6:45 Welcome and introductions

6:45-6:46 Board Action: Approve Minutes: March 9, 2015, General Meeting Motion to approve minutes without changes: Erica, Second: Meg

6:47-6:451 Board Action: Request for \$350 for Foster-Powell Garden Tour. Last year the budget was \$200. Nadia and Enrique will be organizing and contacting former garden hosts to join this year's tour by May 2nd. Christian motions to approve the increased funds, Vicki seconds.

6:51-6:55 General Action: Elections for Land Use Chair. Nominee, Shawn Morgan - Li Alligood, Chair. Erica motions to elect Shawn Morgan as the Land Use Chair, Vicki seconds, none are opposed.

6:55-7:02 Informational Speaker: Jenny Power -Oregon Education Association, Better Oregon Coalition spoke about economy and taxes: how we can work toward solving problems in community. Students need to be driven across town to get special needs met. Recession recovery has affected corporations for the better. Most Oregon families have seen wage decreases over the last 8 years. Recovery jobs are low wage and part time. 1 in 4 Oregonians are on food stamps. Taxes are not being paid equally. Oregon has the very lowest business taxes. Almost 400 large corps in Oregon paid no tax in 2013. We have lost 3400 teachers in the past few years-only a few hundreds are coming back. Solution: Coalition of Groups: Chronically underfunded schools and services. A ballot measure on 2016 ballot would raise taxes on the biggest corporations. Increasing the minimum wage and paid sick leave for all workers. Jenny asked us to sign up to help. Ouroregon.org. There are reports posted on the blog.

7:02- 7:09-Officer Tim Bacon-officer for the neighborhood. Foster-Powell is doing good. Break ins at the food carts? This also happened at 82nd carts. Lots of those on 82nd some have been caught recently. Crime is up a little from previous years but major crime is trending downward. To be safer: Light your homes, dogs, alarms and talk to your neighbors. Make them aware. Don't leave stuff in your cars. Tweakers happen at all times of day, fast cash folks. Alley ways, how to improve? They are travel routes. Call non-emergency if someone is back there that shouldn't be. Drive the alleys when you come home. Dusk to daylight night bulbs for the back fence is suggested. Speeding on Foster is a big problem-call traffic division. The streetscape may help.

7:09-7:17 Information: Summer 2015 events and status - Tracy Gratto, At-Large- Movies in Park is cancelled, Neighborhood Clean Up, Garden Tour, National Night Out. We are looking for chair, secretary, treasurer, transportation chair if someone is interested. 1 year terms for positions. The current board members have served from 2-12 years. Community garden event April 19th, Neighborhood Clean Up is on May 2nd. Foster Powell Garden Tour is June 20th, NNO is August 4th.

7:19-7:26 Information: Committee Reports

Communications, Erica Bjerning not much happening. Erica will mentor. She will set up documents and help lots.

Foster-Powell Community Garden, Vicki Wilson- The **Annual Spring Plant Sale and Raffle Fundraiser** happens in the **Foster Powell Community Garden** this weekend! If you want to donate plants to the sale (starts or divisions from your yard, a bush you don't want anymore...) please bring them on Saturday between 9 and 3pm. **The sale and raffle will take place on Sunday April 19th from 9-3.** We have a garden bed in the community garden and a ceramic platter to raffle but **we are still open to tax deductible donations of raffle prizes and refreshments from any area businesses who might want to show their support.** Looking forward to seeing you then for family fun, plant scores and support for the garden. Raffle tickets for sale at the end of meeting!

Foster-Powell Street Tree Inventory, Meg McHutchison-the street tree inventory was done a few months ago and there is now a map at the library on Holgate. Mt Scott Arleta is doing theirs this year.

Foster Window Project-Vicki Wilson- the Habibi project is on hold due to difficulty communicating. If anyone knows a biz owner on Foster 52nd to 72nd that needs help with their storefront presence, let us know at 62ndgarden@gmail.com

7:27 Information: Representative reports

- Holgate Library: Book group: Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep,
- Treasurer: nothing at this time
- Land Use: nothing at this time
- Transportation: Dan sent the 72nd Ave recommendation letter off.
- Foster-Green Eco-District: Meg has not been attending but hopes to go in May.
- Foster Road Streetscape & Transportation Plan: There have not been any recent setbacks but there were delays in the past because of paperwork. Christian gives the details of the history and approved plan. The neighborhood association was influential in securing this project. Timeline for project: Breaking ground in 2016. Money has to be spent in 3 year window. It becomes available this year. We have to hold them accountable and make them spend the money so that things don't get pushed back.

7:34 General Business, Open Discussion

-65th and Holgate plan for land use/parking is getting changed again and the parking is not acceptable. The deadline was very short. There was supposed to be rear parking off of each house. They were receptive to input a while back. Closer to the time they changed the plan. Can SE Uplift help? They can and have some support. The group is invited to bring this problem to the SE Uplift board. Other neighborhoods have been successful with these problems. Follow up with Jocelyn and Matthew.

7:40 Motion to adjourn: Dan motions, Erica seconds.