

**Foster Powell Neighborhood Association (FPNA) General Meeting
Monday, Sept 14, 2015, 6:30-8:30pm, Foster Burger**

Board Members in Attendance: Shawn Morgan, Eric Furlong, Dan Campbell, Li Aligood (Chair)
Meg McHutchison

General Membership in Attendance: 27

6:30-6:35 Meet and Greet

6:35-6:40 Welcome and introductions

6:41 Board Action: Approve Minutes. Shaun motions to approve, Meg 2nds. Unanimous vote of approval

6:42: **Board Action:** Li introduces election of two **new board members**. Ashe Urban (SEUL) explains the importance of elections and the process of election.

6:44: Li calls for **general membership vote** to add Rebecca Lavell-Register as treasurer and Brian Balla as communications officer. General membership approves, none opposed.

6:45: Ashe presents that funds allocate for Laurelwood park have not been used and it is up to FoPo Neighborhood Association to either use or re-allocate. Discussion focuses on upcoming Winter holiday tree lighting spearheaded by Foster Area Business Association. Rebecca Lavell-Register offers to coordinate efforts between FoPo NA and FABA.

6:51 Li takes straw poll of general members for consensus on allocating resources for tree lighting. None opposed.

6:53 Meg motions to make Rebecca official liason for reallocation of funds. Shawn 2nds. All vote, none opposed

6:55 Li presents information about Chinook Book sales as fundraiser

6:57 Newly elected Communications chair, Brian Balla, mentions that he has reached out to, Erika, former communications chair, for information and is excited about opportunities to grow this area

6:58 Vicky gives information on **FoPo Community garden**. She explains that it originally started with a committee to help steer project, and would love to find some interested people to help re-form this steering committee. Vicky also relays information about the upcoming **Fall Fest (Oct 24th 4-8pm)** which will hopefully include games, costumes and musicians. More information about volunteering options can be found at 62ndgarden@gmail.com

7:05 Vicki give brief overview of **Foster Powell Window Project** and celebrates success of completion of 2nd project between Red Castle Games and Henry Higgens Bagels. She gives thanks and praise to those that volunteered to help create the finished product.

7:09 Representative reports

– Holgate Library: Vicki lets us know that Holgate is one of 2 libraries that offers services in 4 languages, and is continuing to offer **Story Time in Spanish** as a greater opportunity to serve our community. There are many other opportunities letting teens explore iPad apps, and listing their favorite ones. Library events can be found at www.multcolib.org/events/

– Treasurer: nothing at this time

– Land Use: will be presented later

– Transportation: Dan gives brief overview of **Foster streetscape plan**. Timeline. Spring 2016 start construction with an estimated completion date 6 months later.

7:17 **National Night Out:** Rebecca presents that the success of last month's NNO was also completed UNDER BUDGET!!!! Hoping to build on that success she is asking for any interested people in volunteering to help plan NNO 2016. Please Contact Rebecca at rebeccalavelleregister@gmail.com to volunteer or provide contacts for activities or vendors

7:20 **Committee Reports**

Shawn presents that Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is looking for Public input. The first public meeting will be November 19th. The mayor has formed a **Residential Infill Stakeholders Committee** to poll on neighborhood fabric and what is important to existing residents. Straw poll discussion about what FoPo NA feels is most important. Discussion involves responsible lot splitting, off street parking, affordable housing, and clean up & policing of unpaved alleys. Discussion steers toward the continued presents Alley Ally to help neighbors negotiate trouble spots in our alleys.

7:40 **Graffiti Cleanup:** Li lets us know that the city, who proposed sponsoring a city wide event to get rid of graffiti, has yet to have the event for the FoPo area. It has been rescheduled 2 times due to weather. The city has inferred that the rescheduling may be in the spring of 2016. General membership asks about the possibility of drafting a letter to stress the importance of this to FoPo NA. Shawn, Land use, volunteers to draft the letter. Ore information of graffiti removal can be found at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/524096?>

7:52 Open Forum

Franklin H.S. PTSA presents on how they are part of FoPo community and can be tapped for possible student volunteers. It would give FoPo NA a bigger volunteer footprint and help students meet volunteering requirements.

Rebecca inquires if FoPo NA has an emergency response plan or committee. Discussion steers toward SEUL workshops and Portland Underground Graduate School

8:02 Motion to adjourn: Li motions, Dan seconds. None opposed.