

# NWONA Board Meeting May, 21 2007

6:40 Meeting starts

Board Members Present: Jacob, Mary, David, Barbara, Chriset, Lindsey (we have quorum)

Guests: Frank Fatseas, Jonah Hankin-Rappaport, Karin Kraft

Frank presents notice from city planning commission about proposed re-zone. Final decision will probably be made in December. Planning commission will make decision after June 18<sup>th</sup>. The city is considering three options:

1. Leave zone as is (Frank wants NWONA to support this option)
2. Upzone to multi-family level, 8-12 people per unit
3. High Density- 12+ people, including four-plexes, eight-plexes, etc.

Frank wants NWONA to oppose this proposal, because it will eventually lead to destruction of historic homes. There are two relevant meetings to this issue:

The first is a meeting with the city, May 30<sup>th</sup> at city hall (8<sup>th</sup> and Plum) at 7:00

On June 18 @ 7:00 there is a meeting with the Planning Commission, same place.

Tabled discussion on what we think as a board to the end of the meeting.

Karin reported about what we sponsored as a neighborhood association: a sustainable community round-table, three forums to be held downtown with trained facilitators help us inform ourselves how we are approaching sustainability as a community and what isn't being looked at.

Topics include: consumption, inner city transit. Global warming, agriculture, land use planning, investing for long term.

Jonah wants money from NWONA for a project at the community garden at Jackson Ave and Milroy St, this Saturday, May 26 they will build a footbridge (a "Bridge Building event") during the Neighborhood Arts Walk organized by the Raccoon Arts Collective. This will be going on from 12 - 4 pm. Jonah is asking for \$200 for gas reimbursement, snacks, plants, gravel, and footbridge.

Decision tabled to end of meeting.

Ethan resigned from the Board, since he will be moving to Seattle in a month. Lindsey will be leaving for Korea in about a month.

**Proposal: Accept Barbara Oswald as vice president when Lindsey submits her resignation. Proposal passed with 5 in support, 0 against, and 1 abstaining.**

## **New item discussion:**

Jacob wants to revamp bylaws (proposals will need to be offered to the membership as a whole):

- change term to 2 years to create overlap.
- And to change neighborhood association boundaries to include up to Cooper Point Rd.

- Change dues structure (sliding scale, family membership, partial year membership)

Have a semi-annual NWONA general membership meeting (twice a year instead of the current practice of once per year).

NWONA map limits are in fact correct as they are shown on the city map; according to our bylaws our northern limit stretches to the city limit, not including the Burbank Neighborhood Association.

David brought up a concern with adding areas to the neighborhood association that have a different quality than our current northwest neighborhood.

Chriset brought up the idea of closing off a street for community dance, Greg Black (352.3046) has done this in the past.

Discussion: Superland (Community Garden @ Milroy and Jackson)

Community garden project should report what was done. Do we want to give almost a 10<sup>th</sup> of our budget? Dave suggests giving him up to \$100, only as reimbursement not as discretionary funds. Sign-in sheet to show who was there and how long they worked. NO food. ACCEPTED.

**Proposal: Grant Jonah Hankin-Rappaport up to \$100 in reimbursement for receipts for non-food purchases related to work at Jackson and Milroy on Sat, May 26.**

**6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.**

Lindsey asks that we have written proposal when asking for NWONA funds.

Discussion: NW Neighborhood Re-Zoning

We need low-income housing and high-density housing on bus line. The city needs to hear our opinions and not only have it on their terms. We dedicated to have a representative attend the next meeting with the city on this issue in order to gain more information.

**Proposal: Move up the next meeting to June 11 so that the Board can come to a unified opinion about the re-zone and be able to influence the June 18 meeting.**

**6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next meeting June 11<sup>th</sup> at Barbara Oswald's house, 6:30 pm.