

LAURELHURST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7.05 by President Gary Naylor at All Saints Church.

Present were:

Gary Naylor	Justin Lundy	Nancy Chapman
Shirley Howard	Lyle Howard	Barbara Horton
Lee Perlman	Barbara Pierce	Lisa Brenner
Goudarz Eghtedari		

Minutes: Nancy Chapman moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2004 Board meeting; seconded by Justin Lundy. There were no negative votes.

Announcements:

*Land Use Application by Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church: Gary reported that several Laurelhurst members attended the Kerns neighborhood meeting earlier this summer. Neighborhood concerns were addressed at this meeting prior to the city hearing. The deadline for the hearings officers decision is Friday, September 3rd. Barbara Pierce attended the hearing and will receive a copy of the decision. Gary has also requested a copy.

*Off Leash comment form: The city has requested feedback from neighborhoods regarding the off leash shared sites in city parks. Gary Naylor forwarded the form to the board and asked for feedback. Some board members were able to complete the forms by the deadline. Gary compiled the results into one response from LNA.

*The Portland Police Bureau has provided a draft of their '04-'06 Strategic Plan to city neighborhoods. A copy of the draft can be found at [HYPERLINK "http://www.portlandpolicebureau.com"](http://www.portlandpolicebureau.com) www.portlandpolicebureau.com. For questions or comments, call the Planning and Support Division at 503.823.0283.

*ONI/Office of Neighborhood Involvement will be presenting leadership training and workshops for neighborhood associations, community groups and individuals interested in increasing their knowledge and skills as neighborhood leaders and volunteers. Contacts are Art Hendricks/ 503.823.3048; Joleen Jensen Classen/503.823.2822 or [HYPERLINK "mailto:oni@ci.portland.or.us"](mailto:oni@ci.portland.or.us) oni@ci.portland.or.us.

Board Discussion:

*Board of Directors Meetings: The board has agreed to move meetings up to allow for more time to get appropriate information in the newsletters and to ensure that neighborhood residents receive newsletters further in advance of general meetings. The following dates were agreed to. Meetings will be held at the Laurelhurst Club which Gary has negotiated to use at no cost.

Thursday October 21st
Tuesday December 21st
Thursday February 21st
Tuesday April 21st

Justin moved to approve the dates and Nancy seconded the motion. There were no objections.

General meetings will remain at All Saints Church as previously scheduled.

*It was agreed that we should close the meeting gap in summer due to issues that arise with

Land Use applications and other such events that need board and/or neighborhood input. This year, we will add one meeting in mid July. Next year, we will re-assess and determine if this is sufficient or if an additional meeting is necessary.

*A motion was made by Justin to combine the Transportation and Traffic committees into one. Goudarz seconded the motion.

*The Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) has requested a page on the LNA website for contact and other information. The board agreed to approve this request and move forward.

*Kayse Jama is the new SEUL/Laurelhurst liaison. He has requested to speak briefly at our next general meeting to introduce himself and let us know more about his role. Gary will arrange.

*Lisa Brenner proposed and discussed changes to the LNA bylaws. The primary concern discussed is the importance of communication and putting neighbors in touch with each other, especially when there are shared problems or concerns within the neighborhood. There was much discussion on the topic and it was determined that the board should revisit the conversation. Lisa will draft a proposal to share at the next board meeting.

*Sandy Boulevard Streetscape project: Gary gave an update. He was asked by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for input from the neighborhood regarding left turns from NE 33rd going westbound on Sandy. It was determined that Laurelhurst will not object to providing left turns due to traffic flow, but the concern is more with the mechanics of the signal.

*Protection of Laurelhurst Arches: Updates were discussed regarding the arch at the southeast corner of 32nd and Glisan specifically related to the fence installed by the property owners at that corner. It was reported that Jeff Soulages worked with the home owners to ensure that the concrete foundation was moved from its' planned site and will not make contact with the arches. Jeff is working to obtain historic status via monument designation. This will allow protection that the arches currently do not have.

*Neighborhood position on endorsing political/social organizations: Gary has been approached numerous times by organizations wishing to make presentations to the neighborhood. The board has agreed that we need to pursue drafting an official policy for the record. It was agreed to research with SEUL what other neighborhoods do and readdress the issue.

General Meeting Agendas:

September 28th meeting: Presentation by Galina Boyechko/Crime Prevention Program Coordinator.

November 29th meeting: Presentation by Peggy Glascock/NE area Parks and Recreation

For future meetings, it was agreed to target topics that have a broad interest to the entire population of the neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned.

Barbara Pierce, Secretary