



Amazon Neighbors Association

Steering Committee Meeting January 12, 2017

Present:

Connie Berglund
Jay DeKalb
Rachael Latimer
Kevin Shanley
Evelyn Shanley
Kara Steffensen
Randy Prince

Absent:

Ruth Bryant

Guests:

Todd Boyle

Meeting Notes

1. Minutes for October and November approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: No income, no expenses.
3. Board Elections: the following positions were filled and approved:
 - a. Co-Chairs:: Randy Prince and Rachel Latimer
 - b. Treasurer: Kevin Shanley
 - c. Secretary: Connie Berglund
 - d. Social Chair: Kara Steffensen
1. Communications Chair: Jay de Kalb Announcements:
 - a. Randy stated that there was no December NLC meeting. He discussed changes in orientation of NLC toward a task force format related to specific items with different leadership.
 - b. Bob Cassidy, former treasurer, e-mailed info about our website and list serve. Jay has access and will be a co-administer for the site with Randy. Randy has been adding people from our sign-in sheets.
 - c. Connie reminded us that she needs to submit our annual report to the city. Randy will print out the form.
2. South Willamette Planning Update:
 - a. Kevin reminded us that we need to submit our concerns to the City by January 30.
 - b. Randy discussed his concerns about pedestrian access to the area, inclusion of various businesses and voting status.
 - c. Suggestions for Amazon representative to Planning Team: Larry Robidoux, Rachel Latimer, Randy Prince, Sue Pritchard, Larry and Sue have real estate and architecture backgrounds and have served on boards before.
 - d. Rachel addressed concerns that those outside a Neighborhood would be voting on changes to that Neighborhood.
 - e. Discussion regarding that N.H. Representative should have advisory but non-voting status. Approved 7-1

- f. Discussion regarding the inclusion of those businesses outside Friendly, i. e. South side of 29th be added to the planning team. Approved 6-0.
3. "Amazon Futures":
- a. Jacob Siegel is exploring solar initiatives for the neighborhood but needs additional people, and will contact Win Swafford.
 - b. Todd Boyle discussed broadband access for NH. He has talked to the City about the downtown network. Specifics of fiber network and infrastructure could be expensive. Fees would be paid by users. He would need more people involved to pursue this. Discussion: How to access and lay network. Randy discussed history of Comcast in the city. EWEB may be a possible partner. This project would require a long term commitment of several individuals. Suggestions, included teaming up with other N.H. groups. Todd will prepare a handout on this for February meeting.
 - c. Kevin Shanley reported that the Amazon Creek restoration (between 24th and 19th Avenues) is still in planning stages.
 - d. Randy Prince will assist neighbors in Emergency Preparedness, but needs block captains or sponsors to host meetings for the "Map Your Neighborhood" program.
4. February General Meeting Discussion:
- a. General Meeting & Valentines Party : February 8, 2016 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 - b. Tree expert and arborist to talk about damage & prevention.
 - c. Connie has contacted Friends of Trees to talk for 15 to 20 minutes, will bring Valentine's stuff, Connie Pens.
 - d. Discussion of format, Marcie has sent out postcard draft by e-mail and needs feedback by Wednesday. Connie will coordinate postcard.
 - e. Discussion: Coffee, Juices, Food. Kara will contact Sundance /Sundial. Todd will contact Humble Bagel. Connie has some juice.
 - f. Media exchange: Connie will contact Margaret about set-ups.
 - g. Seed exchange: Jay will bring seeds.
 - h. Connie reminded that we all need to bring desserts.
 - i. Kara: print flyers and post in neighborhood for outreach, plus she will contact the Register Guard to get a posting on community calendar.
 - j. Connie reminded that we all need to bring desserts.
 - k. Kara reminded about Ruth's idea to bring a neighbor to meeting.
 - l. Discussion on how to set up and present.
 - m. Kevin will bring Amazon Future's Posters. Tables will have committee "red dot" person for more info, handouts about projects and brief presentations.
 - n. Connie will contact "Red Cross" and EWEB about Preparedness Info.
 - o. Jay: put the website on postcard. "Amazon Neighbors.com.
 - p. Discussion: Problems and Solutions of power outage. Jay, Marcie? Sharing.
5. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Submitted by Connie Berglund (transcribed by Evelyn & Kevin Shanley).