



Amazon Neighbors Association

Steering Committee Meeting September 14

Present:

Randy Prince
Connie Berglund,
Kevin Shanley
Evelyn Shanley
Ruth Bryant

Guests:

Heather Sielicki (SEN)
Todd Ponte (Alder Street Resident)

Meeting	Notes
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1. Randy Prince chaired the meeting
2. Minutes for 7/13/2016 Meeting approved with addendum: Picnic Attendance 35 members (Noted by Connie Berglund; transcribed by E & K Shanley)
3. Treasury:
 - a. \$75.13 in account
 - b. City reimbursed \$125.00 for picnic main course (Taste of India) paid by member
 - c. Randy reviewed new City allocation for communications printing.
4. Reports:
 - a. Heather Sielicki:
 - i. Suggests renting Amazon Pool with other civic groups like Camas Ridge for future events.
 - ii. Reports that the Amazon Playground reconstruction may start 9/21/2016.
 - iii. Demolition of the Church at Hilyard and East 32nd will start soon, although new construction may not commence until sometime in 2017. CSEN is hosting an information meeting about the project on October 11 at 7:00pm at the Church of the Resurrection (3925 Hilyard St.)
 - iv. St. Vincent DePaul Project at the church on Willamette Street will have an informational meeting coming up.
 - v. CSEN subcommittee on homelessness discussion about allowing camping in backyards and use of Willard School and building suitability and seismic safety.
 - b. Kevin reminds group about "Sunday Streets" to be held Sunday September 25;
 - i. It will start near Washburn Park on Agate Street, run down East 24th Avenue and end at Hilyard and East 27th Avenue.
 - ii. Volunteers needed by City for event.
 - iii. Table allotments probably already filled. Kevin to call City to check.
 - c. Randy reports on South Willamette SAZ:

- i. Mayor and Council to hold meeting at South Eugene High School Monday 9/19 at 6:00pm.
 - ii. All encouraged to attend; Randy will email reminder to listserve.
 - iii. Heather discusses WE-CAN letter jointly created with other neighborhoods to seek common ground; possible intermediate step of better defining Envision Eugene goals. Randy will circulate letter to listserve.
 - iv. Steering Committee can't really represent the neighborhood with position to take at this meeting.
- d. General discussion of what the Amazon Neighborhood should become; should we do our own vision plan or refinement plan?
 - i. Kevin reviews "Neighborhood Ideas List" purpose.
 - ii. Todd discusses neighborhood experiences in Seattle area and low income housing issues;
 - iii. Discuss ways to assess Amazon neighborhood and get consensus on concerns; possible survey.
 - iv. SUNA pushed for their own Refinement Plan and even offered to help pay for it, but the City rejected the offer and no Refinement Plan was prepared.
- e. Connie reports on Bike/Pedestrian Committee:
 - i. Attended August & September meetings. Topics related to Amazon: traffic safety, Roosevelt Middle School parking, East 234th Avenue issues and expenses;
 - ii. New community "Street Repair and Review Board" forming to review road bond allocations;
 - iii. Budget for Traffic Calming city-wide is only \$30,000/year (it cost \$100,000 to just restripe E 24th Ave);
 - iv. Small project proposals can be submitted to city; working on Tugman Park;
 - v. City may (again) invest in traffic speed trailer to be parked on problem streets.
- f. Discussion about Fall General Meeting:
 - i. Agreement to hold meeting on November 9 to give time to get organized & no important pre-election issues for Amazon Neighborhood.
 - ii. Heather reminded group that UO Community Outreach staffer Karen Hyatt is not longer in the position. Randy has had no communications from UO; possible that the outreach program has been cut back or terminated.
 - iii. Connie discusses our current neighborhood mailing process.
 - iv. Possible General Meeting Topics:
 - 1. Update from YMCA on plans for the old school site on E 24th Ave. and their plans for the current facility; Connie will contact.
 - 2. Short discussion of Emergency Preparedness; flood risk potentials
 - 3. "Amazon Futures" brainstorming for the future of the neighborhood; Connie to look for records of previous input sessions; Randy to look for old 3M boards with suggestions to give to Kevin to summarize.
- g. Connie asks if Kara and Jay are still interested in serving; she did not do telephone tree this time to see if electronic media would alert people to meeting. Consensus that the phone tree was still worthwhile to get full attendance at Steering Committee meeting.
- h. October meeting will include more discussion of Fall General Meeting, especially about "Amazon Futures".

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:25

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