

General Meeting Minutes 01/21/10

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Chair Chris Duffy opened the meeting. Total persons present - 23. Everyone introduced themselves.

Other ALNA officers in attendance.: Vice-Chair- AlexSandra, Secretary- Sharon Parker and Board members Janet Arenz, Brian Edelschick, Sandi Meyer and Bob Meehan who arrived later. A quorum was present.

Minutes - it was moved, seconded and passed to accept minutes from last general meeting as printed.

Portland Parks & Recreation Presentation - Sue Glenn, Portland Parks and Recreation coordinator for the N/NE area; John Reed, Integrated Pest Management Coordinator and Alex Salazar from the Maintenance Department discussed budget cuts and concerns regarding Arbor Lodge park. The group that funded the pesticide-free parks events has had budget shortfalls and thus the program in Arbor Lodge park might have to be eliminated. Portland Parks Department uses a minimum amount of pesticides and is the only parks department in the country to be certified "salmon safe". Thus they don't want to stop the pesticide-free program in Arbor Lodge, but they need help from neighborhood volunteers and a neighborhood volunteer coordinator. Ginger Edwards said that she might be interested in being the coordinator.

Community Gardens - Lesley Pohl-Kosbau from the Community Gardens program reported that ALNA had expressed an interest in having a community garden in our neighborhood. The open space at Ockley Green school had been investigated and had not been considered feasible since the school wanted the open space and trees covered the area that could be used for a garden. The process takes a couple of years to start a community garden. ALNA needs to ask for volunteers to help start the process.

Sunday Parkways - Rich Cassidy from the Portland Bureau of Transportation announced that Sunday Parkways will be held in our area on June 27th. He hopes to have the same vendors as last year and the route will be the same. He also needs volunteers to help direct traffic.

Radon Gas - Bev Stewart and Don Francis from the Oregon Lung Association gave a presentation on radon gas and how it can accumulate in the home. Radon gas is one of the leading causes of lung cancer. Test kits can be obtained at most stores like Fred Meyers and fixing the problem isn't that expensive.

Portland Police Presentation - Officer Steven Jacquot and Mark Wells, ONI Crime Prevention Coordinator reported that there has been an increase in residential burglaries in Arbor Lodge during daylight hours and car break-ins. A heroin dealer was recently put in jail thanks to neighbors helping to track activity and communicating to police. Steve and Mark emphasized that neighbors should always call regarding any suspicious activity. Mark explained the procedure regarding problems with abandoned buildings. He also suggested that neighbors organize Neighborhood Watches. Mark also stated that he is available to do free assessments of houses to see if they are secure. There will be a Public Safety Action Committee forum on January 27th which Police Chief Rosie Sizer will attend. Everyone was urged to attend and bring their neighbors and concerns.

Next Meeting - Chris stated that State Senator Chip Shields is still expected to attend the February General meeting. Also will have updates on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area, the N/NE Economic Development Committee, the Memorial Coliseum & Rose Quarter Redevelopment project and ALNA communications.

Meeting adjourned

Next Board Meeting - Feb 4th

General Meeting - Feb 18th

Sharon Parker, Secretary