

General Membership Meeting Minutes Canemah Neighborhood Association

September 15, 2016

John Adams Fire Station, 624 7th Street, Oregon City

Call to Order 7:10 by Rob Lorey

Additions to the Agenda Karen Blaha, Marijuana Retail Store in Canemah

Community Updates

Oregon City Police Department, Jason Pohl:

New Canemah officer will be Jason Lemons jlemons@orcify.org

City-wide crime stats

Reports

Treasurer's Report by Karen Blaha: \$1786 in Savings, \$679.41 in Checking

Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 16 meeting

CIC Update by Dennis Anderson

HRB Update by Ken Baysinger

Unfinished Business

Report from Fund Raising Committee by Karen Blaha

Dessert Dash at CNA picnic raised \$237

Tour of historic homes in Canemah, coupled with arts show deferred until 2017

Report on the Bylaws Committee

Rob stated that there was confusion regarding the location of the 9-8-16 meeting, resulting in two simultaneous meetings, one at South End Fire Station and one at John Adams Fire Station. Rob proposed that both meetings be declared void. Linda Baysinger called a point of order, stating that one meeting (the one at South End) had proper notice and should not be voided. Rob answered that "both meetings had a quorum and it should be up to the general membership to decide what to do. Long debate followed regarding the legitimacy of the meetings, focusing on meeting notice given. Ken Baysinger asked how we can rationalize nullifying a meeting that was properly noticed, properly conducted, and properly documented. Rob answered that some people have objections, so we should start over. Rob stated that a motion had been made to void both meetings, but a review of the audio reveals that no such motion was made. Ken Baysinger called a point of order asking for a citation from Robert's Rules allowing the voiding of a valid meeting. Rob answered that there was a difference of opinion. With expert input from Karen Morey of the CIC and Mayor Holladay it was determined that proper notice was given for the South End meeting and not for the meeting at John Adams. The discussion with a show of hands, resulting in a 22-8 majority in favor of nullifying the 9-8-16 meeting.

A Bylaws Committee meeting will be held on 9-21-16 at South End Fire Station.

New Business

Election of new Vice Chair

Two candidates: Ron Bistline and Tori Goodwin

Both candidates were given 4 minutes to speak

Voting was done by ballot (with voter's names on reverse side due to Article VIII Section 5, which prohibits secret ballots)

Vote Tally: Tori Goodwin 25, Ron Bistline 13

Discussion: Memorial for Oscar Geiszler

Dennis Anderson spoke of his discussions with the John Lewis in Public. Dennis also contacted the Parks Foundation in regards to the bench itself, which will cost about \$1000. The Parks Foundation can set up a fund. Dennis will report as more detail is collected.

Discussion: Items – Appointment of Ron Bistline as Liaison on Land Use Issues

Steering Committee made that appointment at its August 17

Ron will communicate between CNA and the city, and keep the general membership updated on zoning, land use and related matters. Paul Edgar then proposed that there should be co-liaison positions, with one of them somebody who lives in a designated historic home. Rob tabled that issue for future discussion. Ken Baysinger clarified that Ron is in as liaison does not give him the authority to express opinions other than what the general membership authorizes. Rob added that Rob does not have independent authority to express opinions on behalf of the neighborhood. Extended discussion ensued, to clarify the nature of the liaison position.

A motion was made by Scott Minton that Paul Edgar should communicate his input on current land use questions to Ron Bistline and direct him to transmit that information to the HRB. The motion was not seconded. Rob asked for a show of hands, and the motion carried.

Discussion Item: Nextdoor Canemah website

Paul Edgar spoke about his position as “Lead” of the website. He recommended that people be responsible in what they post and keep our conversations within the Canemah page.

Dennis Anderson spoke of many abuses on the website and challenged Paul's fitness to be lead, based on past performance, suggesting that he resign.

Rob suggested that this discussion be carried over to a future meeting.

Items Added to the Agenda

Karen Blaha explained the City Commission's discussions regarding marijuana retail stores in Oregon City. Ken Baysinger made a motion to express to the city commission the neighborhood association's opposition to allowing marijuana retail stores in Canemah. Second by Paul Edgar. Motion carried by vote. Karen will compose the statement.

Carolyn Rothschild asked to add another item to the agenda for discussion. Ken Baysinger stated that it is out of order, because Carolyn had not spoken at the opening of the meeting when additions were solicited, nor had she used the public comment portion of the agenda. Rob asked for a show of hands as to adding it to the agenda, and vote supported it. Paul Edgar spoke about the existence of a wetland area on a specific piece of property in Canemah. He handed out a statement proposing a motion. Rob said it would be put on the agenda for our next meeting.

Rob stated that the mayor had asked us to have a special meeting in October so that he can speak about measures on the November ballot in Oregon City. He called the meeting for October 20. Paul proposed that the wetlands discussion be added to the agenda for that meeting. No decision was made.

Motion to Adjourn by Jim Riggle

Approved by vote. Adjournment at 9:10.

Minutes by Ken Baysinger, Secretary
Canemah Neighborhood Association
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