

Old Town Chinatown Community Association

September 9, 2015 Board Meeting

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 11:45 AM by President Helen Ying

Present: Jessie Burke, Chris Hanford, David Houff, Gloria Lee, Dan Lenzen, Jackie Peterson, Evan Ross, Sarah Stevenson, Helen Ying, Ryan

Absent: Jane DeMarco, Tim Desper, Zach Fructengarden, Beth Hansen

Guests: Anastasia, NWNW

Minutes from the August, 2015 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: As of September 9, 2015 we have \$12,793.58 in the General Fund. This amount includes \$518.57 from the Street Clean-Up; \$1,982 designated for Art walk maps; \$649.74 from National Neighbors Night Out; \$2,600 in matching funds; and \$6,997.27 in unrestricted funds. The \$30,000 matching funds for the PDC funded District Manager position have been transferred to NWNW.

Old Business:

District Manager Report- Helen Ying reported in Jane DeMarco's absence

At Jane's request, Sarah and Dave helped to draft a new project plan which was sent to RAIN. We are waiting for RAIN to send it back to OTCTCA so that Mark at NWNW can finalize it. PDC wants a project plan from OTCTCA which is in essence the contract with deliverables. All agreed that the contract needs to be shared with the OTCTCA Board but no further edits should be made unless there are errors. Chris Hanford reminded the board that the neighborhood is not getting a person, but a toolbox and marketing product. There will be ongoing discussion.

Livability – Good Neighbor Agreement with Acadia Healthcare – Helen Ying reported in Beth Hansen's absence.

Helen met with Acadia's regional and local directors, Chris and Mike, who agreed that Acadia wants to be part of the neighborhood and to make it a better place. Helen reached out to the Acadia clinic on Belmont for information about neighborhood response, and received a positive report from the neighborhood's business committee. Jacob is setting up a room at OCOM to draft the agreement on September 23. A template for the agreement has been sent to the board. Helen will serve as the point person now, but the Livability Committee may take the lead once the agreement is signed.

OTCTCA Forum Planning - Scheduled for October 7, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Helen Ying

Purpose: share the first year of the PDC 5 Year action plan; introduce Acadia Healthcare; introduce committee chairs and have small group discussion at tables with each committee chair. Ryan suggested survey feedback asking for top three concerns at end of session. Jackie suggested a rotation so that participants could visit two tables so as to learn about more than one committee and its work. It was decided that forum promotion would be via posters and the email list, and no mass postal mailing. Helen will take the lead to plan, have 11 x 17 size posters made, and arrange possible distribution. Jackie offered to contact Reid Decker about possible poster design and to take care of poster printing.

Filming in Neighborhood -

The Transportation and Mobility Committee is taking the lead on recent spate of filmings and the impact on local businesses.

MOTION by Gloria Lee, Seconded by Sarah Stevenson

That the Transportation and Mobility Committee partner with the Oregon Film Commission to explore potential benefits for the Old Town Chinatown neighborhood and local businesses from the film industry's presence in the neighborhood.

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

OTCTCA Archival Records Submitted to NWNW – Jackie Peterson

Jackie transferred several boxes of records from the Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association which had been maintained by Carol McCleary to NWNW for archiving, as the city requests. Helen and Jackie will work on an agreement to sign with NWNW transferring ownership.

NWNW Walkabout/Talkabout - Deferred

Committee Reports:

Business Committee – Jessie Burke and Evan Ross, report on the Illegal Camping Task Force and the activity on the North Park Blocks. A video of illegal campers on the North

Park Blocks was sent the mayor which triggered a follow up meeting which included Commissioner Fritz and 18 city department heads. Jessie and others met with this group in a 90 minute conversation and stressed the difference between two distinct groups occupying the area: Homeless citizens and traveling gangs which prey on the homeless citizens, elderly and women, and are mainly responsible for out of control lawlessness.. The aims of the Illegal Camping Task Force are to 1) control lawless behavior 2) seek additional services for the homeless citizens in our midst 3) reactivate the foot patrol on the streets of Old Town Chinatown. While noting the shortage of police manpower at present, Mayor Hales came out with a \$1 million Initiative for the Homeless. The City needs to hear from many voices from many different groups, concerns, and stakeholders.

Sarah Stevenson suggested a need for OTCTCA to take a consistent position and voice its platform: reactivate old police precinct, reinstate prior enforcement of laws, reinstate foot and horse patrols, etc. Chris reminded the board of the need for daily phone reporting of illegal/unsafe activities so that the police can build documentation of the need.

The City Council will hear public testimony on the issue on October 7, 2015. Helen will testify with a list of easy action steps. Send ideas for bullet points to Helen.

Art, History and Culture Committee – Jackie Peterson – Chinatown Gate Project

Gloria Lee reported on the Chinatown Gate restoration project. The project is funded by a PDC Livability Grant. However, the \$55,000 approved for this purpose cannot be released by PDC or work begun until funding for maintenance for three years after the conclusion of the restoration work is in place.

MOTION: By Jackie Peterson, Second: Jessie Burke

OTCTCA authorizes Gloria Lee as project manager for China Gate maintenance, working with fiscal contractor Heritage Conservation Group LLC. Gloria Lee will take the lead to raise funds for the three year maintenance agreement.

A letter to this effect should be sent to PDC.

Motion passed.

Land Use Committee – Sarah Stevenson reported on the former Fong Chong space

A lease has been negotiated with a strip club by the Hop Sing Association. The tenant will make the necessary building repairs since the Association does not have the means to do so. Discussion centered on the issue of businesses which are not welcome and how PDC can help property owners make improvements and provide other financial incentives and resources available to those in a situation similar to the Hop Sing Association.

The board has no options here since the lease was a private party transaction. All agreed that a Good Neighbor Agreement with the lessee should be sought. Jacob will help draft the agreement, primarily for the purpose of crime prevention. Discussion followed about the future direction the neighborhood and whether RAIN can help with communication.

Suggested names for future speakers: Ted Wheeler and Jennifer Williamson

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.