

Draft General meeting minutes for WNA meeting October 20 2010

Introductions all around.

Kevin Turner, President.

Anjala Ehelebe, Board Member

Residents Ryan Saari, Lisa Gladstone, Amy Hofer, Matia Divitt, Lee Martin

Benjamin Adrian, NECN staff

David Allred (Bureau of Environmental Services (BES))

Ivy Dunlop (BES)

Sarah Figliozzi (BES)

Kristin

David Allred from Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) introduces the talk about a Dekum Stormwater Art Bike Corral. The more storm water that BES can keep out of the system, the better for all. This is a collaborative project with Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT). Ivy Dunlap, project manager, talks about the plans, it started with an idea Sarah Figliozzi (PBOT) had several years ago. (Alice Myers, neighbor, works in the ecoroof projects with BES). Kristin, Regional Arts Culture Council says the designing artist is Buster Simpson (a Seattleite who created the nurse log display in front of the convention center; has done many water-related public art projects). Our neighborhood was chosen because they thought we were public art deficient and they really just liked the neighborhood. They liked the spot before Breakside Brewpub because the building has an ecoroof and the proposed corral has an ecoroof. Named Dekumconstruction, it will have a partially deconstructed car on top of empty oil barrels with plantings in and around same. Commentary on cars vs bicycle, nature taking back over. Bioswales on either side of the structure. Provides 10 or 12 bike parking spaces. Sarah says the history of bike racks is that if you build them they will come and use them. Best bike parking before brewpubs (alcohol, yoga and coffee shops).

Sarah Figliozzi (PBOT) says anyone can call the city and ask for a blue bike rack 503 823-cycl.

Lisa asks about how do we justify the cost? David said there's a mix of funding, federal EPA, BES money to get water out of system, and Alice says the funding came from an EPA congressional grant in 2006 awarding innovation. David says arranging the

maintenance going forward was complicated they have been allocated. Kristin hopes the supporting structure can be a prototype used in other neighborhoods. Art in the street has an annual \$50K budget to put public art where it now isn't and about \$7,500 has been spent on the artist Buster. David said they did refer to the Woodlawn Master Plan and saw that this was a desired amenity.

They hope it will be and installed by Spring, says Ivy. Maintenance is building the hardscape for the swales now, not good to install in winter though. David is the main contact person. 503 823-7287, david.allred@bes.ci.portland.or.us

Ivy offers handouts. She says in response to a question, the Holman Street project is almost 30% designed. PBOT is the lead group for this. Curb extensions at 15th, closing off 13th at Holman near the 13th ave pocket park.

They leave at 8:00 p.m.

Kevin says we finally have the neighborhood kiosk, built in front of Believe Movement Studio, cost \$8 more than budget. Looking for a donation to cover the difference. Got one after the meeting.

Lisa gives an update on what has happened at 1426 NE 14th. The owners have decided to request a waiver of the 120 day requirement, leaving it unoccupied until June 2011. The owners may be fined. Lisa says she's been working with Shoshonna at NECN addressing this issue of bad processes and planning and pushing the code limits. Department of Transportation says that if the owners had given them the correct plan for what they intended to build they wouldn't have approved it. PDOT defers to the City. Too many fragmented responsibilities among City agencies. It's frustrating working with the city and they need clarification of the process. Benjamin says its not Just This House, its code stretching all around the coalition.

Ben reports that the coalition is sponsoring the Local Leader's Institute, Friday evening and Saturday November 12th-13th, with guest speakers and training. Trainers are Paige Coleman, Imani Muhammed, Jeri Williams. Fee is \$35 and can be waived for volunteering.

Columbia Biogas plant planned on Columbia Blvd. About where Cully runs into Columbia. Just last night there was an informal meeting about it in Concordia. In past years the Ridell (sp) plant had odor problems. There may be increased truck traffic carrying food waste into the plant. Updated anerobic technology might deal more effectively with the odors.

Ryan Saari says they're currently remodeling the restaurant but the Ballroom will be usable by residents for the first Monday night of the month free.

www.VillageBallroom.com

Anjala mentions the NECN Public Safety Action Committee is re-forming and it will meet once a month. Kevin says we need a second Woodlawn representative to NECN because Bethany is overwhelmed.

Meeting adjourned 8:30.