



Minutes
PDNA Board Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 2021
Held via Zoom

Board members in attendance: Bill Bagnall, Christie Barrows, Judie Dunken, Reza Farhoodi, John Hollister, BettyLou Koffel, Tom La Voie, Christian Maynard-Philipp, Stan Penkin, Jerry Pike, Hyeji Sheen, Mary Sipe, Glenn Traeger, John Warner, Linda Witt

Board members excused absent: Patricia Cliff, David Dysert, Sara Hoeber, Angelina Shamborska

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Board President Penkin who led Board introductions.

Public Safety Report

PPB Lieutenant Jake Jensen

Highlights of the discussion:

- The kettling done in March has reduced the number of similar events in the city.
- PPB is still working on better ways to communicate events to residents.
- The Derek Chauvin trial in Minneapolis is expected to have a verdict by end of April or early May. The results may lead to demonstrations for which PPB is preparing for now.

Home Share Oregon

Tess Fields

Fields presented a brief outline of the services they provide, including:

- This is a home sharing service for people at risk of losing housing with zero tax dollars used.
- People with spare rooms in their home can rent them out with a roommate matching based on compatibility and preferences
- Their mission is to prevent housing instability, foreclosure, and homelessness among vulnerable populations.

Learn more about this program at <https://homeshareoregon.org>

President's Report

PDBA and PDNA reciprocal board seats

Both PDNA and PDBA have reciprocating seats on their respective boards. Both positions need to be filled.

Board member Mary Sipe made the motion, seconded by Board member Maynard-Phillip, to have Judie Dunken serve on PDBA's Board as PDNA's representative and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Tom LaVoie made the motion to nominate PDBA Executive Director Laura McDermott to serve on PDNA's Board, seconded by Board member Dunken, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Working with BPS on replacing broken / destroyed PDNA trash cans. BPS is also looking for vendor to wash these cans. Thank you to Sally Mize for her efforts in monitoring trash situation.

Sam Adams is leading efforts to "bring back the city" which includes trash and graffiti issues.

Redistricting

Pearl District resident Chris Cobey presented an overview on this once-in-a-decade chance to have a voice in congressional redistricting, including the Pearl District. Highlights:

- Our district currently includes Yamhill, Astoria and other areas not related to Pearl District in any way
- Three hearings this Saturday for live or written testimony
- Census bureau data is late this year, coming in August
- Cobey believes the Pearl District should be part of the Portland district where it shares a common bond

President Penkin shared a proposed letter that could be submitted on behalf of the Pearl District.

After discussion, it was decided that PDNA would need to research this topic before submitting testimony on behalf of the neighborhood. Board members and meeting attendees were encouraged to look into this further.

Committee Reports

Bringing Back Business: Board member Hollister announced the name of five new winners. Drawings will be held again in May and June.

Livability Committee: Chair Dunken reported that Pearl District residents are considering meeting with anarchist protesters. She also reported that Foot Patrol is growing and is considering a meet and greet this summer. The city is hosting an April 24th graffiti removal projects with five neighborhoods including Pearl District. The trash situation seems under control at this time. She stated that Board member Sipe will now be the Chair of the Noise Review Board. House bill 2814 regarding the DEQ studying toxic diesel emissions is in progress and the Livability Committee recommends PDNA support of this bill. Board member Dunken made a motion for PDNA to provide written testimony in support for 2814-3, seconded by Board member Sipe. The motion passed unanimously. Board president Penkin will contact Mary Peveto for next steps.

E-prep Committee: Chair Warner reported that 1,260 Aqua Brick containers were purchased for a total cost of about \$26,000 among 14 Pearl District buildings. This will mean there's 3,600 gallons of potable water in an emergency.

Planning & Transportation Committee: Co-chair Farhoodi reported that Flanders Bridge opening is delayed until June. He also reported that NW 13th activation planning is still under review. The committee submitted a letter regarding the proposed Porsche dealership. Board member Hollister asked if PDNA can purchase concrete planters as part of the NWIM street changes. Farhoodi will check into the viability of this.

Neighborhood Security program: Co-chair Hollister reported they are in the research stage, meeting with a number of security companies to learn more about the issues they are facing.

Treasurer's Report: Budget remains stable at \$51,000 and will have a tax update in next couple of months. She also noted that budget time is coming and she'll be reaching out to committee chairs.

President Penkin reminded attendees about that NWNW's diversity series of talks continue and encouraged Board members and attendees to sign up for them.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by : _____
Bill Bagnall, Secretary