

Fairmount Neighbors General Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Laurelwood Golf Course Clubhouse

Greeting and Elections

Co Chair Josh Reckord read the requirements of the FNA election bylaws; if you live in, or own property in the neighborhood you can have one vote. The chair position is normally for two years but because Josh and Camilla started in the same year Camilla has offered to stay one more year provided that a co-chair is found. There were no volunteers from the floor. The slate for the board includes Kay Porter, Lucia Hardy, David Sonnichsen, Josh Reckord, Nancy Reckord (for secretary), Jim Lobben (for treasurer), Sue Jakabosky, Dan Klute, Sandra Austin and Camilla Bayliss. Nominations for the Board: Kay Porter nominated Kay Rose, someone seconded; John Barofsky nominated himself, David Sonnichsen seconded; Camilla nominated Madeline Carroll, Sandra Austin seconded.

Camilla moved nominations be closed and the entire slate voted on; Josh seconded; 25 yes votes; none opposed.

The board will need to elect someone for co-chair from within the board to create the desired overlap.

Olympic trials

Marilyn Milne, who works with Tracktown 12, gave a presentation on the upcoming Olympic Trials. She lives in the SUNA (South University Neighborhood Association) neighborhood. Some 2008 statistics: 16,000 attended, Eugene had a worldwide audience of 2 billion. Other information: Comcast will cover a lot of this on TV; they have 1800 volunteers for 2012; \$31M is the estimated impact on this area; it's the 100th year of the decathlon.

Impact on neighborhood: ticket holders haven't yet been given any information about parking except about Park and Rides from South Eugene High School and Autzen Stadium; we shouldn't see a lot of traffic in the Fairmount neighborhood.

Will not be aggressive ticketing but will be enforcement; Karen Hyatt can be a resource during the trials; questions about whether people need more warning to pay attention to the signs; Marilyn said in SUNA they did not have a parking issue last time; Sandra Austin said our neighborhood did not feel a big impact last time either. The shuttle will come through 18th and Agate. [Lucia Hardy mentioned that there has been a lot of illegal parking recently in her 27th and Columbia area.]

Q: What about people who come in large groups, including buses, to go to Pre's Rock?

Suggestion: create a sign that says to watch out for pedestrians.

Pre's Rock is also a destination point for a local youth organization; Marilyn will take back this information to her group. There is a Security Zone around Hayward Field; no metal water bottles, plastic only, no bigger than 1.5 liters; don't bring signs/weapons; alley behind Agate Hall (Condon school) is blocked up to south edge of Hall; Agate Street will be closed from Franklin between 18th and 19th; 18th is closed from Agate to University; 19th remains open including all businesses; people will walk through a metal detector to enter track meet.

Q: Is Department of Public Safety the public staging area again? A: Don't know.

Q: Is a map of the bus routes on line in the last newsletter? A: Yes.

Karen Hyatt is the contact person from the University for the Olympic Trials. She encourages people to call her or Parking Coordinator Gwen Bolden if they have problems.

Map your neighborhood

Randy Prince - lives in Amazon Neighborhood; brought a pamphlet describing all the supplies and skills to get through a natural/social disaster; they have developed a training program that takes about 2 hours; includes a DVD; CERT, Community Emergency Response Teams, complements this program but this project is a pilot project and works through Action Plan Eugene. We will have a one in three chance of a big earthquake in the next 50 years. Other possible disasters could include a windstorm, train track/fire/toxic materials, wildfire, or power outage.

Randy suggests neighbors organize a 2 hour meeting in someone's home to prepare neighbors for some of these disasters. The idea is to try to get neighbors to come to a meeting to learn about emergency management. Perhaps 30 neighbors would help to map the area and fill out an information booklet. They would be encouraged to keep supplies in a container in their house such as a hard hat or bike helmet, leather gloves, and old shoes that could walk on glass. This is a good way to meet your neighbors; good community building activity; Randy's group will help organize a meeting and run it if we wish. Southeast Eugene has 4 groups that have met.

A link to this newsletter is on our FNA website.

Eugene Sunday Streets

Lindsay Selzer - in Transportation Planning Dept. of City of Eugene - works on events that promote health and community and alternative modes of transportation. Last year in Eugene they closed streets in the Blair neighborhood. This year the event will occur on Sunday, Sept. 9 from noon to 4:00; the closed off area of 2.6 miles goes along the edge of Fairmount to 19th and University, Agate to 24th, to Potter to 27th, across 27th to Hilyard, back to 24th, to the back side of University Park on 23rd. Will have activity centers in University and Washburn Parks, live music, pedal powered stage (powered by bikes), free yoga/zumba activities. Will be Bump Through intersections to let people in and out if they live on a closed street; need volunteers. The new Hayward Business District may participate; farmer's market at Sun Automotive will be able to participate; city cost of the event is about \$25,000. Any public safety vehicle can cross the route at any point. The idea for the event originated in Bogota, Columbia.

Row house Update and Other New Apartments

Camilla - the FNA won at the planning commission and Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA); developer George Hawes submitted a brief on May 22 to the State board of appeals; we've paid \$12,000 so far but probably will continue to need more.

Josh - 15th and Walnut - will be a new building on 15th and Walnut, and possibly at 15th and Orchard; no permits have been filed yet. The one on 15th and Walnut is currently zoned R4; being developed by a Portland company with good reputation; they have been responsive to suggestions, but it is going to happen; plan is for 260 bedrooms, 5 stories, rent for approximately \$600 per month; furnished. Anything that happens at 15th and Orchard will be affected by the Walnut Mixed Use Node; this building will bring construction workers who need to park their vehicles.

Alan Zelenka: will bring back to city council this fall an ordinance to assure that supervisors monitor off campus apartment buildings. The ordinance would require that large student apartments have adequate management.

Danny Klute - The people who owned Bubbas are building a new apartment with parking underneath in Agate Alley; six apartments, 24 bedrooms.

Laurel Hill Valley Neighbors

Laurel Hill Valley resident Bill Blix and FNA resident Larry Weinerman raised concerns about a PUD proposal to be located near LCC; has been annexed into the city; would be a huge development of about 300 acres; proposal is for 255 apartment buildings; could have 1500 people; apartments would weave between existing wildlife habitats; would be dorms for LCC; EWEB has put down a water line; shouldn't we look at these headlands for preservation rather than further development; no hearing has yet taken

place; concern is access, much more traffic, how is it zoned. Bill and Larry would like a committee to work on this and link with city council; we want input from our neighborhood; Alan Zelenka suggests a committee to contact the Planning Commission, developers, and Planning and Development Department; need to ask what the zoning is, what is the process to change it, what is process for PUD Development.

{Subsequent to the FNA meeting a committee has been formed to study the issue and make recommendations to the respective FNA and Laurel Hill boards. Larry Weirnerman will chair; contact him at weirnerman.larry@gmail.com}

Announcements

Nancy Reckord: Shellie Robertson has linked 10 of the oral interviews from the Fairmount History Project to our website. These can now be read from the FNA website. More will be forthcoming.

Heather Kliever - Works for the Historical Society and will research your older home if you are interested.

Meeting ended at 9:05

Minutes submitted by Nancy Reckord