

# **Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

“The bridge between nature and neighborhood”

*BES Water Lab, 6543 N. Burlington Ave. Portland, OR 97203*

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – 7:02pm**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Approval of Agenda, as amended**
- IV. Approval of Minutes of November 12<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting**
- V. New Business**
  - a. Vibe of Portland – Laura Streib
    - i. The group was founded in 2007 and partners with a dozen schools in Portland, including James John.
    - ii. A children’s art studio opened in St. Johns in September (in Leavitt Station).
    - iii. They will provide music services in the Cathedral Village development.
  - b. Willamette Cove – Department of Environmental Quality, Port of Portland, and Metro
    - i. Speakers
      1. Erin McDonnell, Department of Environmental Quality
      2. Dwight Leisle, Port of Portland
      3. Katy Weil, Metro
    - ii. There is a public comment period through the end of April. There are multiple ways to make a comment:
      1. WillCoveUpland@state.or.us
      2. Mail
      3. Attend public meetings (comment cards are available)
    - iii. The problem with the site is contamination from the top of the bank to the railroad tracks. There was a partial cleanup in 2015/2016. The proposed plan is to address human hazards.
    - iv. The challenges are multiple contaminants throughout the site and that dioxins have a low acceptable level cleanup standard.
    - v. The proposal is to remove all hotspots for human health, consolidate and cap the majority of the remaining contaminated soil, and place clean soil cover as needed. The location of the cap is dependent on EPA’s work on the river bank.
    - vi. Question & Answer summary
      1. There were 9 alternatives. The others were not carried forward because the contaminants are spread out.
      2. Metro’s vision is park use and eventual transfer to the City to manage. Salmon habitat is on the table, depending on the in-water plans.
      3. DEQ is confident that recontamination is unlikely due to the levels of contamination.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

- a. Land Use
  - i. Schrunk Tower mural update: the selection group is choosing 3 finalists tomorrow for HomeForward and Regional Arts and Culture Council to choose from; mural will start and be completed later this year
- b. Secretary
  - i. Soliciting interest in volunteers to bike the neighborhood with diesel monitors to measure particulates
- c. Chair
  - i. The North Portland Parks Committee is looking for people to join the committee & is trying to get playground equipment in Cathedral Park.
  - ii. Jon is meeting with SJNA next week about the neighborhood cleanup, scheduled for May 30.
  - iii. The budget for North Portland Neighborhood Services has been shifted, and 2 employees' hours have been cut to 32 hours. Jon has postcards to send to the City.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

## **VIII. Unscheduled Business**

## **IX. Announcements**

- a. Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Next General Body Meeting, Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- c. Neighborhood Cleanup, Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

## **X. Adjournment – 8:36pm**

### Attendees:

- Helen Ost
- Laura Streib
- John Ost
- Doug Larson
- Jon Smart
- Cassie Cohen
- Katie Weil
- Dwight Leisle
- Erin McDonnell
- Steven Capoccia
- Jenn Myers Howell

### **Mission**

*The Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association is a volunteer organization that provides a forum for sharing information, supporting business and social activities, and having a voice in shaping our community by fostering engagement in our neighborhood development.*