

MINUTES - PJNA Annual Meeting, 3/3/2010

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THE PATTY JEWETT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN. HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2010, 7-8:30PM AT THE CLUB OF ARTS, 505 E. COLUMBIA ST. C/S, CO

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Triandiflou, Jeanie Donahue-Sowell, Chuck Donachy, Phil Foster and Joe Sowell (web-master)

Meet & Greet began at 6:45 with coffee, cookies and conversation. A sign up sheet was provided. Memberships were handled by Chuck.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Amy welcoming attendees, thanking The Club of Arts, Dogtooth Coffee, Bon Safeway.

Amy highlighted PJNA's accomplishments over the past year to include:

- 40% increase in membership
- Block Party's new location (pocket park) with record 300+ neighbors in attendance
- increased e-mail communication (approx. 100 e-blasts)
- new and improved web-site (pjna.org)
- meeting with Taylor School, PJNA, city traffic, PJ golf course re speeding on Prospect
- initiation of PJNA "Business Spotlight" with publicity via email and on web-site

Speakers were:

CSPD OFFICER BOB HARRIS, CRIME PREVENTION / NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
SALLIE CLARK, EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONER
SCOTT HENTE, CITY COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT 1
SUSAN DAVIES, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE COALITION

Each speaker was allotted 15 minutes for a brief presentation and question & answer period. Each had informative handouts for audience members (El Paso County Citizens' Guide, City of Colorado Springs Citizen's Guide, TOSC Guide to Trails, Bikeways & Open Space; and Officer Harris shared some crime statistics and prevention strategies).

BOARD ELECTION. PJNA board consists of Chair, 2 co-chairs, secretary, treasurer, 2 at-large members. An email solicitation for nominees was sent prior to the meeting with no response. Nominees were solicited from the floor with no response. Amy announced slate of officers prepared by the current board:

- Amy Triandiflou - Chairperson
- Jeanie Donahue-Sowell - co-chair
- Phil Foster - co-chair
- John Walker - Secretary
- Chuck Donachy - Treasurer
- Joe Sowell - at-large member
- Imani Akita - at large member

Each nominee introduced him/herself. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers. Motion carried.

MONTHLY MEETING CHANGE - a poll was conducted with resultant suggestion to change PJNA board meetings to 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm @The Club of Arts. A motion was made to enact the change. Motion carried. Membership dues remain at \$5.00 per year. send to PJNA, 505 E. Columbia St., Box 8 80907

Ongoing projects:

ART ON THE RUN - a collaboration (Club of Arts, PJNA, Concrete Couch) partly funded by a grant from Colorado Council on the Arts to build and install a piece of public art along Shooks Run Trail. Flyers were handed out with schedule of workshop dates and fees. Kids and adults are encouraged to participate in the project.

POCKET PARK IMPROVEMENTS - lacking Park Dept. funding and with advice from City reps, PJNA will take over maintenance of the Pocket Park to include trees, grass, shrubs, playground, picnic area, trash removal. Some expenditures will come from PJNA treasury, some expenses and labor will be borne by neighborhood volunteers and donations. Several households volunteered to be responsible for removing filled trash bags from the City receptacle at the Park on a one-month rotating basis. Amy will prepare a schedule.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT - forms handed out. Business owners invited to submit information on-line for later e-blast to the neighborhood and posting on PJNA web-site.

BI-ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE - coming up first weekend in June. PJNA will pay for newspaper ad and signs.

ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY - August 2010 - details TBA.

AUDIENCE SUGGESTIONS: Citizens can vote for ART CREATES COMMUNITY project at www.gazette.com. PJ neighbor Wendy Mike is a contestant.

Access TOSC on-line survey re Sustainable Parks Initiative at www.trailsandopenspaces.org

Possibility of getting trees for Arbor Day planting.

There being no further business, Chairperson thanked attendees and speakers and called for adjournment.

Adjourned: 8:30 pm

Julie Foster, minutes taker

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