

HAND Board Meeting 1/17/12

Meeting called to order at 7:00

Introductions

Announcements

Emergency Preparedness Training: Sat 1/21. There are several speakers, and a focus on neighbors connecting and organizing with one another, including the Block Connectors project

Community Issues

Public Safety: Our Crime Prevention Coordinator is Jacob Brostoff, here to visit today, contact him with questions or issues

Safeway Update: Joanne. Meeting about GNA and CPTED in Nov with input from Jacob. There has not been a response from Safeway about follow up on recommendations. Near neighbors are continuing to meet. Pursuing media coverage is one option.

Crescent City Park: Sue. There had been a plan for a part of Eastbank Esplanade to be a park within HAND. City land use policy is that the unused funds should be used for projects within HAND, and Sue has drafted a letter to PDC on the issue. Motion by Sue to approve the letter including further editing by Sue, second by Linda, passes unanimously with 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Block Connectors: Linda Schmoldt. She has brought the materials provided to the Area and Block Connectors, an email account and database are in place, and it will be part of the Emergency Preparedness training. She welcomes referrals of potential Connectors.

Tree Inventory: Joanne. She has completed an application for doing a street tree inventory, in which volunteer leaders will coordinate groups of neighbors to evaluate the trees and enter data into the city's mapping systems.

Clean Up Organization and Publicity: Bill and Marilee. It will on 4/21 in the Cleveland parking lot, potentially without yard debris disposal. It is not known what funds might be available from the city. Direct mailings announcing the event have correlated with higher revenues. Consider some kind of direct contact publicity, or SE Examiner ad.

Storage for HAND: Alex. HAND is looking for a permanent and easily accessible place to store items other than volunteers' basements.

Website: Alex and Amy. HAND is also looking to change platforms for the website, but an experienced volunteer would be needed to make the switch.

19th Ave Pocket Park: Amy. There was a meeting with city officials this month, and plans for the front half of the site are included in the Division Streetscape plans that have construction beginning this summer. Amy and city staff will coordinate a meeting with the nearby property owners to consider options for the back half. HAND is interested in having it be a public space.

Piccolo Park Water Fountain: Amy. Donations are being received for the \$7,000 needed for a water fountain, Randy Rapaport is offering a matching donation, and New

Seasons is also willing to donate. Parks Foundation is willing to be a fiscal sponsor, which would enable receiving donations by credit card. The goal would be to have funds by May 1 so construction could be completed by the end of the summer. Motion by Sue to approve the fiscal sponsorship with final review by Amy and Alex, passes with 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Hawthorne Area Civic Ecology Project: Linda. Steering committee including neighborhoods and HCCA is meeting monthly. Grant was not received from SEUL, other funding source are being sought. Meeting with mayor later this spring.

Ladd Circle Survey: Linda. Meetings to further review the data will be upcoming.

Lafayette Ped Bridge: Sue. Negotiations ongoing with Union Pacific.

HAND's Top Issues: Joanne/Alex. Identify and find people to track HAND's top issues or priorities for the year. Executive Committee will draft a list and bring it to the next Board meeting.