

## **Minutes from St. Johns Boosters General Meeting 5/19/21**

7:45 Pre-meeting: Dr. Neil-proposing a booklet with all health & wellness businesses and then get them to join the Boosters. Printed & digital. Dr. Neil would pay for the booklets to be printed. Put in providers offices.

**Meeting Started:** 8:12am

Attendance: Liz Smith, Christine Longmuir, Leah Dowling, Shellie Miller, Neil Weiner, Serge Ouattara, Carol Tricoche, Cristina Marino, Daphne Girard (iQCU), Karl Hayes, Maria Bubrsiki, Scott Berry, Deanna Cantrell, Mary Ann Aschenbrenner, Mike Johnson, Kathy Madore (VP), David Backes, Yvonne Lerch

Absent: Rachel Jones, Abbie Denton

Introductions

No Minutes

No Treasurer's Report

### **Committee Updates:**

**Maria-St Johns Bites**-130 entries. Event ends 5/20. \$650 gift certificates given away. Bites happens again in the fall.

**Liz-Native Plant Pocket Park**-No updates.

**Christine-District Map**-Grant from VP in 2019 for map. Put on hold due to covid. Creating district map with all brick and mortar stores and panel for home businesses. All aspects of business district on map. Good for visitors too. PBOT will cover printing cost. Jill Berry, local artist commissioned for map. Printed August 15-Sept. 1. Promotion to get people to join the Boosters. \$25 extra to get on map.

-Scott proposing Mike Bennett signs in St. Johns.

**Mary Ann-Website Updates**-Reviewing website updates. Digital map. Business listing showing each businesses page. Join page, showing how easy it is to renew and add a la cart items to your cart. Support us page to donate any amount. Can add items to sell in future. Events page, one for all events.

-Looking for guest bloggers. Send to Liz.

**Leah-Membership Committee**-No updates.

**Light Up St. Johns**-5/24 Tree trimming.

**Carol-Plaza Update**-No updates.

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**Guest Speaker: David Backes**/N Lombard Main St. Project. Richmond & St. Louis main area. Build 52 curb ramps, curb & bus stop extensions, repair/replace roadway base & pavement, remove street car tracks, add concrete bus pads, remove aging traffic signals (John, Philadelphia), upgrade stormwater facilities, add rapid flashing beacon. Schedule start August 3, end before Spring 2022 Parade & Bizarre. (May 10<sup>th</sup>) March 1-contractor end date. [David.backes@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:David.backes@portlandoregon.gov) site: Portland.gov/Lombard-main-street, phone: 503-823-5811

Questions:

- Healthy business permits affected? Not sure yet.
- Businesses with storefronts on Lombard with sidewalks and trees torn out-still access or temporarily access-working with contractor
- Timeline-portions of Lombard will be closed, work in chunks, few corners at a time. More details when closer to construction. No nighttime work planned.
- Why Slim's closed so long? Wanted to fix storefront, no money due to covid. Just got a Prosper grant to fund project.

**Yvonne-Cathedral Park Jazz Festival 7/16-7/18.** Update. Plan for going live in park, but virtual in back pocket. Covid plans-in place. Working with Portland Parks. Adding VIP Chalets on sides of park, supply a bottle of wine, beer and food. Masks, social distancing, and monitoring. See where we are as we get closer. Want few more local food vendors. Occidental & Stormbreaker to work together to provide beer for festival. Stoller wine sponsor. Working with event planner. Lineup set. New social media person. N side of park-2 beer gardens, behind n side of stage-offer space to community vendors. Feedback on who. Know end of week if live. Volunteers important. Boosters table-with one page map and link to website. Liz to help promote.

**Cathedral Park Performing Arts Collective-** Live music from local musicians in Porch Concert Series, every other Saturday from 11am-1:30pm, 7528 N. Charleston. Looking for sponsorship/musicians.

Farmer's Market interactive map on website.

<http://www.stjohnsopportunity.org/stjohnsfarmersmarket/>

-St. Johns Food Coalition looking for food delivery volunteers

**Art Walk July 24<sup>th</sup>** – Two Rivers & Weird Sisters sponsoring St. Johns Artwalk. Work with workshopstjohns 10-6pm. Makers market. Looking for artists. \$25 to be on passport. [Stjohnsartwalk.org](http://Stjohnsartwalk.org)

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