

St. Johns Boosters - General Membership Meeting Minutes

9/21/2022

Attending Board Members:

Liz Smith
Christine
Tanya
Rebekah
Jay C
Carol Tricoche
Caitlin Hemphill

Attending Members:

Leah Khlenberg
Aaron Miller
Kayla Foster
Jennifer Davidson
Brooklyn
Laura (Vibe @ Aura)
Annalisa Ramano
Stephanie
Risa Davis

Agenda:

8:05 Meeting called to order

Introductions for all members attending

Maria, our Secretary, is absent today. Rebekah will be taking minutes instead. August General Meeting Minutes are still being drafted, so no minutes to be approved today.

Treasurer Update

Tanay presented as Zoe was absent. Grant from Venture Portland received. Not too many expenses this last month, so we are doing well financially.

Committee Updates

Membership - 106 total members currently. We welcomed 2 new business members and 4 renewing members so far this month. We will be implementing a 90 day notice email for businesses that do not renew so that they are told when they are removed from the website. We will start welcoming new members via IG posts.

District Safety/Security - Tanya presented updates. Tanya still sending emails with updates to general membership. Met with PEMO and walked through St. Johns. Talked about vandalism and crime. The group is trying to expand resources, but no plan of action yet. Discussed how to report graffiti and vandalism.

Events - St. Johns Bites, Fall Fling, Halloween Trick or Treat, Light Up St. Johns, Ugly Sweater. Tanya discussed St. Johns Bites and announced dates. Fall Fling has 10 tables for home or service businesses, music 2-6, and participating retail businesses. Trick or treat on 10/29 (Annalisa heading up) – volunteers needed! 11/18 is the tree lighting (choir singing, ugly sweater photo op, handing out hot chocolate and candy, ornament decorating, etc.) and 11/19 is the Ugly Sweater shopping event. Tabeling in the plaza, home/service business tables, and retail businesses involved. Ugly Sweater Bar Crawl 12/9 to 12/11. Shout out to The Joinery for making the ugly sweater cut outs. Also, Schnitzer Steel is going to be funding the Tree Lighting this year.

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Tours - Monthly commercial space tours to help connect renters with available spaces. Last one in September and a special one in October. Then we will pick back up in the Spring. October tour is at Workshop St.Johns. It will be a tour and business mixer. Oct 27th @ 3pm followed by the mixer.

PBOT North Portland Main Street Repairs - It's going pretty well. There was a gas leak last week, but so far they are ahead of schedule. Supposed to be done in October.

Plaza - Carol updated. PBOT conversations have been going well. Lots of upcoming events in the Plaza which is nice. May add a third trash can, but will at least keep the location of the original two trash cans. Bricks are getting fixed. Clock repairs are continuing. It keeps starting and stopping. Two volunteers who are retired but love clocks are working for free to try and get it working. Hopefully, but next summer it will be fixed. The domes are clean and two are new so the clock does look really good. Tanya is working on a grant for lighting. The grant is through Metro and would install six lights on the perimeter of the Plaza. We are supposed to find out Nov/Dec if we get the grant. Then we have 2 years to use it. Someone has been stealing plants from the pocket park. Volunteers are helping to replace plants. Cistus Nursery will be helping supply the replacement plants. We will do a volunteer appreciation event for the wonderful pocket park volunteers next month.

Trash Cans - Started going in. Finalizing who is taking the old trash cans and when the downtown district will be finished.

Board Nominations - Event next week. Please attend if you are interested in joining. You can ask questions of the current board members and this is a great opportunity to play a role in what is happening in St.Johns business district.

Marquee/Calendar - Carol reminded everyone to let us know about upcoming events so that the calendar can be updated and the marquees. Liz reminded everyone to give ample notice.

Venture Portland Update

Christine didn't have any updates. There aren't any upcoming webinars. Sept 29th event with Mayor Wheeler, but it's by invite only. If you want to attend, let Liz know and she can try to get you as a plus one. Webinars are on hold until Jacob gets back (in October).

Guest Speaker: Leah Kohlenberg, Portland Open Studios

Portland Open Studios is the region's largest city wide art studio tour. It has been going on for 24 years. Each year, in October, new artists are chosen and they open their studios to the public. It's a free tour. Going to PortlandOpenStudios.com will help you navigate where the artist are located. You get to see where the art is being made, how it's being made, meet the artists, and have the opportunity to purchase if you want. North Portland is doing something extra. There will be a postcard with the different artists. If you visit every studio in North Portland, you get entered to win free art! Postcards are available throughout the district. Contact Leah if you

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want to have some postcards displayed in your business. There are two scholarships available for artists to participate in the event as well.

Guest Speaker: Mike Serritella, N Portland in Motion

Mike presented an update on the N Portland in Motion project. A month ago, they released a Year One - Public Engagement Summary which included a list of their project ideas based on research from the community. A new survey/open house is open through the end of the month to get feedback from the community to help decide which projects (there are 38 in total to choose from) are priority. www.portland.gov/transportation/north-portland-motion. Discussed greenways that are trying to get put in. Construction won't disrupt the community the same way the Lombard St. construction has. Also, signage is part of the plan (wayfinding signs) to help connect the various parts of St.Johns.

Business Announcements -

- Cold Brew launching for Two Stroke today!
- Public Math Day is the same day as the Fall Fling. Math walk hosted by Two Rivers will be starting at the farmers market! Activities, free resources, and open to the public!
- Porch concert this Saturday at 10am. Free and open to the public!
- Kuto is giving away money this November for St.Johns
- Liz announced the potential mural in the Plaza.

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