

Palisades Neighborhood Association  
General Meeting  
Thursday, January 17, 2008

**1. Call to order and roll call.** The meeting was called to order by Chair Sally Moncrieff at ~~7:00~~ pm. In attendance:

Sally Moncrieff (SM) ~~Mike Ballis (MB)~~ ~~Tim Mather (T M)~~ ~~Rich Wilkins (RW)~~  
David Feathers (DF) Dee Grothe (DG) \_\_\_\_\_  
~~Bob Barman (BB)~~ ~~Doug Rich (DR)~~ ~~Mike Nelson (MN)~~ ~~Tim Mather (T M)~~  
Keith Oelrich (KO) Mark Easley (ME)  
~~Sean Gallagher (SG)~~ Mike Hall (MH) \_\_\_\_\_ ~~Albert Almeida (AA)~~  
~~Brigitte Howley (BH)~~ Don Irving (DI) \_\_\_\_\_ ~~Brigitte Howley (BH)~~

Absent:

~~Bob Barman (BB)~~ ~~Doug Rich (DR)~~  
Greg Palmer (GP) \_\_\_\_\_ ~~Sean Gallagher (SG)~~  
Travis Boyce (TB) \_\_\_\_\_ ~~Mike Nelson (MN)~~  
~~Albert Almeida (AA)~~ ~~Michael Ballis (MB)~~  
~~Rich Wilkins (RW)~~

1. Agenda for the meeting was adopted by vote of the board.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 General Meeting. ~~BB~~ moved to approve, ~~RW~~- seconded, passed unanimously.

3. Jeanine Jensen spoke to the group about Pacer Baseball. Looking to raise money for facilities improvement. There is a fundraiser Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, crab dinner. Looking to raise \$120K or so.

~~2. Committee Reports:~~

3.4. PNA 20-Year Plan (DI): Essentially completed with 20-year plan. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> plan is to be submitted to PNA Board for review; target Feb 7<sup>th</sup> to submit to the neighborhood—be posted on the website and otherwise communicated (area manager can burn a disk, potentially). Opportunities at that time for comments, questions. Feb 21<sup>st</sup> open house at city hall to discuss the plan with the community. March 18<sup>th</sup> PNA General Meeting for neighbors to vote on the plan.

5. Palisades Easement update (BB): Barman together with Kathy Taylor, President, Palisades Easement. Looking to fund a revitalization of the Palisades Easement area. Raising fees on the boats that use the easement area, initiation fee (\$2,000) for new users. Bob described a “vision” that could eventually include a tram and bathrooms

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etc, but would likely cost over \$1m to fund. To get started, the idea is just to clean up the site, improve the stairs, and make it a bit more usable.

**4.6. Neighborhood Traffic Control Issues (MB):** Michael was absent so we skipped this. MB:-

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**5.7. Neighborhood Pathways (T M):** Want to try to address some safety issues by installing some new pathways. City has an existing plan for additional walkways in the neighborhood, it is on the city website. It hasn't been updated in some time, the city is looking for our input. Tim encouraged citizens to contact Joe Collins at the city, who coordinates pathways, if they want to provide suggestions or feedback on this question.

**6.8. Luscher Farm / Rassekh property update (SM):** Brief update: Luscher Farm is now called Azalea Field--the largest sports field in the state of OR. Dog parks still need to dry, will be open in march. Need to wait for weather to warm up to finish paving the roads. Current temp dog park will be turned into temporary neighborhood park. Will be seeded with drought-resistant grass; look for scouting groups and other volunteers to build park benches etc. someone in a letter to review suggested that rassekh be turned into a skate park; DF responded that development of this would not be allowed under current zoning for that area. SM replied that long-term master plan is to develop that, but it's currently zoned outside the urban growth boundary and it can't be developed. Having a local skate park could be a safety improvement, giving kids a space to board without being on the streets.

**7. Palisades Easement update (BB):** Barman together with Kathy Taylor, President, Palisades Easement

**9. Monthly Neighborhood Newsletter:** Presentation from Shane Fisher, Area Director and Earl Seales of n2 Publishing. N2 publishes neighborhood newsletters—high-quality, professionally generated. Supported by ad sales in the local community. Can also do an annual directory. Ad-content ratio is generally 1:1. Information comes involves 4 types: Logistics (business of the homeowner's association or neighborhood); Social (organization of social events); Community (police or fire dept or schools input this); National (they get national writers to contribute). One point person representing the PNA board would be the "filter" for the content coming into the site. Board can review the newsletter each month before it is mailed. Potentially 6-month lead time to get it set up. There is a contract the board would need to sign; 6-month trial period with no commitment on either side. We would also need to get someone to volunteer to be the point person—how much time will this take?

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TM moves to do this on a trial basis.

MH moves to amend the motion to allow the board to review the contract, talk to some local retailers, and then discuss at the next board meeting, for further vote at the general meeting. Seconded by RW. Carries unanimously.

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**10. Sustainability in Palisades Neighborhood (AA):** AA spoke to the group about sustainability in our neighborhood. He shared the goals of the city and the neighborhood for sustainability. The sustainability team currently consists of DR and AA, and they want to take steps to help make our neighborhood more “green”. Looking for additional participation from the neighborhood. First meeting of the PST (Palisades Sustainability Team) will be at palisades elementary Wed Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm.

**11. Emergency Preparedness (MH):** Presentation from Larry Geoff, assistant chief of the fire dept. (503-697-7403). LO fire dept with 13 firefighters covers 50,000 people. Oregon is a high earthquake risk area, similar to CA. We have potential for a magnitude 7 quake in the Portland area. He distributed materials on preparedness, and more are available from the fire department. He gave several preparedness tips for quakes;

- Make sure your water heater is well secured;
- Keep shoes and a flashlight near your bed—the number one injuries in a quake are from broken glass;
- Have an out-of-state phone contact for you and family members to call, so you can find out whereabouts of your other family members, and agree on a meeting place outside your home with your family;
- Gave a list of 72-hour supplies you should keep on hand (especially water—gallon per person per day on hand);
- Also should keep some supplies in your vehicle.

For more info, [www.ci.oswego.or.us](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us). Register for the CODE RED notification program; will send calls to your home and/or cell phone to notify you in event of an emergency.

Main department phone: 635-0275, to register for a CERT (emergency response training) class. Free classes, the next one starts jan 31<sup>st</sup>.

**9. Mike Hall** is point person to help encourage neighbors to be better prepared. He passed out a survey to find out how prepared our neighborhood homes are.

**10. Sustainability in Palisades Neighborhood (DR):**

**11.12. Member Comments and Questions**

**13. Next Meetings:**

- ~~Meeting~~ — PNA Board Meeting, March 13, 7pm, at Lakeridge.
- 12. • PNA General Meeting, March 18, 7pm, at Lakeridge

~~13.~~14. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54— pm

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