

Next Meeting: Homestead Annual Picnic ! Tuesday, August 3, 2010 6:30 p.m.

Duniway Park Lilac Garden

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Our Annual Picnic and National Night Out Party! *Come on down* to the Lilac Garden at Duniway Park and join the fun! Join your neighbors, meet new neighbors, bring children and dogs comfortable in crowds, share a favorite pot luck dish, join in some games, maybe even win a prize! Master Chef Rich Davidson will again preside at the grill. Thanks to area merchants, volunteers, and Southwest Neighborhoods, we will provide utensils, paper products, and items to grill. Bring yourself and, if you like, favorite side dishes, especially deserts! The Lilac Garden is at the western end of Duniway Park where Terwilliger Boulevard turns left and Sam Jackson Park Road begins. Follow the sounds of fun! Free parking across from the Shell Station. We could use help setting up tables and taking down same and with general organizing. If you can help, please call Susan Egnor at 503-939-3928 or e-mail stegnor@comcast.net.

June Meeting: We elected the following officers: Vice President, Rich Davidson; Secretary, Alisa Dunlap; Treasurer, Ed Fischer; Membership and Outreach Chair, Susan Egnor. The Nominating Committee of immediate past chair Anton Vetterlein and Rich Davidson reported that none of those suggested as presidential candidates had agreed to run. The Board will meet in July to work on picnic planning. We will send notice of that meeting to the e-mail list. (please let Susan Egnor know if you'd like to be on it: it's confidential.) We discussed limiting meetings to the four required by the By Laws and considered other ways of managing the business of the neighborhood association. We need more folks willing to help out. Let us know if you have ideas.

Portland Police Officers Mike Greenlee and Nick Ragona reported car break-ins are a constant problem in Homestead. They had these tips: don't leave valuables in your car; get a Club device; leaving your car unlocked doesn't protect it; don't hide valuables under seats while you walk your dog or go for a run. To help avoid identity theft, they suggested not leaving your registration and proof of insurance in your car but rather have each driver carry copies, which are acceptable. For home security, they recommended trimming back hedges, motion detectors in the yard, lights, a house alarm, and setting up a Neighborhood Watch. One question was whether we could get more speed limit enforcement in the neighborhood. The officers said, given the current budget and the priorities of violent crime, it's hard to schedule officers for that duty. They asked us to report all crimes, even when it seems too late, as the reports do help in planning patrols. Use the non-emergency line unless the crime is in progress: 503-823-3333.

Membership Chair Susan Jaeger reported we had 40 to 45 people turn up to help us and our partners, Friends of Marquam Nature Park, Portland Parks and the West Willamette Conservancy "spruce up" our adopted plot at the trailhead at 12th and Gaines. During the summer, work will focus on tree ivy—of which we now have a lot less!

Land Use Chair Anton Vetterlein reported the city will hold a property owners meeting on the LID portion of the sidewalk project to be funded with our share of the revenues from the parking meters on Marquam Hill. The meeting will be June 22 in room 358 at the OHSU

Nursing School. We discussed concerns about parking and pedestrian safety in the area. We passed a motion supporting a more controlled parking environment on SW 11th between SW Gaines and SW Gibbs to create a safer pedestrian zone.

Susan Egnor reported Southwest Neighborhoods is selling Please Drive Slowly signs for \$18.00 or 5 for \$15 each as a fund-raiser and to help with the excess

Rich Davidson reported on the high school redesign process and planning meetings.

Anton Vetterlein reported a new developer is working on the 11th and Curry site, again with skinny houses rather than townhouses.

At the suggestion of Susan Jaeger, we have tried contacting the owner of the undeveloped lot at SW 10th and SW Gaines regarding a possible community garden. Susan Egnor reported she had left messages for the owner and developer but had no response.

Frederick White, VA Liaison, reported the design-build contract for the VA's new parking structure is out for bids. They hope construction can begin in September. The structure will add 150 to 160 spaces to the 90 now in the surface lot to be replaced. He announced John Patrick from Salem, Virginia, will be the new Director of the VA Medical Center.