

**Approved Minutes for  
February NECN Board of Directors Meeting  
2/21/12**

Welcome and Introductions

Present: Robert Bowles (At Large), Pauline Bradford (ENA), Jim Brown (ANA), Steven Cole (ICA), Luke Groser (WNA), Chris Hyde (GPNA), Joan Ivan (ENA), Adam Karol (ANA), Bill Leissner (CNA), David Lomax (KNA), Chris Lopez (SGNA), Shirley Minor (WNA), Kay Newell (BNA), Peter O'Neil (ICA), Don Rouzie (SCA), David Sweet(SCA), Tom Thompson (VNA), Katie Ugolini (CNA)

Absent: Lupin Morgan (BNA), Calvin Kyles (At Large), Damon Turner (At Large)

Staff: Paige Coleman, Anjala Ehelebe, Nancy Church (NECN accountant)

Guests: Lee Perlman

Tom Thompson and Shirley Minor arrived around 7 pm.  
Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:40 with quorum.

Review and approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes,  
Amend agenda to add a new Actionable Item: Program Enhancements. Correct minutes to read Robert Bowles to (AL for At Large, not ANA) **Pauline makes the motion for approval of the agenda and minutes as amended and Jim seconds, consent unanimous.** (For all votes the chair doesn't vote unless specifically noted.)

Unfinished Business

- Last Thursday meetings with the mayor. Chris reports that Mayor Adams invited neighborhood stakeholders and bureau staffers to a meeting January 30. The meeting was hopeful. Mayor charged the attendees with homework and agreed to meet again in two groups. The meetings happened, the last one happened earlier today. Chris says after today's meeting it is disheartening to realize that the Mayor is still allowing Friends of Last Thursday (FoLT) to be the organizing group. FoLT has 13 people and the consensus of the meetings is that about 150 people would be needed to monitor and regulate Last Thursday. Chris recounts some of the history of NECN's involvement with Last Thursday. NECN is thinking of distancing ourselves from this event because there is no organization that can take out permits (David Sweet says there is no one in charge). Every other group in the city requires permits, says Kay. FoLT has a history of not working well with others, says Steve, and would disrupt any attempts to run it without them. The Alberta Main Street group is willing to work with NECN, but if we can't work it into a controlled event, we want to avoid liability and not be involved.
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- 2. Letter 3/1/12 about the Portland Playhouse (located in Sabin) to the Mayor. Brought up by David Sweet who explains the issues. He drafted this letter [see attached] as testimony to go before the city council Issue concerns their parking difficulties because they're no longer a church. Requested a conditional use as a community service but the technicality in the code exempts them from being approved. King NA has appealed this decision and it will go before the City Council. **Steve Cole moves approval of the letter/testimony, Bill Leissner seconds. Hearing is at 3:30 March 1. David says he can't be there in person, but it can be emailed. Unanimous support.** No one immediately volunteers to do this testimony in person so Chris Lopez says he'll do it.
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NEW ACTIONABLE ITEMS

## NECN Bylaws

Bylaws handed out. Original revamp to change the grievance process was based on best practices from ONI. Committee structures clarified. Formatting changes, grammatical changes. This is the final approval of three required to pass them. Peter says the Quorum (section 8, on page 6 of 10) should be Half of the membership plus one. Discussion. Say instead "More than 50%". Pauline says 50% plus 1 is the way it has always been. We're all right with the formula as it is, says Steve it has to be a formula, legally. Maybe remove the parenthetical phrase. **Bill makes the motion that we use the words more than 50% and Jim Brown seconds the motion. With not enough support and two abstentions, the motion fails.** Chris Hyde moves approving bylaws as printed. Peter seconds. Majority support in favor of ratifying the bylaws with three abstentions Jim, Pauline and Don Rouzie. Final copies will be emailed to everyone.

- Energize NE Pilot Program

Paige Coleman presents how this project was developed: When brainstorming the first Solarize NE, she and David Sweet were trying to create Solarize/Weatherize NE, but that was too much to create the first go around. Interest resurfaced in generating weatherization support, and now NECN has this opportunity to partner with Neil Kelly and launch this program. [See attached information sheet called Energize NE Portland Pilot Program.] The acronyms are explained: ETO(Energy Trust of Oregon). BTI(Building Trust Initiative) Discussion: Shirley asks if NECN has contacted The Community Energy Project and Paige says yes, but they only serve low-income residents. This project would cover the next level. The ED has been talking with their Board Members about this project. **Peter makes the motion to approve the pilot project (option 1) as presented by the Executive Committee and Pauline seconds.** Discussion. The plan is to leverage all of the NECN staff who will talk about this project as part of their regular outreach, and it will support their salaries, and NECN might also hire a part-time project manager. This could be ready to go within a month. Staff, Neil Kelly and Umpqua bank will meet on this next week. Neil Kelly approached NECN after the Solarize NE starting party. Other contractors, small and local, need to have a chance to participate. Neil Kelly would do the inspections and the home owners can choose the contractors they'll use. **12 votes in favor, three votes against, and three abstentions.**

- Program Enhancements See packet. Paige explains the basic NECN activities and proposed enhancements. BPS is Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.
- This Energize NE project could result in up to \$25,000 income to NECN.
- Community Solar with Tangerine Power project could result in more than \$20,000 to NECN. This project is scalable and could go national. This will put solar panels 8 school buildings, King school being one. Tangerine Power is out of Longview WA. Total \$55,000 new dollars to NECN
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## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

**CEDC** -- Robert Bowles reports on the most recent meeting. See Meeting Summary. Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at NECN at 8 am. BYOCoffee.

**LUTC** -- David Sweet reports verbally, see Meeting/Issues Summary. May actually be something happening on N Williams issues in the next year. Tomorrow night the LUTC will have a presentation by New Seasons about their proposed new store on the Wonder Bread site. Steven Cole said the Oregon Supreme Court rejected the NECN appeal of Metro's approval of the Land Use decision. Motions for appeal of Supreme Court decisions rarely are effective so Steve recommends NECN not pursue appeal. (This action relates to the Columbia River Crossing planning efforts)

**SALT** -- Chris Hyde reports there's a new Commander at N Precinct and he'll come to the next SALT meeting. See Summary for NECN Board. The Schools Workgroup membership is going to be an Ad Hoc subcommittee of NECN.

## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Robert Bowles is the new Treasurer. He leads us through the Mid-Year Financial powerpoint Report, attached. Nancy Church, NECN's contracted CPA, leads the Board through the financial pages. Line 499 is money that came in that now shows as revenue. Paige also explains the proposed Revised Budget, attached. Under "Significant Expense Comparison" Payroll is the cost for a payroll processing service which has been changed for a less expensive service. Discussion. Chris feels there should be funds budget for staff training. **Motion to approve 2/21/12 budget made by Katie and seconded by Peter, approved unanimously.**

(Bill Leissner and Shirley Minor leave at 8:11 pm. Lee Perlman arrives 8:28)

Personnel. Katie says they're working on developing a Board Orientation process and Board service agreement.

Rules. Bylaws are done.

### Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Resource Development.

Needs members, says David Lomax, Chris Lopez and David Lomax are the only members. They'd like to put together a gala for the opposition to the CRC.

### Strategic Planning

Will be meeting with developers of New Season's building as maybe housing a cluster of non-profits as well as the store.

Steve Cole attended the first Port of Portland advisory meeting that focused on environmental remediation of trees cut down.

As Parliamentarian, Steve reports if a Board Member has a potential financial interest in a topic of discussion, it would best for them to abstain from voting. There is a potential conflict of interest.

Director's Report given with the enhancements and mid-year financial report.

Chris Lopez mentions the Candidate's forum over at Concordia University next Tuesday.

**Meeting adjourned by general consent 8:36 pm.**