

NECN Board of Directors

March 20, 2012

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Guest: Charles McGee Sr.

6:35pm Meeting called to order

Introductions

Agenda- added Clean-ups Postcard contributions, board approval of transfer to Umpqua Bank

Minutes review

“Motion to approve the agenda as modified and minutes as written” by Kay Newell and seconded by Peter O’neil. All approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Ratify moving funds from Bank of West to Umpqua Bank. **Steve Cole motioned. Kay Newell seconded. All in favor: unanimous.**

Cleanups Postcard: It is cleanup season. NECN every year sends this full color postcard to every household in our area, 30,000. NECN sent a letter to each NA Chair and NECN Representatives. First clean-up in April 28th. Please bring this back to your NA to discuss on the agenda. BNA decided to contribute to the postcard since it would be more cost effective to give NECN funding than mail themselves.

No New Business.

CEDC -- Component of Healthy Communities- see handout. (from Robert Bowles) Researching Neighborhood Economic Development Grants- what is the funding for?) Terra Firma presented about their project and asked the council about assets and disaster. Council could use more NA representatives.

LUTC -- Heard from New Seasons Market Developer. One story building received criticism. The other building will be a multi-story development. There will be a lot of residential development around. There will be a traffic study. 2. Presentation about Urban Food Amendments re: Farmers Markets being allowed, Market Gardens, Food Buying Clubs, bee-keeping, are all allowed. 3. Portland Comprehensive Plan being updated. Focus may be more on those areas that need more support. Looking at placing people on Portland Comp Plan Committee. 4. N. Williams Corridor discussed. Today, the committee settled on a basic outline: one vehicle lane from Broadway to Kilinsgworth, exception Fremont to Skidmore- a left-turn bicycle and car turn lane (similar to Stark and Oak Street downtown). Lower speed limit. Can expect that Williams will be slower in the next year. 18 of 21 committee members voted to approve the plan including HNA and ENA reps. David S. suggests that NECN send a congratulatory letter. Honoring History Committee has interesting ideas and hopes to partner with NECN. 5. Luke Groser testified to support Portland Playhouse and Council approved it unanimously. 30 people testified for it, no one against. Portland Playhouse acknowledged NECN. 6. CRC- Action that NECN took bore some fruit and Metro had to defend itself to the supreme court stating that the bridge is a light rail project and stated that 2.5 billion dollar bribe. 7. David S. notes that Pauline Bradford presented at the committee meeting and was well-received. The street light on N Williams and Stanton was discussed. David S. proposed that NECN track the light as an option. If it is included in the Committee report, NECN to support. If not, NECN will support this need directly. 8. Joint Oversight Committee had a meeting in the City last Friday. David S. testified and thought the legislators listened and asked good questions. Will be surprised if they raise gas taxes to pay for this bridge. Lew Frederick offered testimony against the CRC. Joe Cortright presented and

George Crandall's Common Sense Alternative was presented. Steve Cole added that David and Steve are meeting with CLF, Willamette Pedestrian Coalition for an organized response. Steve and David are developing a Speakers Bureau using the reference documents and would like help on the PPT development.

Steve Cole motioned to send a thank you letter to the N Williams Stakeholder Adv Committee, David Sweet seconds. Approved unanimously.

Kay Newell requests the points on the N Williams Corridor Committee to be disseminated to the neighborhoods.

David Sweet requests that NECN join Coalition for a Livable Future for \$250 annual membership. **Steve Cole motions that NECN add the membership of CLF to the Legal Fund costs. Approve unanimously.**

SALT -- Commander of the NE precinct was not able to join the meeting.

Fireworks discussion and presentation by the Fire Department's Operation Lower the Boom, fourth year. Senator Chip Shields discussed his work at the legislation level and Arn Strasser presented his testimony to Council on Fireworks. Voted to send a letter in support of Operation Lower the Boom and ask Council to take this more seriously. Sen. Shields to help draft letter and bring to SALT in April.

Solid Ground presented on the Emergency Preparedness project. They updated and will present at the April SALT meeting. SALT directed a neighbor with a 7-11 concern to LUTC.

Finance -- Bank transfer. Legend details to be developed by Nancy Church.

Personnel- (reported by Chris Lopez) Sarah Williams resigned due to time commitments with VNA.

Need to elect nominating committee tonight. David Lomax, Katie Ugolini are on the committee. Job will be to identify at-large members as well as determine candidates for officers. Six hours of work between now and June. Peter O'neil, Shirley Minor volunteer. **Steve Cole moves to elect David Lomax, Katie U, Peter O'neil and Shirley Minor to serve on the Nominating Committee and room for another if they so choose. Robert B seconded. Unanimous.**

Rules- No update.

Resource Development Committee -- Looking to fundraise for our organization, to strengthen our organization, to fight CRC up to \$6,000, stabilize organization funding since the city funds will be reduced. Chris Hyde may join this committee.

Director's Report -- Highlights on Organization Visibility- many events. Operations planning sessions- see the wall of budget to actual activities over the past months of this fiscal year. Accomplished a lot this year. Lots of demand from our NAs which is a good thing. More action planning and board training sessions.

HR update- Shoshana Cohen resigned to meet other life priorities. Her last day will be April 5th. Seniors Make Sense may have a receptionist for 6 months for no cost to NECN.

Developing a transition plan for 4-6 months with the support of a consultant.

Adjourn.