



**NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS**

Approved Minutes NECN Board Meeting April 17, 2012

Welcome and Introductions 6:40

Board Members Present: Chris Lopez (SGNA), Katie Ugolini (CNA), Diana Pope (VNA), Steve Cole (ICA), Pauline Bradford (ENA), Joan Ivan (ENA), Peter O'Neill (ICA), Kay Newell (BNA), Lupin Morgan (BNA), Jim Brown (ANA), Adam Karol (ANA), Damon Isaiah Turner (at large), Chris Hyde (GPNA), Luke Groser (WNA), David Sweet (SCA), Tom Thompson (VNA), Robert Bowles (at large), David Lomax (KNA),
Guests: Amalia Alarcon (ONI), Arif Khan, Jeff Scott, King NA prospective Board Member
Staff: Paige Coleman, Anjala Ehelebe

Review and approve Consent Agenda (Note, March minutes to be approved in May) **Pauline moves and Robert seconds approving the agenda with no modifications. (Unless noted otherwise, Chris Lopez abstains from all votes.) Motion passes unanimously.**

Guest Presenter, Amalia Alarcon, Director of ONI (6:42) brings good news and scuttlebutt. She encourages us to give feedback to council members and ONI staff by phone or email.

Trying to decentralize last few years, giving duties to other groups like diversity partners, Resolutions NW, etc. Been part of a "shadow" budget with "one-time-dollars" vs "ongoing" dollars

Been asked to present 4%, 6%, and 8% cuts to city council: which cut staff, two minimum and neighborhood grants gone at 4%, worse at higher levels of cuts. Over the years they've taken so many cuts, the only places left were in Crime Prevention and ONI support of coalitions.

Lots of the proposed staff cuts were in the crime prevention program and City analysis said, no that's a public safety priority. The analysts in Office of Management and Finance say the neighborhood grants need to go away and cut Resolutions NW funding fully because they are not core to the ONI mission. Cut all graffiti dollars that fund art projects. Cut east county position, leaving it as a volunteer effort.

City council asked how many mediations done monthly; cost of living dollars that partners have lost; what data ONI needs to manage crime prevention better? More questions from City then and later. Talk about creating a 311 information number.

Questions: Kay asks if communication grants to NA s will be kept, Amalia says yes. Kay asks if Peter asks if the proposed cuts are online somewhere, yes, AA will email it to Paige. Leaves at 6:57.

Arif Khan - Disaster asset mapping project in NECN boundaries to find out who is doing what where to prepare for disasters. Team is doing this, with an offshoot disaster preparedness exercise next to King School June 2, 2012. Look up more information on resilientpdx.org Volunteers welcome to help set up event. Adam asks Arif if PDEM is invited. Yes. Ham radio folks also. Diana says she works at VA which is a designated disaster helping agency, she and Arif will be corresponding. Tom says you will invite all Tool workshops, won't you? www.solidground.necn.org

Unfinished Business

Last Thursday letter. See attached, second half of 1st page is what we sent, mayor responded in 1st part of



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page and it was well received. Next Mayor's LT meeting is Friday at 8am. Steve asks if the Alberta Main Street also got a copy of this letter? No. **Steve moves that we forward this email exchange to Alberta Main Street so they are apprised of our issues. Peter seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**



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Fresh Exchange conversation.

See attached two letters to Richard Benner and Rosemary Sweet. Steve Cole provides background. The previous discussions about the transfer of Fresh Exchange information have led us to retract these letters and. We sent the letter because Exec committee voted to send a letter about money donated by NECN to Fresh Exchange and transferring the project. Chris says his understanding is that the history of the project as relayed in the letter is wrong, and David Sweet says yes, the letter shows a misunderstanding of what has happened *vis a vis* the funds and of what has happened. Asked Steve if he'll clarify the retraction. **Motioned sending out letters to the same people retracting these letters with an addendum that we'll be engaging in further discussions with them before we send them amended letters. David Sweet seconds this motion.** Discussions. Chris says the letter was sent out because we owed a response to PFM about the FMF on April 2, 2012. He felt that PFM/FMF had cut the discussion short at our only meeting with the groups. Just last week PFM pressed NECN for a response so the letters went out. Chris invites all to the Executive Board meeting in May. Paige says PFM wants to put out press releases about the FE and was pushing to get a response and she got communications from them last week. She and Chris were tasked by EC to write these. Chris says read the letters, send any questions to him and Paige and come to the EB meeting in May. **Vote - 10 yea, 0 nay, 8 abstentions (Peter, Shirley, Tom, Chris H., Damon, David, Lupin, Diana). Motion carries.**

Fireworks letter recommendation by SALT

Senator Chip Shields and Chris Lopez crafted this letter after presentations at SALT. This would give more authority to ticket folks for first time infractions. Diana says she finds a paragraph that says folks confusion of gunshots with fireworks is “profiling” and she actually does research about the problems of noise. Steve agrees that the letter would be equally valid with the sentence removed. Shirley says she's a person who confuses fireworks with gunshots. Pauline says in the South folks used guns to shoot in the air as celebration. Kay says folks feel it is their sacred right to throw up fireworks because general public fireworks are too expensive or not visible any or more. **Steve moves to approve an amended version of the letter removing that part of the sentence after “Fireworks are often confused for gunfire.” Adam seconds. Unanimously approved. Kay moves another change that would “encourage the community to provide other forms of entertainment” seconded by Diana. Jeff says this letter concerns fireworks use OUTSIDE the fourth, so Kay's amendment isn't relevant. Vote. Motion fails.**

[Shirley Minor arrives 7:20]

Final Draft ONI Letter

FD was written by other Coalitions and we want to send this one on. It is saying we do support the budget recommendation by ONI to the City and requesting not adopting city fiscal analyst cuts. **Steve moves sending this letter to Office Management and Budget. Seconded by Pauline. Unanimously supported.**

Rough Draft Letter to PPS



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Steve explains the reason for the letter. Pauline says she hears PPS also wants to close Harriet Tubman school as maybe a sweetener of the site to sell the Blanchard site. She says PPS could cut 3-4 days of school and meet the budget, without closing the schools. And she's a retired educator. Kay says Boise is where they expect to put Humboldt kids and Boise feeds into Grant. Paige says this was written prior to the PPS announcement of what schools are slated to close. Steve Cole says folks are welcome to join the NECN Schools Committee. Shoshana (staff), Luke, Steve and Paul Anthony have been on it. They do not have regularly scheduled meetings. Paige says it is an *ad hoc* community committee. **Steve moves, Luke seconds sending out this letter to the PPS superintendent. Unanimously supported.**



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New issue for agenda: upcoming mayoral debate

Steve says he was volunteered to be the KATU2 representative for all neighborhoods at an upcoming mayoral candidate debate and needs our suggestions for questions. He's thinking of asking something like NECN & CLF and other partners have been fighting for neighborhoods what will you do to make sure that PBOT is not bankrupted by CRC. Discussion. David Lomax says Ask about ONI and its relationship to the neighborhoods. What construction is going on at Jantzen Beach out where ODOT is? Gentrification. Potential for partnership with industry or businesses to pick up the slack for what is being cut from city budgets. Top two being ONI and CRC.

CEDC report

Robert says there was a great meeting on the 3rd. Next one will be May 1st. Next meeting is the 19th at 8am.

LUTC report

David says see the written report. Next meeting will be getting a presentation by food cart group

Board Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Paige reports that Executive was requested by one officer to go paperless. Strategy to use the projector, with the understanding that the people could use group server to see documentation ahead of time. EC will try this at the next meeting. We're going to try out Basecamp, a sort of upgraded type of Google Docs, which also has discussion forums. Katie added that we still have the option for paper. Pauline says there are a lot of things that go out online but people can't pull it up because the computers are not compatible. Chris says if you can get into Basecamp, you can see all things posted there. He tried another site called DropBox, which is basically a big filing cabinet, really easy to use. Adam says his office uses Basecamp and it works BEAUTIFULLY and they use it for project management. Jeff Scott says one issue with PDFs is sometimes you can't cut and paste from them. Paige assures him you can cut and paste from our early version of PDF. Jim says we need to bring information back to our neighborhoods and this paper is useful. Pauline says be sure to recycle the paper copies. Diana says have a relationship with local libraries. Have a schedule when NECN material could be available.

Pauline says even if folks have email, they don't read it because of dozens of dozens in the inbox. Kay says if we send things out in a timely manner, she takes out the pertinent material and reports to Boise.

Chris asks for a straw poll. OK. Try to move toward paperless starting next meeting.

Finance

We're switching our accounts to Umpqua bank tomorrow.

Personnel

Katie is stepping down as Personnel Chair, position is now vacant, she'll train a successor. Nominating



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Committee is working toward June for the annual Officer election and three at large positions. If you want to be on Executive, let her know and the Nominating committee will contact you. For the Board, there are five total at large positions of which three are vacant. Working on the Board orientation packet. (Please read and sign board Director agreement form that is now handed out.)

NECN is currently short of staff and Personnel was thinking of creating a written summary of committee highlights to be sent to each Board member to present to your NA. NECN don't have staff to send to each NA meeting. This one-and-a-half-pager is something that now gets sent to NA chairs.

Rules -- No reports

Ad Hoc Committee Reports
Resource Development -- No report
Strategic Planning -- No report

Executive Director's report -- The cleanup postcard comes out of the post office tomorrow; thanks for the money you NA who contributed to the postage. New PT receptionist starts work tomorrow.

Lee Perlman arrives 8:27 pm

Steve says he needs a couple of standing representatives from our Board to go on our anti-CRC duties. The best candidates are directly impacted by the probable CRC, by nearness, by health issues, and so forth. Could lead to being deposed as to how the CRC would affect you. Need someone by June. Boise, Humboldt, Elliot, Woodlawn neighborhoods.

Shirley reports that Woodlawn got our vote in for a movie in the park, and they gave us Secretariat. A couple more days to get your requests in.

Jeff says the KNA is opposing the Sumner Avenue proposed 7-11 store and there's a meeting at this King facility 6:30 tomorrow night.

Paige says it appears that the county and BSK will be leaving this facility because of complaints by the PTA.

Pauline and Kay have been extended on the URA committee until September 2012.

Robert says Concordia says the Concerts at Fernhill Park are being supported by Kickstarter, you can contribute.

Adjournment 8:39