

**NECN Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 19 2013, 6:30-8:30
NECN Office
Approved Minutes**

Meeting Attendees

Board

Chris Lopez, Sullivan's Gulch, NECN President
Shirley Minor, Woodlawn, NECN Board
Luke Groser, Woodlawn, NECN Board
Don Rouzie, Sabin, NECN Board
Robert Bowles, At-large, NECN Board
Adam Karol, Alameda, NECN Board
David Sweet, Sabin, NECN Board
Carol Gossett, Sullivan's Gulch, NECN Board
Jim Brown, Alameda, NECN Board
Joan Ivan, Eliot, NECN Board
Peter O'Neil, Irvington, NECN Board
Katie Ugolini, Concordia, NECN Board
Damon Isiah Turner, At-large, NECN Board
Steve Cole, Irvington, NECN Board
Paul Anthony, Humboldt, NECN Board

Staff

Shoshana Cohen, Interim Executive Director

Guests

Lupin Morgan

Meeting called to order by Chris Lopez at 6:35pm

Welcome and Introductions were completed

Review and Approve Agenda and Minutes

Minutes and Agenda were reviewed. **Robert motioned to approve them. Jim seconded. Passed unanimously, Chris abstains.**

Interim Executive Director's report

Shoshana referred everyone to the written ED report, which was passed out. Directors were encouraged to read the details after the meeting.

Shoshana provided an update on the status of the NECN facility/lease. We continue not to be sure about the future uses of the King Neighborhood Facility and our place in the building. We are beginning to look around at other options, in case we end up needing to move. We are also continuing to try to discuss our options with PPS.

Unfinished Business

Executive Director Transition

Shoshana and Chris met with a few potential consultants. Shoshana also talked to another couple possible places. We have four proposals which we need to review and make a decision to move forward. We will set up a search committee meeting to discuss next steps.

Columbia River Crossing Activity

We have been actively working on legislative advocacy as this is a big issue in the legislature right now. HB2800 is a current bill which would give the legislature a blank check to fund \$450 million

towards the CRC. It will be voted on in the house and senate very soon and letters to our legislators are encouraged right now. Shields and Dingfelder are especially important as there is more likelihood of stopping the bill in the state senate than in the house. Steve Cole is also hosting a house party to help pay for the lobbying efforts on Tuesday, Feb. 26th, all are encouraged to attend.

Good in the Hood

We will be meeting with some representatives of Good in the Hood on Wednesday. So far they have not provided the financial information we need to be a fiscal sponsor project, so we need to talk about the future of Good in the Hood and NECN.

Neighborhood Insurance Update

Staff is still working on a letter to NAs about this. The bylaws updates that will be required are potentially more complicated than we originally thought, so we are trying to be clear about what is required before we send the letter.

Clean Up Postcard

Shoshana has made limited attempts to find a sponsor for this year's postcard. She has not had time for a huge push. So far, she has not found a sponsor that can cover the cost of the entire postcard.

David moves that, barring an angel suddenly giving us \$5000, we do not do the postcard this year. Don seconds. 13 in favor, 1 opposed, Chris abstain. Motion passes.

New Actionable Items

Schools Committee Request

The Schools Committee is recommending we send a letter to the City regarding the Portland Plan and the connection with neighborhood schools. There is discussion about the best recipients for the letter and it is recommended that the letter be addressed to the Mayor and Superintendent Smith, copying everyone else. It is also recommended that we included language that the school district signed off on the Portland Plan and therefore is responsible for advocating for its priorities.

Katie motion that we send the letter as amended. Paul seconds. All in favor, other than Chris who abstains. Motion passes.

Whitaker Farms

Katie shares some background on the current proposal for Whitaker farms, as well as concerns about the process used to come up with this proposal. While Concordia and others are generally in support of a number of things about the proposal, they are concerned that the community was not really involved and that there are additional factors and community benefits that need to be concerned. It is recommended that this be brought to LUTC for a more thorough discussion and consideration of a letter that has been written by Our 42nd Ave. and NAYA.

NE Sunday Parkways – June 23rd

Sunday Parkways will be going through three of our neighborhood parks and many of our streets. Does NECN want to have a table/formal presence? We would need to put more time into thinking about our exact outreach strategy at events like this. We could also simply stand on a corner or street somewhere and hand something out to get people's attention. This might even be more effective.

Community Center Support Letter

There is an ad hoc community group working to save the church at NE 8th and Failing from being bought and demolished by a developer. They would like us to write a letter of support to the Department of Justice. There is additional discussion about the details of the potential project and the communication with the Department of Justice. Without additional information, it doesn't seem like we can send a letter at this time. However, Steve Cole volunteered to follow up with the group to find out more.

PBOT Funding Letter

LUTC is recommending that NECN send a letter to PBOT concerned about the cut to active transportation programs in the proposed PBOT budget. **Steve moves to support the PBOT letter. Jim seconds. All in favor, other than Chris who abstains. Motion passes.**

Community Committee Reports

CEDC – in the ED report

LUTC – in the ED report

SALT – in the ED report

Schools – Schools committee moving forward with the PPS School Board forum. It will be April 3rd at Concordia University and also in conjunction with the City Club.

Board Committee Reports

Finance – our spending has stabilized and we are now saving money because of reduction in staff.

Personnel – need to set up a personnel committee meeting to review the at-large board application.

Rules – no update

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Resource Development – need to set up a meeting.

Neighborhood Announcements

Job Fair at the State of Oregon office Thursday morning. Many employers. Shirley hands out a flyer, let people know about it.

SGNA is planning a charette to bring communities together along the Broadway corridor. All will be invited.

Adjourned by general consent at 8:40pm