

**NECN Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 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
Robert Bowles, At-large, NECN Board
David Sweet, Sabin, NECN Board
Carol Gossett, Sullivan's Gulch, NECN Board
Jim Brown, Alameda, NECN Board
Joan Ivan, Eliot, NECN Board
Katie Ugolini, Concordia, NECN Board
Damon Isiah Turner, At-large, NECN Board
Steve Cole, Irvington, NECN Board
Caroline Dao, Boise, NECN Board
Susan Dinger, CAN, NECN Board
David Lomax, King, 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. **Steve motioned to approve them. Robert seconded. Chris abstains, all others in favor. Motion passes.**

Interim Executive Director's report

Shoshana referred everyone to the written ED report in the meeting materials. Shoshana encouraged Directors to read the complete details from the written report and pointed out a few specific items:

- The List of Services for Neighborhood Associations. This is a document that has recently been updated and we share with neighborhood association to explain the services we provide to them.
- Good In the Hood – staff and board members have been in contact with Good In the Hood representatives and we're still discussing possibilities for this year.
- FORTS – will be moving to a new fiscal sponsor organization, a youth and arts oriented organization that is a perfect match with their work.
- We have two more neighborhood association requests for fiscal sponsorship. We'll discuss in more detail later in the agenda.
- Block Party Changes – Beginning immediately, PBOT has waived the additional insurance requirement for one block, block parties. Neighbors will be able to apply directly through PBOT without having to come to NECN for insurance. We will still assist neighbors with the process as needed and will still be providing insurance to neighborhood association events.
- Everyone is encouraged to pay special attention to the upcoming meetings and events and plan to attend on behalf of NECN, if possible. Everyone is specially invited to attend the Schools Committee meeting on March 28th where Multnomah County Commissioner, Loretta Smith will be attending; the PPS School Board Candidates Forum on Wednesday, April 3rd

and the ONI City Council Budget Work Session on Friday, April 5th at 1:15pm in City Council Chambers.

Unfinished Business

Executive Director Transition

The Search Committee reviewed proposals from five consultants. However, after reviewing the proposals the Search Committee decided that the consultants would not bring enough to the process to justify the expense. The search committee members themselves were still going to have to do the majority of the work and with a search committee of seven members, there was enough experience and availability to do the work. The search committee has been working on crafting the job description and working through the timeline of the entire process. They have received some helpful resource materials from other Coalitions and other sources to help with the process. The job will be posted on Friday, March 22nd.

Columbia River Crossing Activity

HB2800 passed the legislature. At this point we are waiting to see what happens in Washington state. There is also some possibility for Ted Wheeler to weigh in substantively. We are continuing to follow the process and look for effective advocacy opportunities.

Whitaker Farms Letter

We received a response from Commissioner Nick Fish in response to our letter. It seems they have heard enough feedback that they need to slow down the process and involve community members more. Things seem to be on hold for now.

New Actionable Items

Elect a new Board Secretary/Recorder and update our state records

Discussion of the role of Board Secretary/Recorder. **Steve moves to elect Luke Groser the new Board Recorder. David Sweet seconds. Chris abstains, all others in favor. Motion passes.**

Volunteer Medical Insurance for NA events

Shoshana reports that there is additional insurance we could get for about \$500 to cover our own NA volunteers with medical accidents. At least one other Coalition has this and it seems like a whole in our insurance coverage. Steve has questions about the coverage and wants to find out more details. He moves to table until next month.

PBOT BAC

Discussion of PBOT BAC recommendation for a year round committee. The PBOT budget is very complicated and a year round BAC would be more appropriate to allow volunteers to fully understand and participate in the budget process. Shoshana reports that all of the Coalitions are discussing this and trying to coordinate advocacy efforts. **Steve moves that NECN supports the idea of a year round PBOT BAC. Robert seconds. Motion passes**

Sending NECN materials to City Archives

Staff has spoken to the City Archivist about sending our materials to the City Archives. We have about 50 boxes worth of materials. They could help to sort and organize our materials so they would be more easily accessible. They would then become public documents. **Katie Ugolini moves to send NECN's documents to the City Archives. Jim Brown seconds. Chris abstains, all others in favor. Motion passes**

Fiscal Sponsorship Requests

Humboldt NA and King NA are both requesting fiscal sponsorships for projects applying for Community Watershed Project grants. Project summaries are included in the meeting materials. They are both working to meet the grant deadlines and staff is still working with them to collect all fiscal sponsorship materials. The staff recommendation is that these projects be conditionally

approved, pending a complete review of all materials. **David Sweet moves to conditionally approve, subject to final paperwork and details review by staff. Katie Ugolini seconds. Chris abstains, all others in favor. Motion passes.**

Last Thursday Inquiry Letter to the Mayor

SALT is recommending that we send a letter to the Mayor requesting a meeting and asking about his plans for Last Thursday this year. **David Sweet moves that we send the letter. Katie Ugolini seconds. Chris abstains, all others in favor. Motion passes.**

Community Committee Reports

CEDC – Will be hosting Dr. Terryl Ross in April to conduct a workshop on the changing demographics in Oregon.

LUTC – Hearing about Trimet's budget at the next meeting. Tracking Comprehensive Plan. Will have a roundtable discussion on infill development.

SALT – SALT is recommending an endorsement of HB 3256 (OLCC GNA enforcement). There is a discussion of the bill and the important mandated standing that it gives to neighborhood association. Shoshana shares that staff has heard some concerns from other Coalitions and City staff that the bill may have unintended consequences. Several Board members acknowledge that the bill is not perfect, but it is still an important move in the right direction. **Steve moves that we support HB 3256. Katie Ugolini seconds. Chris abstain. Passes unanimously.**

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 of Portland and Concordia University. All Board members are encouraged to help spread the word and to attend.

Board Committee Reports

Finance – Robert refers everyone to the finance materials. We are currently running under budget for the year and the Finance Committee is working on an updated cash flow and some proposed tweaks to the budget for the remainder of the year. We are also beginning work on next year's budget, where we still expect we will have a 10% cut from ONI.

Personnel – Susan Dinger has been nominated by CNA to serve as their second NECN Board representative. **Steve Cole moves to accept Susan to the NECN Board. Jim Brown seconds. Chris abstains, all others in favor. Motion passes.**

Caroline Dao has been nominated by BNA to serve as their NECN Board representative. Steve Cole moves to accept Caroline to the NECN Board. **Jim seconds. Chris abstains, all others in favor. Motion passes.**

Lupin Morgan has submitted an application for an at-large NECN Board position. The Personnel Committee reviewed and recommended to the Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed and recommended the Board accept her nomination to the Board. Lupin has recently filed a grievance against the Boise Neighborhood Association. There is a discussion of the role of NECN Board members and their role in grievances against neighborhood associations. **David Sweet moves to table Lupin's nomination until the grievance is settled. Steve seconds. 9 in favor of tabling. 1 against. Motion passes.**

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Resource Development – Carol Gossett is doing some reading and research on fundraising possibilities.

Adjourned at 8:35pm