

NECN Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 6:30-8:30
NECN Office
Approved Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Board

Chris Lopez, Sullivan's Gulch, NECN President
Luke Groser, Woodlawn, NECN Board
Steve Cole, Irvington, NECN Board
Katie Ugolini, Concordia, NECN Board
Jim Brown, Alameda, NECN Board
Carol Gossett, Sullivan's Gulch, NECN Board
Paul Anthony, Humboldt, NECN Board
David Lomax, King, NECN Board
Susan Dinger, Concordia, NECN Board
David Sweet, Sabin, NECN Board
Shirley Minor, Woodlawn, NECN Board
Robert Bowles, At-large, NECN Board

Staff

Shoshana Cohen, Interim Executive Director

Guests

John Rink, Peter Kohler, Lee Perlman

Meeting called to order by Chris Lopez at 6:37pm

Welcome and Introductions were completed

Review and Approve Agenda and Minutes

Minutes and Agenda were reviewed. **Steve Cole moved to approve them. David Sweet seconded. Unanimous vote, motion passes.**

Interim Executive Director's report

NECN has forged relationship with City Club and our next collaborative venture will be on May 15 – author evening with Lois Leveen at Allen Temple, a NE church. We will spread word in the NE.

Additional was ONI Directors have had continued conversations about neighborhood association structure. Shoshana has been participating and doing research on the federal and state reporting requirements for state level non-profits. A lot of questions have arisen and in the future we may want to offer more fiscal sponsorship services to neighborhood associations to help accommodate reporting requirements.

Discussion of Executive Committee and General Board Charters

Review by Steve Cole of work/duty allocation between the two. Out of summer 2011 retreat arose desire to reduce duplicative efforts and increase effectiveness. All are encouraged to review bylaws. We always seek improvement in bylaws. All Board members are also always invited to attend Executive Committee meetings.

New Actionable Items

Nominating Committee

Board members David Lomax, Susan Dinger, and Luke Groser (lead) will draw up a slate by end of May for Executive Committee leadership and at-large positions on the General Board. **Motion made by Steve Cole to form Nominating Committee, seconded by Robert Bowles. Unanimously approved.**

Last Thursday Permit

NECN has received official notification of permit application. We have three choices of response:

- Acknowledge receipt and no objection or comment
- Study permit more
- Object with objections listed

Extensive discussion by Board. Shoshana Cohen, Chris Lopez and Steve Cole met last week with Mayor staff. Discussion involved concern with 10:00 close, concerns about noise, alcohol, safety and parking issues. Discussion of the fact that if FOLT receives the permit they can be held more responsible for the event, then if they do not have a permit. The noise control office can then issue violations to FOLT if there are any. **Steve Cole motions to have NECN support FOLT taking responsibility for the event and receiving a permit, but also note that the permit describes an event with no noise and no alcohol, this is different than what has happened in the past. David Sweet seconds. Motion passes unanimously.** It is discussed that we will still continue to speak directly to the Mayor's office and voice neighbor concerns, to help ensure a safe and positive event this year.

Unfinished Business

Executive Director Search Update

Received applications and talent is evident from readings of the candidate pool. The search committee has been meeting weekly and will continue to meet. Applications are being accepted until April 25th and interviewing is planned for mid to late May.

Good in the Hood Update

Interim Executive Director has been in discussion over our role as fiscal agent. They have made changes in procedures and leadership. No motions. We will continue our role as fiscal agent and continue to help them through this transitional year.

Last Thursday

Our leadership has met with Mayor's office. FOLT has met with City and will meet with police precinct head to share. This is a very difficult situation. We encourage FOLT and City to continue to improve safety.

Lease Update

Expires in June. There is evidence PPS is close to non-renewal. Building is owned by City and PPS has control over management and our lease is with PPS. We will create contingent plans for moving if PPS fails to renew our nearly 40-year presence here. **Steve Cole moves to send letter out to City and other officials to move a decision forward with dispatch. Seconded by Katie Ugolini. Motion passes unanimously.**

Community Committee Reports

CEDC – Senator Shields meeting regarding small business/economic development on Tuesday, April 30 at Oyster Bar.

LUTC – Gentrification study presentation at next LUTC meeting on April 24. Sullivan's Gulch Charrette is April 27.

SALT – Fluoride in water discussion. HB 3256 regarding OLCC and Good Neighbor Agreements is stuck in committee.

Schools – Shoshana Cohen and Paul Anthony vital to success of candidates forum.

Board Committee Reports

Personnel – Lupin Morgan application still on table until neighborhood grievance completed and Chair recommends folding this issue into annual election in June meeting.

Adjourned at 8:25pm