

**NECN Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 6:30-8:30**  
**NECN Office**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Meeting Attendees**

**Board**

Chris Lopez, Sullivan's Gulch, NECN President  
Luke Groser, Woodlawn, NECN Board  
Caroline Dao, Boise, NECN Board  
Shirley Minor, Woodlawn, NECN Board  
Jim Brown, Alameda, NECN Board  
Peter O'Neil, Irvington, NECN Board  
Joan Ivan, Eliot, NECN Board  
Carol Gossett, Sullivan's Gulch, NECN Board

David Sweet, Sabin, NECN Board  
Steve Cole, Irvington, NECN Board  
Pauline Bradford, Eliot, NECN Board  
Don Rouzie, Sabin, NECN Board  
Katie Ugolini, Concordia, NECN Board  
Paul Anthony, Humboldt, NECN Board  
Damon Isiah Turner, At-large, NECN Board

**Staff**

Shoshana Cohen, Interim Executive Director

**Guests**

Allan Rudwick, Eliot

**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. **Pauline Bradford motioned to approve. Peter O'Neil seconded. Chris Lopez abstaining, motion carries.**

**Interim Executive Director's report**

Written report was distributed, please review after the meeting. Shoshana reminded everyone about several upcoming NECN events including a Facilitation training and Emergency Planning Roundtable.

**Unfinished Business**

**Executive Director Search Update**

Progress report of process by Lopez. Board should reserve dates June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> to be present for final round interviews and provide oral feedback to Hiring Committee as it prepares a recommendation for the Executive Committee and a final choice on a called Special Board Meeting on June 6, 2013.

**Good in the Hood Update**

GITH is going to have an event. Need volunteers June 29<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> to staff NECN info table and help cash supervision, and opportunity to be in parade. Please sign up to assist with table and cash supervision.

**Last Thursday**

City will share costs with us after event; City has given FOLT a list of conditions for the permit. If they can meet them, a permit will be issued for May only.

We do not have staff time to take on any Last Thursday tasks/responsibilities. City is concerned with security and livability of neighbors. City is permitting the May event. NECN will make clear to the Mayor's office that we appreciate their listening directly to our concerned neighbors and we appreciate their presence at our SALT meeting. We also are still not opposed to FOLT being given a permit and held to the regular conditions of a permit. Katie Ugolini will communicate with Rick Sills to be clear he is not speaking for NECN and also draft a follow up email with the Mayor's Office representative Chad Stover. Like the Mayor's office, we continue to want the event to have a positive impact on our neighborhoods and can communicate respectfully with City staff about this.

### **North Williams Development**

A development group planning a project in lot north of the new New Seasons wishes to be a community partner. We have met twice and are discussing office space at low cost with responsibilities for creating neighborhood events in a common space. We will continue to pursue discussions of future potential relationship.

### **New Actionable Items**

#### **ONI Grant Agreement Renewal**

Our grant agreement total for 2013-2014 is \$267,779. The figure is likely but will not be 100% confirmed until City Council votes on the budget. The agreement commits us to several core goals and actions in exchange for the financial support from the City. Much is similar to past years. Some changes. **Motion made by David Sweet to accept and enter into the new ONI Agreement, seconded by Pauline Bradford. Passed unanimously.**

#### **Budget FY 2013-2014**

Distributed draft budget and outline of work priorities that can be supported by the budget. obligations, goals and initiatives for next year. Members were requested to look over document and develop a long-term view. Numbers will be directly addressed next month. Tentative numbers were created. There are many variables to be determined with a firm ONI dollar allotment and the hiring of a permanent Executive Director. It is a very clear enumeration of our position and direction.

#### **Finance Committee Report**

It looks like we will end the year with revenue in excess of expenses. There is a proposal for prepaying some expenses for next fiscal with unspent funds this year. **Motion made by Steve Cole to support budget revisions as explained in handout for end of FY 2012-2013 to even out revenue and expenses in 2012-13, seconded by David Sweet. Passed unanimously.**

#### **Financial Review & 990**

We had our finances audited. We will look into ways to reduce future auditing costs.

#### **Volunteer Appreciation Event**

Volunteer Appreciation Event is tentatively scheduled for the evening of July 16<sup>th</sup>. We will invite all neighborhood volunteers and community partners to appreciate their work for the year. The event budget is in the revised budget handout.

#### **Fiscal Sponsorship Policy**

Three of the 12 neighborhoods have Federal IRS non-profit status. There is discussion of the possibility of NECN supporting some of the other neighborhoods with a fiscal sponsorship for the entire neighborhood. We could model this program after our current fiscal sponsorship program but it would have to be slightly revised for a complete neighborhood. Discussion about how much staff time this takes and if NECN has enough capacity if many neighborhoods ended up being interested. At some point we may need to charge administration fees based on dollar amount of transaction amount. **Steve Cole motions NECN be available to take on fiscal sponsorship pilot project with Eliot Neighborhood Association, seconded by Peter O'Neil. Passed unanimously.**

#### **PBOT Letter**

**David Sweet motioned for Carol Gossett to write a letter to PBOT supporting NE 16<sup>th</sup> & Broadway, seconded by Katie Ugolini. Motion passes. Chris Lopez and Damon Isiah Turner abstain.**

### **Community Committee Reports**

CEDC – Continuing to consider a quarterly event series. The first one will focus on brownfields development and be held in September.

LUTC – Gentrification study presentation at next LUTC meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

SALT – Last Thursday discussion (see previous). Possible partnership with Social Change Program of the YWCA to put on community forums and possibly training staff/board on diversity/race.

Schools – Looking to collaborate with local schools to develop strategies of success.

### **Board Committee Reports**

Nominating Committee – working on nominations. Anyone interested in an officer position contact the nominating committee.

### **Announcements**

Patronize King Farmers Market.

NECN and City Club. Urban League and others sponsored author talk at a church on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Local author, Lois Leveen, spoke about writing her book *The Secrets of Mary Bowser*. Very successful event and continued partnership with City Club and others.

**Adjourned at 8:51pm**