



**NORTHEAST COALITION  
OF NEIGHBORHOODS**

**NECN Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, April 15, 2014  
NECN Office – Conference Room  
Approved Minutes**

## **Meeting Attendees**

### **Board**

Steve Cole, Irvington, NECN Interim President  
Paul Anthony, Humboldt, NECN 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.  
Jim Brown, Alameda Representative  
Katie Ugolini, Concordia Representative  
Luke Groser, Woodlawn Representative  
Carol Gossett, Sullivan's Gulch Representative  
Damon Isiah Turner, At-Large  
Alan Silver, King Representative

Peter O'Neil, Irvington Representative  
Jaime McGeathy, Concordia Representative  
Robert Bowles, At-Large  
Lupin Morgan, At-Large  
John Prell, Grant Park Representative  
Ken Peterson, Grant Park Representative

### **Staff**

Shoshana Cohen, Executive Director  
Cameron Herrington, Communications Manager

### **Guests**

Jamie Waltz, PBOT speaking re: Our Streets  
Funding  
Micah Meskel, Humboldt Neighbor

## **Welcome & Introductions**

**Motion by acclamation to approve Agenda & Minutes unanimously passes**

### **Guest Speaker, Jamie Waltz, Our Streets Funding**

PBOT hosting community forums to collect feedback on potential sources of transportation funding. One option is a monthly road user fee (could be \$8 or \$12/month). Funding would be primarily for maintenance and safety improvements. For busy streets (high transit and freight traffic – would include increased safety for bicycle infrastructure on these streets), and for neighborhood greenways

Funding options: Street-user fee, taxes, etc... there has already been polling done about this. Upcoming town halls will further examine these options.

### **Executive Director's Report**

New administrative coordinator: Randi Razalenti. Katie Chastain still helping out on Thursday afternoons for a few more weeks.

Tomorrow night is a Communications & Outreach Roundtable Training at NECN. Cameron will lead it for communications volunteers in the neighborhoods. The training will be use a neighborhood clean-up as an example and go over how to create an outreach plan for a neighborhood event.

Office of Equity and Human Rights offers Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> in the evening for an equity training for our board. We can also invite the Neighborhood Association board members. Save the date!

## **ONI Budget Season:**

- 1) We will be soon signing our ONI grant agreement and putting together our budget. Looks like we will not face any cuts, and will get a \$7,000 cost-of-living increase. [Shoshana passes out ONI grant agreement goals]. We are on a five-year cycle for reassessing the goals of the ONI grants to the district coalitions. There will be work over the next year to reassess those goals. There may be an increased focus on equity and demonstrating that we are working with a diverse range of people.
- 2) ONI Neighborhood Grants funding looked like it wasn't going to be funded. Now there might be some interest on the City Council. We are organizing people to attend the next City Budget Forum on 4/22, Tuesday, 6:30pm at David Douglas High School. We are looking for people who can sign up to testify at the forum, and other who can hold signs.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **CRC Update**

ODOT and Federal Government have moved for a stay on the lawsuit for a year. Governor hoping to reinstate the CRC next year after Oregon and Washington have legislative elections.

Working on a media strategy – writing editorials, etc.

### **NECN messaging update/feedback**

Cameron handed out cards and asked for some additional board feedback on NECN messaging.

## **New Business**

### **Metro RTP**

LUTC has drafted a letter to Metro about the Draft Regional Transportation Plan. This is to be an official letter from NECN to Metro. The letter lists which proposed projects NECN “supports and recommends for funding,” and which ones NECN “opposes.” **Carol Gossett makes motion to adopt the letter. Lupin Morgan seconds: Unanimous approval.**

### **LUTC Bikeways recommendation**

Action upon a recommendation from Concordia Neighborhood Association, LUTC has drafted a letter to PBOT recommending a specific couplet alignment for the 20s Bikeway Project. Carol Gossett of Sullivan’s Gulch cannot support the letter due to Sullivan’s Gulch neighbor concerns. Steve Cole says that Irvington supports the letter and Jim Brown states that Alameda does as well. **Paul Anthony moves to approve the letter. Robert Bowles seconds. 1 Against, all others in favor, accept Steve Cole who abstains as usual.**

### **Appointment of New President**

Chris Lopez stepped down as President for personal reasons. Three months left in the term. We also need a Parliamentarian. We will vote for both positions.

Luke Grosser: As chairman of the personnel committee, nominates Steve Cole to be president through the end of this board year (end of the June meeting).

Damon Isiah Turner: Nominates Jaime to be Parliamentarian. She declines.

Shoshana: Parliamentarian has to commit to attending executive committee meetings and overseeing elections. Authority on rules and bylaws.

No nominations for Parliamentarian.

**Luke Grosser: Moves for a vote by acclamation to approve Steve Cole as president for the next three months. Jim Brown seconds. Unanimously approved.**

## **Community Committee Reports**

### **CEDC**

April 22, 6:30pm Living Cully Coalition presentation by Tony DeFalco from Verde

## **LUTC**

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm Climate Smart Communities Scenario Project (This is a Metro project, mandated by the state.) Parks Priorities discussion in May.

## **SALT**

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm, Last Thursday info from City and PPB. Mayor's office and North Precinct of PPB will be represented. Will also be talking about the gentrification film series being worked on by Sharita Towne.

## **Schools**

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm. Schools Committee did not meet in March, but will meet in April. Agenda still being confirmed.

## **Board Committee Reports**

### **Finance**

Draft budget for next year will be presented at the May board meeting.

### **Personnel**

Next Meeting 4/17, 11am – Board recruitment and elections. Board orientation and recruitment document has been approved by the executive committee. This will help NA leaders recruit representatives to the NECN board. It will also help us recruit at-large board members. At the next meeting the committee will create guidelines for the June board elections.

### **Rules**

Next Meeting, 4/18, 9am – Committee Guidelines.

**Additional announcements:** April 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the re-naming of Union Ave to MLK, Jr. Blvd. King NA is co-sponsoring an event at Blazers Boys and Girls Club.

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 12-4pm: Community Design charrette, Sullivan's Gulch. Various speakers talking about Sullivan's Gulch issues, including Broadway bikeway. Eliot, Irvington, Grant Park, Sullivan's Gulch will give neighborhood updates.

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm: Green King project will be installing an irrigation system in the parking lot. Green King just received \$30,000 from East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District for next phase of improvements to King School/Park. NECN is fiscal sponsor.

This coming weekend: Concordia Egg Hunt. Woodlawn Egg Hunt. King Egg Hunt.

Chris Poole-Jones passed away last week. She led the June Key Delta project. Former Irvington board member.

Charles Jordan passed away last week.

**Adjourned at 7:59pm**