



**NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS**

**NECN Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
NECN Office – Conference Room
Approved Minutes**

Meeting Attendees

Board

Steve Cole, Irvington, NECN President
Paul Anthony, Humboldt, NECN 2nd Vice Pres.
Jim Brown, Alameda Representative
Stephen Gomez, Boise Representative
Katie Ugolini, Concordia Representative
Joan Ivan, Eliot Representative
Brian Cefola, Grant Park Representative
John Prell, Grant Park Representative
Peter O'Neil, Irvington Representative

Diego Gioseffi, King Representative
Margo Dobbertin, King Representative
Joshua Curtis, Sabin Representative
Carol Gossett, Sullivan's Gulch Representative
Luke Groser, Woodlawn Representative
Shirley Minor, Woodlawn Representative
Robert Bowles, Concordia Representative
Damon Isiah Turner, At-Large
Jennifer Jardee-Borquist, At-Large

Staff

Shoshana Cohen, Executive Director
Katy Asher, Neighborhoods Program Manager

Guests

Shoshanah Oppenheim, Manager, City of Portland Civil Rights Program
Madison Weakly, Neighbor

Meeting called to order by Steve Cole at 6:35pm

Welcome and Introductions

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

Peter moves to approve the agenda and minutes. Shoshana asks to move updates on Good in the Hood to the end of the agenda. Margo announces she is the new Chair of King Neighborhood Association and that Diego Gioseffi has been elected as a new King Representative. She requests that the Board add an item to the agenda to recognize this change in roles. Jennifer, seconds the amended agenda. Motion passes unanimously.

Guest Speaker, Shoshanah Oppenheim City of Portland Civil Rights Program Manager

Ms. Oppenheim introduces the Civil Rights program, which offers access to City of Portland programs and services regardless of race or ability. She works as the compliance officer for the City, investigating complaints and resolving them. Currently housed in the Office of Management and Finance, her program will join Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR) at the beginning of next fiscal year.

Starting with emergency and safety programs, Civil Rights is working to improve services (including outreach materials) for persons with limited English proficiency, translating bureaus' essential documents into 6 different languages. Civil Rights also promotes environmental justice, working to ensure that decision making avoids negative cumulative impacts on low-income people and people of color. The program has surveyed City facilities in order to begin removing barriers to people with disabilities.

Group discussion of the Civil Rights Plan, survey results and implications of moving Civil Rights Program to OEHR. Ms. Oppenheim invites board members to contact her with any questions and to send neighbors her way. (Ms. Oppenheim leaves) will send Shoshana C metro map links and copies of the handout)

Executive Director Report

Shoshana highlights upcoming events, including a Disaster Preparedness Movie Night, PDC meeting re-starting the conversation about Vanport and affordable housing allocation, Equity Training for NECN Board and neighborhood volunteers, Lloyd Ecodistrict Info Session, Demolition & Residential Infill Panel, Neighborhood Association Treasurer

Training, and fall NECN Fundraiser. Special thanks to Robert B. for helping acquire and install ceiling tiles in the NECN lobby.

Unfinished Business

Good in the Hood Update

Moved to end of meeting.

Maverick Main Stage – Fiscal Sponsorship

Shoshana provides an overview of NECN Fiscal Sponsorship Program and recommends adding Maverick Main Stage as a fiscally sponsored project of NECN. Board raises questions about potential employees, and whether they would receive NECN benefits. Potential employees would become NECN employees, and Maverick would be required to budget enough funding into their programs to cover any employee benefits per NECN personnel policies, unemployment insurance, etc. Katie U moves that NECN become a fiscal sponsor of Maverick Mainstage, Peter seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business

LUTC – Tree Policy

Steve reports loss of trees in Irvington due to multiple sidewalk complaints in the neighborhood. Unless a tree is sited on a double lot, corner lot or is a heritage tree, the City does not require permits for tree removal on private property. The City passed a new tree policy but hasn't implemented it due to lack of funding. AT the ONI Coalition Directors and Chairs meeting Steve heard concern city-wide about this issue of tree removal.

NECN's Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC) requests approval of a letter demanding implementation of the City Tree Policy. Jim shares that he voted against this letter at the LUTC because he is concerned that it will be underfunded and be implemented improperly. Lupin speaks in favor of taking action. Jennifer asks whether Title 11 will impact her private property. Joshua asks whether the funds for this policy would take away funds from other social services. Stephen asks for clarification on issue – are we asking the City to speed up implementation? Asking to have it be funded. Lupin moves to approve and send the letter. Paul seconds. Jim Brown opposed. Josh, Jen, John and Damon abstain. Motion passes.

2014-15 ONI Grant Amendment

Shoshana provides Board members Amendment 5 to NECN's Grant Agreement with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI). This year NECN is scheduled to receive funding not to exceed \$285,633. ONI requests that the NECN Board move to accept the base amount of \$274,000, with anticipated funding for the small grant program with the understanding that the numbers may change slightly. Shoshana reviews proposed changes and notes that next year will signal the end of this five-year agreement. Joshua moves to accept Amendment 5. Robert seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

2014-15 Budget

Shoshana reviews her proposed budget to be put forward for Board approval in June.

Community Committee Reports

CEDC

Robert reports that CEDC is on hiatus.

LUTC

Carol reports that the committee will be discussing parks at their May meeting and using Google Earth as a tool to stimulate discussion. She thanks people in the room for helping to make the Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Charette a success. Steve announces that Carol will be stepping down as Land Use Co-Chair after the next meeting, and invites Board members to step in as Land Use Co-Chair with Ed Abrahamson.

SALT

Katie U reports hosting a speaker from Columbia Riverkeeper at the May SALT meeting to talk about coal and oil trains. Committee members want to work with Columbia Riverkeeper on a letter regarding coal trains for approval by the NECN Board next month, building on the joint letter sent by SALT and LUTC in 2012.

Peter shares a request for feedback from the Board about whether SALT may ask Chad Stover from the Mayor's office to provide regular progress reports on vendor fees, closing times regarding Last Thursday. General consensus around the table to allow SALT to contact Mr. Stover.

Schools

Paul reports that Rita Moore from Portland Public Schools (PPS) Superintendent's Advisory Committee for Enrollment & Transfer (SACET) will attend the May meeting to discuss a plan for redrawing the boundaries district-wide for Portland Public Schools. Paul and Joshua anticipate some significant impact on Grant High School feeder schools, as well as King School. In June, the committee will host someone from the Portland State University (PSU) Hatfield School of Government to talk about the demographic forecasting services they provide to PPS in regards to redrawing boundaries.

Paul announces that the Schools Committee is partnering to host a City Club event on decision making in public policy and its impact on education, June 10, 6:30pm, Multnomah County Commissioners Board Room.

Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Robert reports working on next year's budget.

Personnel/Nominating

Luke reminds everyone that elections of officers and at large members, and also acceptance of neighborhood appointees to the NECN Board will take place in June. He reports that the NECN Executive Committee appointed Paul, Joan and Luke to the Nominating Committee at their May meeting. Other board members are invited to join them. The Nominating Committee will meet Friday, May 23 at noon at NECN and requests input on potential at-large members.

Luke notes that NECN bylaws currently require a Parliamentarian to run the elections, that this position is currently vacant, and requests that the Board designate a person to fulfil this role. Shoshana suggests that the Parliamentarian could designate staff to run elections. Shirley nominates Peter O'Neal to the position of Parliamentarian through the end of the Board year. Lupin seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Rules

Steve reports that the committee is considering NECN's committee structure and processes. He welcomes participation from Board members. Katie U requests that the Rules Committee clarify the process for approving/acknowledging Community Committee members at large.

Good in the Hood

Shoshana reports that NECN will support the Good in the Hood Festival once again this year. She requests Board volunteer participation in the parade, tabling at the event and helping with cash counting and collection.

Steve reports potential risk associated with debt accumulated by Good in the Hood (GITH), and asks the Board to enter into executive session on the basis of legal consultation. Madison and Diego exit meeting.

Board Enters Executive Session.

Board Exits Executive Session.

Finance Committee members and staff will try to meet with GITH leadership prior to the next Executive Committee meeting.

Adjourn 8:50pm