



NORTHEAST COALITION  
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

**NECN Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 17, 2014**  
**6:30pm – 8:30pm**  
**NECN Office – Conference Room**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Meeting Attendees**

**Board**

Steve Cole, Irvington, NECN President  
Paul Anthony, Humboldt, NECN 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.  
Robert Bowles, At-Large, NECN Treasurer  
Peter O'Neil, Irvington, NECN Parliamentarian  
Katie Ugolini, Concordia Representative  
Jamie McGeathy, Concordia Representative  
Joan Ivan, Eliot Representative  
Ken Peterson, Grant Park Representative  
John Prell, Grant Park Representative

Micah Meskel, Humboldt Representative  
Diego Gioseffi, King Representative  
Joshua Curtis, Sabin Representative  
Melissa Cannon, Sullivan's Gulch Representative  
Carol Gosset, Sullivan's Gulch Representative  
Luke Groser, Woodlawn Representative  
Shirley Minor, Woodlawn Representative  
Lupin Morgan, At Large  
Damon Isiah Turner, At Large

**Staff**

Shoshana Cohen, Executive Director  
Katy Asher, Neighborhoods Program Manager

Cameron Herrington, Communications Manager  
Randi Razalenti, Administrative Coordinator

**Guests**

Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Madison Weakly, Piedmont/Cully Neighbor  
Byron Tennant, Woodlawn neighbor, NECN SALT member  
Loulie Brown, Sabin CDC  
Warren Jimenez, Portland Parks and Recreation  
Amy Ruiz, Portland Parks and Recreation  
Sue Glenn, Portland Parks and Recreation

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Review & Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Agenda
2. Minutes

Paul suggests a correction to the minutes re: schools committee (Shoshana has details). **Robert moves to approve, Jamie seconds. Approved unanimously.**

**Guest Speaker, Commissioner Fritz, Parks Bond**

Commissioner Fritz thanks the Board for their advocacy during the recent budget process and discusses how the budget will fund parks priorities in the coming year. She describes a large gap in the funding available to care for existing parks facilities and presents a proposal for the continuation of a parks bond measure. The measure was passed in originally in 1994 and expires next year and includes funds for \$68,000,000 for basic maintenance, and she notes that the bond will not raise tax rates.

She asks the Board to fill out a replacement bond criteria feedback form and seeks help promoting and upcoming Bond Measure Town Hall meeting June 30, 2014, 6:30pm, at Cleveland High School Cafeteria. (More info at parksreplacementbond.org). She also requests neighborhood attendance at a July 24<sup>th</sup>, Council Session to refer the bond measure.

## **Executive Director's Report**

In addition to the report she sent to board members via email, Shoshana presents a short list of accomplishments from the past year, thanking board members for their support. She mentions that Self Enhancement Inc. (SEI) will move into the vacant part of the King Facility over the summer and invites Board members to sign up to walk with NECN the Good in the Hood Parade, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:45 a.m.

In response to a comment by Commissioner Fritz, Steve provides a report based upon his experience sitting as a committee member on the Washington Park Transportation Management AXXX(?) He notes that as of yet, he's provided input on parking fees and timing for construction, and advocated for open meeting requirements.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **LUTC – 20s bikeway letter**

NECN's Land Use and Transportation Committee has put forth a letter supporting Concordia Neighborhood Association Land Use Committee's recommendations regarding aspects of the 20's Bikeway Project within NECN Neighborhoods. Carol notes that the construction is funded and ready to start. Ken notes that the letter should say we are advocating on behalf of Concordia but do not want to advocate at the expense of other neighborhoods' priorities. **Paul moves to approve the letter as put forth by Steve. Carol Seconds. Approved unanimously.**

### **Equity Training Follow-up**

Shoshana reports on the most recent Equity Trainings by the City's Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR) and Office for Neighborhood Involvement. Equity is a strong theme within the work of ONI. She asks the Board to consider more in depth work on this topic. Katie U. acknowledges that this is a priority for our Board and ONI, and suggests creating an ongoing workgroup or committee for taking next steps and integrating the work to our work at NECN – possibly a joint board/staff workgroup. **Luke moves that the sentiment of this Board is to continue to collaborate and cooperate with OEHR and that the NECN Executive Committee develop a plan for the upcoming fiscal year to present to the Board in September. Paul seconds.**

### **Discussion:**

Carol would like to also see a plan and some modes for implementation. Steve would like the plan to address specific issues: making meetings more welcoming to people of color, etc. Lupin suggests that board members be required to participate in trainings like the ones provided earlier this year. Shoshana suggests that this group also discuss what goals would be. Madison suggests NECN consider developing an equity statement for the organization. Peter asks whether we are being asked to choose between having the topic in the Executive Committee and as a separate workgroup, advocating to address the topic in a separate workgroup rather than during Executive Committee meetings. Steve suggests that staff and Board members interested in participating in this process attend the July 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting, and identifies that Katie U., Shirley, Melissa, Jamie, Damon, Lupin, and all staff present are interested. **In favor 9, Opposed: Peter, Katie U. Lupin.** The minority opinion is that a workgroup should be established during this meeting rather than postponing it to the Executive Committee in July.

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

Shoshana presents the budget for the coming year and answers questions from Board members. Paul says the budget looks very good to him and asks whether NECN is prepared to spend remaining funds from the current fiscal year. Shoshana has plans to pay ahead on some expenses for the coming year and spend the remaining funds. **Paul moves to approve the budget, Robert seconds. Approved unanimously.**

## **New Business**

**Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC) Letter in Support for Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) position re: N. Williams Bike Corridor**

Steve shares a letter from LUTC supporting the BTA's position on the timing of the development of the Williams Bike Corridor and Rodney Greenway projects. **Jamie moves to support the letter. Lupin seconds. Approved unanimously.**

#### **Safety and Livability Team (SALT) Letter re: Oil Trains**

Katie U. presents a letter from SALT to Governor Kitzhaber and State Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley requesting an immediate statewide moratorium on oil transport by rail.

**Paul moves to approve as written and Peter seconds. Approved, Carol abstaining.**

#### **Board Appointments to the NECN Board of Directors**

Peter O'Neil leads appointments to the board with assistance from Katy A.

##### **a. Appointment of 2014-15 Neighborhood Association Representatives**

Peter announces the names of current neighborhood association representatives:

Katie Ugolini, Concordia	Margo Dobbertin, King
Jamie McGeathy, Concordia	Diego Gioseffi, King
Joan Ivan, Eliot	Carol Gossett, Sullivan's Gulch
John Prell, Grant Park	Melissa Cannon, Sullivan's Gulch
Ken Peterson, Grant Park	Luke Groser, Woodlawn
Steve Cole, Irvington	Shirley Minor, Woodlawn
Peter O'Neil, Irvington	

**Joshua moves to appoint the Neighborhood Association Representatives and Jamie seconds. Approved unanimously.**

##### **b. Appointment of 2014-15 Directors to the Board At Large**

Peter presents the slate of nominated Directors, inviting those present to speak for up to 1 minute about why they want to run for the board. Steve reads information provided by nominees who are not present. The slate follows:

Alan Silver, Northeast Backpack Program Representative  
Damon Isiah Turner, Concordia Resident  
Jennifer Jardee-Borquist, King Resident  
Jordan Davis, Portland Community Reinvestment Initiative (PCRI) Representative  
Loulie Brown, Sabin Community Development Corporation Representative  
Robert Bowles, Concordia Resident

Staff hand out Qualification Vote ballots to Board members and tally votes. **The results indicate majority support for all nominated candidates.**

Staff hand out Ballots for selecting five appointees from the six qualified candidates and tally the votes. **Alan Silver, Damon Isiah Turner, Jordan Davis, Loulie Brown and Robert Bowles are appointed to the NECN Board as Directors At-Large.**

##### **c. Electing the President**

Peter presents Steve Cole as the nominated candidate for Board President and asks three times for nominations from the floor. With no additional nominations, Peter deems vote by acclamation appropriate.

**Luke moves to accept Steve Cole as Board President and Josh seconds. Approved unanimously.**

##### **d. Electing Remaining Officers**

Peter presents the remaining slate of officer nominations:

Paul Anthony, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Jamie McGeathy, Recorder
Robert Bowles, Treasurer	Carol Gossett, Parliamentarian

He calls three times for any additional nominations from the floor, and with no additional nominations entertains a motion for vote by acclamation. **Joshua moves to accept the slate by acclamation and Luke seconds. Approved Unanimously.**

#### **e. Electing Executive Committee At Large Positions**

Peter presents the slate of nominations for Executive Committee At-Large Positions: Luke Groser, Peter O'Neal. Upon calling three times for nominations from the floor, Micah Meskel volunteers to serve and Peter entertains a motion for vote by acclamation. **Paul moves to accept the slate by acclamation and Robert seconds. Approved Unanimously.**

#### **40th Anniversary Celebration Updates/Board Assistance**

Shoshana asks for board assistance with acquiring silent auction and food donations from the neighborhoods for the Celebration in October.

#### **Community Committee Reports**

##### **LUTC**

LUTC will meet Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm and continues to seek a Co-Chair.

##### **SALT**

SALT will meet Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm. Katie U announces that SALT will not meet in July and host a potluck in August. She reports that Mayor's staff, Chad Stover reported that the earlier closing time for Last Thursday was successful. During the May event, City Noise Staff let musicians know that the City will begin ticketing for noise violations in June. In July, the City will focus primarily on open container and marijuana issues.

##### **Schools**

Schools will meet on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 7p.m.

#### **Board Committee Reports**

##### **Finance**

Robert commends Shoshana for her work on the budget. Peter commends Shoshana and Robert for the readability of the budget.

##### **Personnel**

Luke thanks Nominating Committee members Paul and Joan for working to develop the slate and commends them on recruiting additional at large members. The Committee will orient new Board members and will evaluate the Executive Director over the coming months. He shares his perspective that staff are highly motivated, diligent, productive and more, commending them for their work in the past year.

##### **Rules**

Guidelines Committee will meet in the near future.

#### **Announcements**

- Shoshana thanks Joshua for his service on the Board as he moves to New York.
- Shirley asks about the success of this year's neighborhood clean-ups. General reports of higher incomes this year, ranging from \$1,000-3,500.
- Katie Ugolini announces that Crime Prevention Coordinator, Celeste Carey, will begin offering office hours at NECN from 10-noon every other Monday beginning July 1.
- Carol announces upcoming sewer line replacement between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> over the next 3-4 months and notes that it will cause traffic congestion. The crane being used to build Grant Park Village will also be coming down in the near future.
- Damon shares that NECN created a section of our website with information about the history of N/NE Portland. He invites board members to send Cameron links to neighborhood history information.

#### **Adjourn**

Minutes taken by Katy Asher.