



NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

**NECN Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
NECN Office – Conference Room
Approved Minutes**

Meeting Attendees

Board

Alan Silver, At-Large, President
Loulie Brown, At-Large, 1st Vice President
Margo Dobbertin, King Rep., 2nd Vice President
Jaime McGeathy, Concordia Rep., Recorder
Robert Bowles, At-Large, Treasurer
Katie Ugolini, Concordia Rep., Parliamentarian
Luke Groser, Woodlawn Rep., Exec. At-Large
Micah Meskel, Humboldt Rep., Exec. At-Large

Joan Ivan, Eliot Representative
Diego Gioseffi, King Representative
Rachel Lee, Sabin Representative
Shirley Minor, Woodlawn Representative
Jordan Davis, At-Large Representative
Dave Johansen, Alameda Representative
Paul van Orden, Eliot Representative

Staff

Damon Isiah Turner, Executive Director

Guests

Mark Fulop, Consultant (by phone)

Meeting called to order by Alan Silver at 6:34 pm

Review and Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion: Robert Bowles moves that we accept the agenda as written. Loulie Brown seconds.

Vote: Passes unanimously

Minutes from March 17 Board meeting
Corrected spelling/grammar error on page 2

Motion: Loulie Brown moves that we accept the minutes as written with minor grammar correction. Robert Bowles seconds.

Vote: Abstained: Margo Dobbertin, Jordan Davis, and Micah Meskel. None opposed. Motion passes.

Committee Reports

Finance

Met today to look at fiscal policies and procedures in coordination with the staff. Is hoping to have the fiscal sponsorship policies drafted next month. We should know how much overage we have in our funds in a couple of weeks.

Motion: Robert Bowles moves that Loulie Brown be on the finance committee and Paul van Orden onto the Personnel committee. Luke Groser seconds.

Vote: passes unanimously.

Motion: Loulie Brown moves that Dave Johansen be appointed as co-chair of LUTC. Katie Ugolini seconds.

Vote: Passes unanimously

Personnel

They were asked to review the employee handbook after it was reviewed by an HR consultant. They should have this firmed up in the next 2-3 weeks.

Nominations committee did not formally meet since the last general Board meeting. They are waiting on a discussion tonight about potential Board reconfiguration before they move forward. They are also reviewing the election process, which is not currently documented. It will be taken to the next Executive Committee meeting.

Rules

Met last week to review high priority Board policies, like conflict of interest. We will be discussing the delegation to the Executive Director (ED) policies later in the meeting with Mark Fulop.

Unfinished Business

Pembina

Two weeks ago there was a public hearing. It lasted over 6 hours with mostly public testimony. Over 300 attendees. 85% of the testimony was against the amendment. This included 12 neighborhood associations (NAs). The commission decided to approve the amendment (6 to 4).

The city is moving this to the City Council, but they have not yet set a specific date. Probably the end of May. LUTC will be discussing this issue tomorrow. There are North Portland neighborhoods that are shopping around a resolution against the project. Micah urges NECN to look at and sign onto that resolution when it comes around. Safety issues have not be accounted for in the project.

The City Council is the last barrier for the public part of the process.

Micah believes the best route forward is to reach out to the City Council members. He would like to set up a meeting with the undecided city council members and NECN or LUTC to discuss. Would like to include the ED and a few Board members.

Would like LUTC to bring a proposal to the next Executive Committee meeting. Though this will depend on when the City Council has its meeting.

Margo suggests we also write a letter to Commission Fitz to thank her for her position on the project and to get her advice on how to move forward. Micah to take that to LUTC tomorrow.

Motion: Luke Groser moves that the Board authorize the ED to create a strategy for communicating with the city council, utilizing the interest and skills of anyone in the NE area, to communicate our strong reservations about moving fossil fuels through our area for sale in other parts of the world. Margo Dobbertin seconds.

Shirley recommends that we include some representatives from North Portland as well. All of the North neighborhoods came out in opposition to the proposal.

Luke wants this to be a flexible motion with the exact specifics of the communication to be determined by the ED.

Vote: Passes unanimously.

New Business

Goal 9 Letter

Goal 9 requires Portland to identify new industrial lands. SALT recommends a draft letter for NECN Board approval about our disagreement with the Proposed Draft Economic Opportunities Analysis that will designate current green space (golf course) near the airport as industrial land.

This analysis was part of the Comp Plan, but is being voted on separately. The comments in this letter apply both to the comp plan and the draft economic opportunities analysis. This letter is consistent with comments made by NECN for the comp plan.

Loulie and Margo submitted a few small suggestions for the letter. No substantive changes.

Motion: Micah Meskel moves that NECN approves the letter about Goal 9 provided by SALT with the suggested edits to be sent to the city of Portland. Luke Groser seconds.

The hearing on this is April 28th.

Vote: passes unanimously

Executive Director's Report

Damon reviews the ED's report with the Board.

Damon requests the Board to review the ONI grant agreement generic language and that we vote on approval of the language at the next Executive Committee meeting. ONI needs this by May, so it is time sensitive.

Per motion at last meeting, the amount for the HR review is not to exceed \$2800. Current report lists \$2000.

Asking that anyone interested in participating at the Good in the Hood event, that they let Fran know.

School board forum tomorrow night at 7pm if anyone is able to make it. One of our former Board members is running for the school board.

Katy Asher will be coming in to do some training with the new Neighborhoods Program Manager. They will do the same thing with Claire/Cameron and the other positions once they are staffed.

Board Design

Mark Fulop joins meeting through conference call.

Diego and Paul leave meeting.

Mark reviews some of the Board policies process with the Board.

Diego rejoins the meeting.

Mark reviews the Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director Policy with the Board.

We will want to ensure staff gets support to push back on Board members if they cross boundaries and can transfer them to Damon. Board members need to be explicit when they communicate with staff about what capacity they are in while speaking.

Margo leaves meeting.

Mark reviews the Board member duties and responsibilities with the Board.

We should consider adding a yearly self-assessment either in the policies for Board membership or a separate policy on evaluations that would include both the Board members and the ED.

Mark requests the Board members send any thoughts or notes on this to him after they get a chance to read it.

Mark reviews one potential Board redesign model with the Board. Board to send feedback to Mark about this potential Board model.

Due to time constraints Diego will be stepping down from the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jaime McGeathy, NECN Board Recorder.