



**NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS**

**NECN General Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 16 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
Katie Ugolini, Concordia Rep., Parliamentarian

Joan Ivan, Eliot Representative
Rachel Lee, Sabin Representative
Shirley Minor, Woodlawn Representative
Dave Johansen, Alameda Representative

Staff

Damon Isiah Turner, Executive Director
Adam Lyons, Associate Director & Neighborhoods Program Manager
Lokyee Au, Community Committees & Public Affairs Coordinator

Guests

Dave Lomax, Meals on Wheels People
Mark Fulop, Consultant
Brittain Brewer, Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association
Kari LaForge, Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association
Robin Stevens, Vernon Neighborhood Association

Meeting called to order by Alan Silver at 6:40 pm

Introductions and Brief Updates

Round table introductions

Administrative

Review Minutes and Agenda

Add Assessment Committee Update to the Agenda
Add dates when the full Board will not meet in FY15-16
Move Board reorganization to the end of the agenda

Motion: Loulie Brown moves that we accept the agenda with amendments. Dave Johansen seconds.

Vote: passes unanimously

Minutes from May 19 General Board meeting.

Motion: Katie Ugolini moves to approve the meeting minutes. Rachel Lee seconds.

Vote: passes

Abstentions: Jaime McGeathy, Margo Dobbertin

New Business

Appointing Reps to PBOT Budget Advisory Committee

LUTC selected reps for the budget advisory committee at their last meeting. They have two representatives. Names are not available at this meeting.

Motion: Margo moves that we endorse the LUTC selection of representatives to the PBOT Budget Advisory Committee. Dave seconds.
Vote: passes unanimously

SALT Community Funds Usage

Update from Katie. There are community committee funds that are unspent. SALT and LUTC were allocated \$900 each for their committees and almost nothing has been spent to date. SALT submitted a proposal to the Board for spending the funds (attached with these notes), co-hosting with Woodlawn for an emergency preparedness workshop as a demonstration project. Would later partner with other neighborhoods.

- Up to \$300 on food for participants of an emergency preparedness workshop.
- \$300 emergency kit giveaway / raffle for participants

The funds would be distributed by reimbursing the group with receipts. We want to ensure next year happens in other neighborhoods to make sure we spread out these workshops.

The workshop is Saturday, there are concerns about generating enough interest. They will advertise through social media and will be at a farmer's market with existing interest. It's not ideal, but the workshop has to be hosted before the end of the fiscal year.

The money is earmarked for SALT, not sure if they need to ask Board permission but just in case we should vote. There currently is not a policy on spending the community committee funds.

Motion: Margo Dobbertin moves to endorse SALTs proposal for spending the funds. Loulie Brown Seconds.

Vote: passes unanimously

Assessment Committee Update

Committee recommends doing a summary of Mark's performance and feedback over the summer for reference and documentation.

Board Meeting Schedule

The full Board only has to meet nine times a year (though we can meet more). We get to decide on when to / not to meet. We need to set a meeting schedule for FY 15-16. In FY 14-15 the full Board did not meet over the summer.

The Board year is July – June, so we normally start our Board year off by not meeting. People appointed to the Board at the elections today would not really work on the Board until we met again, so that can be awkward. Main work for the Board this summer is wrapping up the Board reorganization.

Current bylaws say the Executive Committee has to meet monthly.

We could take off July, and combine meetings in August with a short meeting for Executive Committee first then the full Board immediately afterwards.

Overview given of the break down between Executive Committee and Board of Directors. We are looking at ways to reorganize the Board and meetings.

Both Fourth of July holiday and Labor Day are on Executive Committee meeting days. Propose a summer schedule of Monday 7/13 for Executive Committee, Monday 8/3 for both Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Monday 8/31 for the next Executive Committee meeting. Next full Board meeting is Tuesday 9/15 to return to a regular schedule.

We should double check this schedule with NECN to make sure the room is free.

Motion: Jaime McGeathy moves that we accept the above schedule for summer meetings, pending confirmation that the dates are open. Loulie Brown seconds.

Discussion: Now that the dates are set, we need to get them up on the calendar and inform ONI.

Vote: Passes unanimously

Executive Director's Report

Damon reviewed the Executive Director's report (attached with these notes).

Introduce Lokyee Au – Community Committees and Public Affairs Coordinator

Introduction of Lokyee and overview of her background.

MLK Dream Run and Good in the Hood

Good in the Hood festival is three days over the weekend of 6/26. Parade will start at NECN on Saturday. There is a parade section for NECN members that is free where people can get involved

August 1-2 there is a MLK Dream Run. They are trying to get 3,000 people this year. Leading up to the event they are hosting walks of portions of the run path. Next walk is on the 27th, meeting at Me Fitness on MLK. There is likely overlap between this and the parade on timing.

Board of Director's orientation packet has been refreshed.

Finance Committee to check in with Damon next week to go over the rollover budget and how things are looking for next year.

Board Elections

Katie reviewed the overall Board election protocol.

1. Accept the neighborhood associations
Motion: Loulie moves that we accept the slate of neighborhood representatives by acclamation. Alan seconds.
Vote: Passes unanimously

As amended from the August 3, 2015 Minutes, this slate included:

Dave Johansen (Alameda)
Garner Moody (Boise)
Katie Ugolini (Concordia)
Joan Ivan (Eliot)
Paul van Orden (Eliot)
Micah Meskel (Humboldt)
Margo Dobbartin (King)
Rachel Lee (Sabin)
Britt Brewer (Sullivan's Gulch)
Kari LaForge (Sullivan's Gulch)
Robin Stevens (Vernon)
Shirley Minor (Woodlawn)
Luke Groser (Woodlawn)

2. Elect At-Large Directors
Jordon Davis is leaving the Board.
At-Large representatives have the same eligibility as the rest of the Board. They have to reside, own a business, etc. within NECN's boundary.

Board votes on candidate qualification first, then the Board can pick up to five people as At-Large.

At-Large nominees are:

**Robert Bowles
Loulie Brown
David Lomax
Alan Silver**

Shirley recommends Debra Hughes as an At-Large Board member. She had talked to Luke about the position. She is a community activist. We can either appoint her tonight or at another regularly scheduled meeting. She talked to Shirley three days ago. She has an upcoming surgery and there is some concern about if she will accept, but she told Shirley that "she doesn't mind" being a Board member and will start coming to meetings. We will address this at a future meeting when she is available to accept. Nominees that are present introduced themselves and talked about their connection to the Board.

First vote (are they qualified):

All nominees pass.

Recommend second vote is to vote for the slate by acclamation as we only have four nominees.

Motion: Dave Johansen moves that we accept the slate of At-Large Board members by acclamation. Joan Ivan seconds.

Vote: passes unanimously

As amended from the August 3, 2015 Minutes, this slate included:

**Robert Bowles
Loulie Brown
David Lomax
Alan Silver**

3. Elect President
Nominee: Paul van Orden

Any nominations from the floor?

Katie nominates Alan. Alan accepts the nomination.

Nominees:

**Paul van Orden
Alan Silver**

Katie reads a prepared statement from Paul, who was not able to attend the meeting.

Alan Silver elected President by ballot.

4. Elect other officers
Officer Nominees:

1st VP

Loulie Brown

2nd VP

Margo Dobbartin

Treasurer

Robert Bowles

Recorder

Staff would be willing to take notes if they have to.
Alan nominates **Katie Ugolini**, Katie accepts nomination

Parliamentarian

Alan nominates David Lomax, David declines
Katie nominates **Paul van Orden**

Motion: Joan Ivan moves to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Dave Johansen seconds.

Vote: Passes unanimously.

As amended from the August 3, 2015 Minutes, this slate included:

Loulie Brown (1st Vice President)
Margo Dobbertin (2nd Vice President)
Robert Bowles (Treasurer)
Katie Ugolini (Recorder)
Paul van Orden (Parliamentarian)

5. Elect Executive Committee At-Large members (up to 3 spots)

Nominees:

Dave Johansen

Dave Johansen nominates **Luke Groser**

Motion: Jaime McGeathy moves that we accept the slate of candidates by acclamation.

Alan Silver seconds.

Vote: passes unanimously.

As amended from the August 3, 2015 Minutes, this slate included:

Dave Johansen
Luke Groser

Announcements

Article on the Broadway-Weidler alliance today. They would potentially be a good partner for NECN.

Portland Housing Bureau had a meeting at the senior center and gave out applications for \$40,000 in loan money, interest free, forgiven after 15 years if you stay in your home, for making improvements in the home. Shirley recommends we have someone formally attend these meetings to represent the neighborhood.

Any efforts to help NECN residents in this process would be of very useful. The people that likely need this are unlikely to be in a position to get the funds or may not even know about it.

This seems like a great thing for the NECN staff to get involved with and help to get the information out to the residents and neighborhoods.

Joan notes that a previous loan for energy savings caused her problems when she went to refinance her home, it counted as a second mortgage that she had to resolve to refinance. So we need to ensure anything like that is attached to these loans and help explain anything like this to residents.

Juneteenth celebration this Saturday.

There will a National Night Out event on Aug 4th right outside of the King School.

Oregon Public House is sponsoring the NE Backpack lunch program for the next six months. We may need volunteers for staffing.

Fernhill concerts in the park will have five concerts on Friday nights this summer. Four in July and National Night Out on August 4th with a walk and a concert.

NECN Board Reorganization

Board Manual

Mark reviewed the latest Board reorganization updates.
Reviewed latest Board manual
Full Board to review manual and send feedback

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes taken by Jaime McGeathy, NECN Board Recorder.