



NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

**NECN Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2016
NECN Office – Conference Room
Approved Minutes**

Meeting Attendees

Board

Alan Silver, At-Large, President
Loulie Brown, At-Large, 1st Vice President
Robert Bowles, At-Large, Treasurer
Paul van Orden, Eliot Rep., Parliamentarian
Dave Johansen, Alameda Rep., Exec. At-Large

Joan Ivan, Eliot Representative
Micah Meskel, Humboldt Representative
Rachel Lee, Sabin Representative
Brendan Mortimer (Mort), Vernon Rep.
Dan Lerch-Walters, Sullivan's Gulch

Staff

Damon Isiah Turner, Executive Director
Anjala Ehelebe, Board Assistant

Guests

John Frewing, Sullivan's Gulch
Brad Perkins, Sullivan's Gulch

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

Brad Perkins asked if there is time to put him on the agenda and was given 10 minutes. Holladay Park Plaza is the owner of a house that is scheduled to be demolished. It is also where Sullivan's Gulch NA (SGNA) meets. A request to extend the hold on demolition would cost \$1,300, and it would cost \$100k to move the house. Brad has been trying to talk to the owners of the house about giving him time to move it. He has not been having good responses from Holladay Park plaza owners, Also, John Frewing can back him up about how hard it is to talk with SGNA about maybe them filing the appeal of the demolition. If the building isn't moved by June 15th, 2016, it will be demolished.

Brad passes around two photos of the large house in question and a drawing of a lot and a new building. He requests that NECN support the demolition time extension request. It is free to file an extension request for neighborhood associations and district coalition.

Brad talked to Garlynn Woodsong, co-chair of the NECN Land Use and Transportation Committee, who said preferably, the city planners need to build in 4-5 months delay into the demolition ordinance rewrite when there's any plan to demolish and rebuild with apartments. This delay would give people wishing to save homes the time to get their resources together and prepare the lot that would receive the house.

Brad says that signing this would be good PR for NECN. Rachel says if we put our name on it, will this make the owner-developer more willing to engage in talks? He doesn't know. He hopes so. Brad has the funds to move the building "in the bank", in response to a question from Dave. Robert asks if he has tried to get the press involved in this. Brad says he doesn't want to get the press involved at this point, Holladay Park has already accused him of trespass because he got the tenant to let him on the site to measure the property.

Dave asks if we have agreement to make a motion to sign the demolition delay request. **Robert moved to approve, Dave seconded.** Mr. Perkins will ask the SGNA president to talk to Garlynn. Does the motion to delay the demolition need to be filed in person asks Rachel, she's not sure. No one knows. Alan calls for the vote. **Six in favor, two opposing, Dave and Rachel opposed, Loulie and Mort abstained, motion approved.**

Executive Committee Report

Alan says they are wrapping up the decision on grievance 6 and working on grievance 7 from Margaret O'Hartigan to King Neighborhood Association. We received a 27 page response from ONI to her first three grievances, and we have received a grievance against NECN by Margaret about our grievance procedure.

Board Committee Reports

Finance

Budget is on target with a small surplus for carry over into next fiscal year. There was a glitch with ONI not getting their funding to NECN in a timely manner so the accounts receivable was temporarily very large.

Personnel

To be discussed after the bylaws discussion.

Rules

Rachel reported we have 13 board members currently, and bylaws must be approved by two thirds of the Board. We have the 2/3 member count at this time at this table. She has made copies of the bylaws and they're on the table. There were no questions. Alan thanked Rachel for her work.

Rules committee members noticed a few typos and one substantive change to Article 9 3, i which could be interpreted to require co-chairs to both be both directors. They should include the wording "at least one director"

Article 4 (10)a the "a", is bolded. Change "a" so it is not bolded.

Article 8 has two section 6. Change the second one to 7 and renumber.

Article 9 has two subsection 4. Change the second one to subsection 5.

Mort moved to approve the bylaws as amended, Loulie seconded, unanimous approval.

The new bylaws will go into effect at the end of the June Board meeting.

Rachel suggests we set the date and time of the Annual meeting which would happen immediately after the June 21st Board meeting at NECN. We need to hear from the NAs the names of the people they are sending to the Annual member meeting who will be entitled to vote on their behalf.

Alan moved to have the June 21 Board meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 pm followed by the Annual Member meeting at 7:00 pm, Robert seconded, unanimously approved.

Rachel noted the need to notify NAs about the new process of having one representative on NECN's board instead of two though two NA members can still attend NECN board meetings.

The Executive Committee has created a nominating committee, including Loulie and Dave and needs one more person on it. They must recruit and nominate officers and at-large directors. Rachel says if the Board wants to provide direction to the nominating committee, do it now. Mort says recruit renters, people of color, people who own businesses here but do not necessarily live in the NECN district. Mort gets recruited onto the committee. Alan asked board members to work on a list and submit it to the executive committee. **Rachel moved to add Mort, Loulie and Dave to the nominating committee, Paul seconded, unanimous approval.**

Rachel says we should tell SALT and LUTC to recommend committee members so the Board can appoint them to the committees.

In May, the Board will approve the Policy manual, target creating future committees and create the Board and Exec Committee schedules.

Review and Approval of Minutes and Announcements

Rachel moved to approve the minutes as presented, Robert seconded, motion approval, Paul and Micah abstained

Paul announces a group of people will be speaking to City Council on air quality issues on the 30th.

Dan says SG is doing a clean-up on Earth Day and can use volunteers.

Vernon neighborhood is holding a mixer at 7 pm 3/16/16 at the former Mash Tun.

Executive Director's Report

Fran and her committee are in the middle of small grants evaluation. We received more applications than last year. The committee will be making their decision on March 31 with a public announcement by April 4.

Human resources: Lokyee accepted a job with APANO, and NECN staff have been interviewing to fill her position. Randi accepted another job, and NECN is interviewing this week for her position.

Office manual: there is no central place for office policies and procedures, and Damon is creating this now. He calls it a sister document to the Board P&P manual, and expects some overlap between them.

Big Issues In Community: Air toxics, Houselessness. The Portland Playhouse/Resolutions NW Gentrification presentation and talk was a big success. Next steps are to do this type of event quarterly, but starting in the fall.

Damon sent out an advisory letter about political candidates not making speeches at NA meetings. NECN is thinking about holding a mayoral candidate's forum and is looking for a venue.

Rachel asks about the Oregon Kitchen Table item in the report. Damon says the Portland Harbor Superfund site has two processes including BES doing community engagement and Oregon Consensus working on behalf of the EPA to engage community based organizations to participate in a survey. NECN was one of 10 orgs they approached to engage residents. They give NECN a small fee for contacting residents in this process.

Sgt. Walters said he appreciated what we shared with him when he attended the last meeting, and they'll hold off on the Humboldt survey for the time being.

Alan moved to elect Daniel Lerch-Walters as a NECN Board member representing Sullivan's Gulch, Robert seconded, unanimous approval.

Alan says SALT needs someone to take over leadership of the committee as well as a new direction. Dan says he has been attending those meetings and might be interested. Co-chair election is on the committee's next meeting agenda.

The Strategic Planning process needs to continue. Alan says his term ends in June and he won't be in this NECN district after that so the Executive Committee will discuss next steps to elect a board president. Alan says he's going to reach out to Garner to see if he'll take this up.

Dan says he noticed the Graffiti item in the report and he is interested because they are getting lots in SG. Dan says he'll talk to Adam and see what is going on about that. Damon says last he heard from Paul Leistner is that city funding for graffiti removal might be on the chopping block.

Personnel Committee

Loulie moved to go into executive session for a personnel issue, Alan seconded, unanimous approval.

Damon, Brad and John leave. **Alan moved that Anjala and Dan stay for the session, Robert seconded, unanimous approval.**

Executive session begins at 7:54

Executive session ends at 9:06

Alan moved to accept the personnel chair's letter dated today, Micah seconded, unanimous approval.

Alan moved to empower the personnel committee to deal with staffing issues, Mort seconded, unanimous approval.

Rachel moved to authorize Louie and the personnel committee to offer financial terms regarding personnel issues, Alan seconded, unanimous approval.

Rachel moved to authorize Louie and the personnel committee to, at their discretion, temporarily suspend the hiring process, Alan seconded, unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned: 9:20 pm

Minutes taken by: Anjala Ehelebe, Board Assistant.