



NORTHEAST COALITION  
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

NECN Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 19, 2016

6:30 pm

NECN Office – Conference Room  
Approved Minutes

### **Meeting Attendees**

Loulie Brown, Vice Chair  
Lauren Gross, Sabin Representative  
Dave Johansen, Alameda Representative  
Shirley Minor, At-Large  
Brendan “Mort” Mortimer, Secretary, Vernon Representative  
Daniel Pirofsky, Sullivan’s Gulch Representative  
Paul van Orden, Chair

### **Staff**

Adam Lyons, Interim Executive Director  
Laura Becker, Operations Manager

### **Guests**

Jeri Bee, Eliot  
Roslyn Cunningham, Self Enhancement Inc.  
Donn Dennis, Concordia  
Dennis Kennedy, Woodlawn

### **Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm**

#### **Ratification of New Board Members**

Board members and candidates introduced themselves and described their interest in serving NECN.

**Brendan “Mort” Mortimer moved to elect the following At-Large and Neighborhood representatives; Loulie seconded; all approved**

- Jeri Bee, Eliot Neighborhood Association (Jere Fitterman, Eliot alternate)
- Roslyn Cunningham, At-Large Representative, Self Enhancement Inc.
- Donn Dennis, Concordia Neighborhood Association
- Kym Jeka, Humboldt Neighborhood Association
- Dennis Kennedy, Woodlawn Neighborhood Association

#### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

The board reviewed the June 21, 6:30 pm board meeting minutes. Mort noted that Loulie also abstained the recommendation to not add the Grant Park discussion to the agenda and that his name should be consistent throughout all minutes. **Loulie moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Dave, Lauren abstained, approved.**

The board reviewed the June 21, 7:00 pm member meeting minutes. **Mort moved to approve the minutes as presented, Loulie seconded, Lauren abstained, approved.**

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#### **Committee Appointments**

Paul asked board members to start thinking about their committee choices. Mort described the roles of the Board Operations Committee and Executive Committee. Executive Committee vacancies include the offices of Treasurer and Parliamentarian. SALT is missing a chair who serves on the board, as required by the bylaws. The board discussed the possibility of transition SALT from a standing committee to a

Northeast Action Team (NEAT) for more flexibility and agreed to take action on SALT's status at a future meeting.

**Executive Committee**

NECN ended FY2015-16 with a surplus after staff worked hard to prevent prior overspending during the year causing a deficit. Our CPA will conduct a financial review starting in August. NECN hired Jessica Rojas as Neighborhoods Program Manager. Her first day is August 3.

**Executive Director Report**

Adam presented his report. Highlights include the community cookout on July 9 co-hosted with SEI and staff participation in this year's Good in the Hood festival. Neighborhoods completed their annual clean-ups and will receive full reimbursement for their expenses from BPS.

**Chair Report**

Paul discussed his plans for his new role as Chair. He encouraged board members to help NECN connect with the real needs and issues facing their neighborhoods and for NECN to unify and strengthen its voice, identify goals, avoid distractions and reconnect board and staff through an annual work plan.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.**

Minutes taken by Laura Becker