



NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

NECN Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2016
6:30 pm
NECN Office – Conference Room
Approved Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Jeri Bee, Eliot Representative
Loulie Brown, Vice Chair
Donn Dennis, Concordia Representative
Lauren Gross, Sabin Representative
Dave Johansen, Alameda Representative
Dennis Kennedy, Woodlawn 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

Ken Peterson, Grant Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Review and Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the July board meeting minutes. Loulie asked to remove the word “sizable” from the finance report. **Mort moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Dave, Donn abstained, approved.**

Paul reminded the board about neighborhood reports at October’s meeting starting with Concordia, Eliot, Humboldt and Woodlawn.

Committee Positions

Paul reminded board members to start thinking about their committee choices. Officer vacancies still include the offices of Treasurer and Parliamentarian.

Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) Request to Join Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN)

Ken Peterson presented a brief history of GPNA’s membership of NECN and reasons for the realignment with CNN and better fit with that coalition’s concerns, including traffic and school boundary issues. After discussion, **Loulie moved to accept GPNA’s request to move to CNN, seconded by Mort, Daniel and Donn abstained, approved.**

Personnel Report

The Executive Committee is conducting Adam’s sixth month performance review of his role as Interim Executive Director. Jessica Rojas started as Neighborhoods Program Manager on August 3.

Finance Report

NECN has received the advance from ONI, and after two months into the fiscal year spending is on track with the budget. Our CPA’s financial review is expected to be completed by the October board meeting.

Executive Director Report

Adam presented his report. Highlights include holding the well-attended Community Justice Forum, hosting the New Board Orientation and honoring NECN volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Party.

Staff are also working on launching a coalition-wide newspaper. The board discussed several aspects the publication, including possible revenue streams, economies of scale, and sharing stories with neighborhood newsletters.

Organizational Approach for Emerging Topics

Paul discussed his ideas for how the board should address topics that may produce lengthy and/or controversial conversations. His approach will be to work through the action items on the set agenda and ensure the regularly scheduled portion of the meeting ends on time. Any potential controversial topics would be addressed at the end of the meeting with a priority on effective dialogue of the issues. The board discussed how to balance of working towards consensus with appropriate neighborhood input before making any decision.

Ballot Measures

The board discussed ways to communicate about ballot measures seeking NECN's endorsement through some email discussion and individual reading to prepare for informed conversations at the meeting.

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm; Dennis seconded; approved.

Minutes taken by Laura Becker