



NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

NECN Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2016

6:30 pm

NECN Office – Conference Room
Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Jeri Bee, Eliot Representative
Roslyn Cunningham, At-Large
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
Paul van Orden, Chair

Staff

Adam Lyons, Interim Executive Director
Laura Becker, Operations Manager

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. **Dave moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dave, unanimously approved.**

Committee Positions

Paul reminded board members to continue thinking about their committee choices. Officer vacancies still include the positions of Treasurer and Parliamentarian, and Daniel Pirofsky has showed interest in being elected Parliamentarian.

Executive Director Report

Adam presented his report. Highlights include work on air toxics issues, progress on the newspaper and cosponsoring Stories of our Youth at Portland Playhouse. Adam also encouraged board members to participate in NECN’s Small Grants Evaluation Committee

Finance Report

Laura presented the September financial statements in Loulie’s absence. At the end of the first quarter of FY2016-17, NECN’s finances are on track with the budget, and we have invoiced ONI for reimbursement. The FY2015-16 financial review will be ready to be presented at the November meeting.

Residential Infill

NECN will hold an information session on October 27 to help board members understand the various issues around residential infill proposals that City Council will be voting on in the next month. It will include presentations from the City’s Stakeholder Advisory Committee, Portland for Everyone, and NECN’s Land Use and Transportation Committee. NECN’s board will vote on making a decision to endorse any of the proposals at the November meeting.

Community Policing

The board discussed the City Council’s recent approval of the Portland Police contract, the community input process and related protests. After discussion, the board suggested drafting guidelines to help decide when and how NECN should take a position on a controversial issue.

November Agenda

Paul reported on the items for next month's agenda, including a vote regarding Residential Infill, an update on Last Thursday, a review of a sample strategy screen to help guide decision making, and neighborhood updates.

Neighborhood Updates

Donn Dennis: Concordia Neighborhood Association's elections are coming up and the board has several vacancies and will elect a new chair.

Jeri Bee: Eliot Neighborhood Association just held their general elections and will elect officers at their next meeting. There has been a decline in participation, which is happening in general for associations around the city.

Dennis Kennedy: Woodlawn Neighborhood Association also just held elections and filled all positions. Parking is a major issue in the neighborhood, events including the farmers market are going well and they are engaging younger participants

Executive Session

The board entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Adam Lyons left the meeting.

Executive Director Permanent Hiring

The board exited Executive Session and Adam Lyons returned to the meeting. The board announced they would offer Adam a contract as NECN's permanent Executive Director and congratulated him.

Minutes taken by Laura Becker