



NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

NECN Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
6:30 pm
NECN Office – Conference Room
Approved Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Loulie Brown, Vice Chair
Donn Dennis, Concordia Representative
Jere Fitterman, Eliot Representative
Lauren Gross, Sabin Representative
Dave Johansen, Alameda Representative
Kym Jeka, Humboldt Representative
Dennis Kennedy, Woodlawn Representative
Brendan “Mort” Mortimer, Secretary, Vernon Representative
Daniel Pirofsky, Sullivan’s Gulch Representative
Paul van Orden, Chair

Guests

Phyllis Shelton, NECN’s Bookkeeper
Garlynn Woodsong, NECN’s Land Use and Transportation Committee Co-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 October board meeting minutes. **Mort moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dave, Daniel and Loulie abstained, approved.**

Bookkeeper Presentation

NECN’s Bookkeeper, Phyllis Shelton, presented the October financial statements to the board and educated board members on what to look for when reviewing financials, including how to identify red flags, and provided tools to increase their financial literacy and oversight skills.

Parliamentarian Election

Dave moved to elect Daniel Pirofsky as NECN’s Parliamentarian, seconded by Dennis, Jere abstained, approved. With his election, Daniel also became a member of the Executive Committee. Paul reminded the board of the remaining Treasurer vacancy.

Executive Director Report

Adam presented his report. Highlights include convening a Residential Infill Community conversation, re-establishing NECN’s partnership with Good in the Hood and facilitating neighborhood association elections. Adam also encouraged board members to review the recent Audit Report of ONI.

Residential Infill

NECN’s LUTC Co-Chair, Garlynn Woodsong, joined the meeting. The board reviewed the draft letter to Portland City Council endorsing the Portland for Everyone platform with regards to the Residential Infill Project, while advocating for the regulation of the intensity of new residential development using form and scale rather than density and absolute counts of “units”. After lengthy discussion, the board considered redrafting a letter to urge City Council to slow down the process and work to gain firmer assurances from developers around affordability and other key issues. Mort moved to approve the original draft letter. There was no second. After more discussion, **Paul moved to approve a revised letter stating the following:**

“The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods conceptually supports the broad goals of the Residential Infill Project, to achieve a compromise that reduces the scale of development within single family neighborhoods in exchange for allowing the development of Missing Middle housing types in those same areas.

However, we need more details and feel more discussion is necessary to reach consensus across the neighborhoods we represent. We believe the Council is moving too fast to reach a useful conclusion for NECN's feedback before January.”

Dave seconded, Daniel abstained, approved.

Adjourn

Due to time constraints, the remaining agenda items tabled to a future meeting. Paul moved to adjourn the meeting, Mort seconded, approved

Adjourned 8:10 pm

Minutes taken by Laura Becker