



NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

NECN Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

6:30 pm

NECN Office – Conference Room
Approved Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Loulie Brown, Vice Chair
Donn Dennis, Concordia
Lauren Gross, Sabin
Jere Fitterman, Eliot
Kym Jeka, Humboldt
Dennis Kennedy, Woodlawn
Daniel Pirofsky, Sullivan's Gulch
Shirley Minor, At-Large
Paul van Orden, Chair

Guest

Greg Bourget, Portland for Clean Air

Staff

Adam Lyons, Interim Executive Director
Laura Becker, Operations Manager

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Executive Director Report

Adam presented his report. Highlights include editing the second edition of Hey Neighbor! Newspaper to hit mailboxes in April and working with our insurance provider to clarify ways for neighborhood associations and their board members to protect themselves against potential lawsuits. The Small Grants Evaluation Committee will score grant applications on March 30.

Portland for Clean Air Endorsement Discussion

Greg Bourget presented a draft letter of support for a fair allocation of the Diesel Particulate and Volkswagon Settlement to North/Northeast neighborhoods bordering the I-5 corridor and transport corridors like Columbia Blvd and I-205 based on population and diesel concentration. The board discussed whether to endorse the letter as well as collecting their neighborhood associations' endorsements. After discussion **Paul moved that NECN sign onto the letter and return next month with more information to inform neighborhood associations, seconded by Jeri, two abstentions, approved.**

Financial Report

Loulie presented the February financial report. NECN's financial position remains strong, and expenses continue to align with budget expectations. The 990 tax return has been completed and is due to the IRS. **Loulie moved to approve Paul Van Orden as its signer, seconded by Dennis, one abstention, approved.**

Portlanders United Against Hate Endorsement Discussion

The board reviewed the Community and City Response to Hate Joint Statement and discussed some of its components including the list of specifically-targeted bigotry ("-ism" and "-phobia) and the comment on police reform. After discussion, **Paul moved that NECN endorse the statement, seconded by Loulie, two abstentions, approved.**

Neighborhood Updates

Sabin: May 8 Annual Meeting, everyone's invited; May 20 clean-up and collection event.

Sullivan's Gulch: The association is forming a bylaws revision committee.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the February board meeting minutes. Kym moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dennis, approved. Daniel Pirofsky asked that the minutes clarify his approval as a vote of personal conscience, as opposed to representing Sullivan's Gulch approval.

Adjourned 8:00 pm

Minutes taken by Laura Becker