



NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

**NECN Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2017**

6:30 pm

**NECN Office – Conference Room
Approved Minutes**

Meeting Attendees

Donn Dennis, Concordia
Jere Fitterman, Eliot
Kym Jeka, Humboldt
Dave Johansen, Alameda
Dennis Kennedy, Woodlawn
Brendan (Mort) Mortimer, Vernon
Daniel Pirofsky, Sullivan's Gulch
Shirley Minor, At-Large
Paul van Orden, Chair

Sean Green, Sabin

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 March board meeting minutes. **Daniel moved to approve the minutes as amended to correct board member attendance, seconded by Jere, Dave and Mort abstained, approved.**

Executive Director Report

Adam presented his report. Highlights include distributing \$15,400 in small grants to community groups in our district, finalizing our response to DEQ regarding the diesel particulate and Volkswagen settlement, and initiating a pilot program to bring Central City Concern Clean and Safe to inner North and Northeast Portland.

Financial Report

Laura presented the March financial report in Loulie's absence. NECN's financial position remains strong at the end of the third quarter. Staff are working on forecast for the end of the fiscal year as well as next year's budget, to be presented to the board for approval in June.

Meeting with Commissioner Eudaly Debrief

Board and staff discussed the recent Meet & Greet with Commissioner Eudaly and our community partners. The organization seemed to make a very positive first impression and provided a forum for a diverse group of community interests to be heard. Adam will be meeting with Eudaly's liaison, Dave Austin, to continue the conversation.

Priorities

The board reviewed its 2017 Priorities and ranked the issues with the most likely success, including Housing and Transparency around public input and government processes.

Board and Officer Recruitment

Recruitment will be a major agenda item for the May board meeting. Paul hopes to sustain the positive momentum of the robust participation of board members over the last year. Mort and Adam reiterated the need to recruit replacements for outgoing directors. Elections will take place at the Annual Member Meeting in June.

Neighborhood Updates

Humboldt: Work is ramping up for the 6/24 clean-up. The association is also starting initial planning for a farmers market and is in the early stages of a streetscape public art project at Albina and Killingsworth.

Woodlawn: The association approved its affordable housing policy and had a successful Easter Egg Hunt.

Vernon: The neighborhood is hosting a Movie in the Park on 7/27 and a joint picnic King on 6/16 in Roselawn Park

Sabin: Marshall Runkel, Commissioner Eudaly's Chief of Staff, attended their last meeting. Issues facing the neighborhood are code compliance on vacant properties and regulations around demolitions and lead exposure.

Adjourned 8:00 pm

Minutes taken by Laura Becker