



NORTHEAST COALITION  
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

NECN Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 1, 2018

6:30 pm

NECN Office – Conference Room  
APPROVED Minutes

### **Meeting Attendees**

Paul Van Orden, Chair, At-Large  
Luke Norman, At-Large, Sullivan's Gulch  
Donn Dennis, Concordia  
Jere Fitterman, Eliot  
Dennis Kennedy, Parliamentarian, Woodlawn  
Sean Green, Treasurer, Sabin  
Lauren Gross, At Large  
Mariah Dula, Vice Chair, Alameda  
Kym Jeka, Humboldt  
Chris Tanner, Sullivan's Gulch  
Adam Lyons, Executive Director  
Laura Becker, Planning and Operations Manager

### **Meeting called to order by Paul Van Orden at 6:40 pm**

Paul welcomed Chris Tanner, Sullivan's Gulch's representative on NECN's board and called for a motion to acknowledge her appointment. **Mariah moved, seconded by Dennis, approved.**

### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

The board reviewed the January board meeting minutes. **Luke moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Sean, three abstentions, approved.**

### **Executive Director Report**

Adam presented his monthly report of NECN activities. Highlights include distributing Small Grant Awards, working with Lloyd District Community Association on their letter of intent to join NECN and scoring audio equipment for neighborhood events and with capability of producing podcasts from ONI's Accommodations Fund.

### **Finance Report**

Laura presented the January finance report. NECN's financial position remains strong and finances are on track with budget.

### **Safety and Livability Team (SALT) Discussion**

The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) held a Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) brainstorming session earlier in the evening, which Adam, Dennis and Jere attended. With continued changes ahead for PPB and PSAC, Dennis tabled the scheduled conversation until there is more clarity and confirmed plans.

### **NECN Elections Discussion**

Paul encouraged board members to start planning ahead for NECN's elections in June. The board discussed recruiting members with underrepresented perspectives within the district's changing demographic. The Executive Committee will also focus on board and leadership recruitment during the spring.

### **Neighborhood/Board Updates**

**Alameda:** Neighborhood Clean-Up and Swap scheduled for May 5 at Madeline School. Association is sending a letter recommending against Graffiti Abatement cut in ONI's proposed budget.

**Eliot:** Engaged in budget process and reviewing proposals for priorities. Applied for PBOT's Parking Permit Pilot Program.

**Humboldt:** Planning second community meeting to discuss potential name change of Jefferson High School, specifically with students and faculty to ensure their voice in the discussion

**Sabin:** Annual Meeting May 14 with presentation from PSU geology professor Scott Burns about the Cascadia Subduction Zone and 'the big one'.

**Sabin:** Neighborhood Emergency Team is working on mapping the inventory of resiliency resources using GIS. Jere is interested in connecting with this project for Eliot.

**Sullivan's Gulch:** Gulch-O-Rama will change formats and switch to multiple block parties in the neighborhood. Association working on website and social media.

**Woodlawn:** Sewer replacement project continues to go smoothly with accommodating and responsive crews.

#### **Land Use and Transportation Committee Update**

Lloyd to Woodlawn Greenway: The board reviewed a letter to PBOT and City Council recommending support of the Lloyd to Woodlawn Neighborhood Greenway project, still in its concept phase. After discussion, Jere moved to approve the letter, seconded by Mariah, approved.

Better Housing by Design: The board reviewed a letter of recommendations by the Land Use and Transportation Committee to Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff in response to the Discussion Draft of the Better Housing By Design project. After discussion, **Sean moved to approve the letter, seconded by Jere, one abstention, approved.**

Sean presented a statement based on a proposal discussed at the last Design Review Advisory Committee to allow additional Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for high performance energy-efficient development. After discussion, **Sean made a motion to authorize a draft letter to the Planning and Sustainability Commission, seconded by Chris, one abstention, approved.**

Minutes taken by Laura Becker