

**NECN Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday May 15, 2012, 6:30-8:30
NECN Office-Conference Room
Approved Minutes**

6:40 Welcome & Introductions Present: Bill Leissner(CNA), Chris Lopez(SGNA), Robert Bowles(At Large), Paul Anthony(HNA), Lupin Morgan(BNA), David Lomax(KNA - arrives at 7:06), Chris Hyde(GPNA), Peter O'Neil(ICA), Adam Karol(ANA), Pauline Bradford(ENA), Damon Isiah Turner(At Large), Jim Brown(ANA), Kay Newell(BNA), Don Rouzie(SCA), Joan Ivan(ENA).
Staff: Paige Coleman, Anjala Ehelebe
Guests: On Solid Ground Committee: Jacob Nitchals, Andrew Parrish, John Boren, Mike Burnham

6:45 Review & approval of Consent Agenda

Agenda additions; SALT, no report, but we'll hear from the Solid ground folks, a project of SALT. There will be a roundtable, Alameda and Woodlawn have things to report. **Motion to approve the minutes and amended agenda by Robert Bowles and seconded by Bill. Unanimously approved, Chris Lopez abstaining as usual.**

6:50 Unfinished Business

1. -- Fresh Exchange wrap up: Chris Lopez says that NECN will give FMF the balance of the funds we were holding. It would have cost us money to have continue management of the funds. We definitely see the value of Fresh Exchange to our community and may consider a donation to Fresh Exchange in the future. Questions and answers. Farmer's Market Fund (which runs Fresh Exchange) now has its own 501 (c)3 number and by taking over the program, can expand FE to markets city wide.

2. -- King Farmers Market Community Booths: Chris asks Paige what the status is. There was a letter from PFM saying they will accept management of the community booths.

7:00 New Actionable Items

1. -- ONI Grant Agreement(see attached) Paige talks about where we get our our funding. Four "buckets"; the communications dollars we receive (\$9,501) is less than what we give out (\$12K); and we get income from administering grants. The grants that we give out are pass through from ONI to the grantees. The amount of funding we get is based on the number of NA's in a Coalition. There are discussions about changing this model to provide base funding for all, plus a per-resident allocation. If this new model was used, we'd see an increase. ONI has asked all Coalition Boards to review the standard grant amendment and approve it. **Bill moves and Adam seconds accepting this grant amendment.** Discussion. Shirley says don't base it on 10 year census, base it on the American Surveys instead. **Unanimous, Chris L abstaining.**

2. -- LUTC and Irvington Letter re Sullivan's Gulch Hiking, Biking and Walking Trail. Don Rouzie asks if everyone is in favor of this roadway, Chris L says mostly, this is a Union Pacific right of way, but it is negotiable. **Kay moves that the Board direct a nice letter to the winning/runoff candidates and current Council members asking how they will direct funding to this project.** Wordsmith this letter to send to the Council. **Seconded by Pauline. Supported with Jim Brown and Chris L abstaining. Bill Leissner moves, Peter seconds sending the original letter to Sam Adams. All in favor unanimously, Chris L.**

3. -- Summertime (May through August) Reduction of Office Hours See first page of Executive Director's report. Summertime are slow for the office. Board doesn't meet July August. New NECN office hours will be M-Th, 10-2, plus appointments. Questions, will being open on Monday stay? Likely. The hours will be posted on all NECN stationary, emails and web presences. Comment: many government offices are closed on Fridays to save money. **Robert Bowles moves adjusting the office hours as recommended, Bill seconds, unanimously supported.**

4. -- Board Members Role in their NA: Chris L says the NECN bylaws state that Board Members much serve as liaison to the NA they represent and are expected to report NECN activities to their NA's and vice versa. This could be done by supplying the one page updates that are currently being given to the traveling NECN staffers. Pauline says that this would be a return to the way things had been. Don support what Pauline said; when he served on the Board in the '80s. We can still have

staffers support the NA's that need such help. Paige adds that staff would appreciate Board members that identify where NA's have needs; a two-way communication conduit. **Peter moves putting this plan into effect, resuming the roles of being two-way liaisons, Jim seconds, unanimously supported.**

5. -- Approve 2 Events for FY '12/'13 (Volunteer Appreciation Party & Fundraising Dinner) **Bill motions approving the two events, Lupin seconds.** Discussion, How much would these cost? There were sponsors for the Fundraising Dinner. Don Rouzie asked if there was enough funds raised to cover the Volunteer party. Yes, about \$2,500. Would like Board approval so staff can start planning now. Robert asks what the theme will be; will it be annual? Paige says, yes, great time in January to tie it to a NECN incentive. **Board supports the measures unanimously.**

[guests arrive representing the solid ground project]

7:33 Community Committee Reports

-- CEDC Robert reports that the last meeting involved the crowdmapping project that had 20 people who input information into portland.crowdmap.com It is open source, anyone can update it.

-- LUTC There is a written summary of activities.

-- SALT - Summary of items we are working on. May meeting on 5/21

One of the SALT projects is On Solid Ground: Andrew, Jacob, John, Michael are PSU students working on Earthquake preparedness. See handout "Draft Recommendations for NECN". They provide a powerpoint presentation that is different from the handout. Summary, folks need to be prepared for three days to a week with food, water, etc. after an earthquake. The better you know your neighbors, the more likely you'll survive. We want to encourage you to know what already exists, and incorporate preparedness activities into existing events. There's a June 2 event on preparedness coming up. Maybe have a disaster-movie-night, fun and drinks with talk on preparedness. Paige said Katy on staff has been working with these folks. The committee asks us to take a look at the recommendations individually see what we can contribute in our neighborhoods. There is a link to them under the SALT committee.

7:50 Board Committee Reports

-- Finance Robert says we hired a part-time contract bookkeeper and she seems really sharp. Works on Wednesday. We've started on a breakdown on every single aspect of the budget. It will be shared on Basecamp. Hopes to have it done by next month so EVERY Board member will be able to understand the budget item by item.

-- Personnel Katie had an emergency and can't be here tonight. Peter reports in her stead. Elections are coming up in June. Pauline B. is stepping down as recorder and from the Executive Board. Shirley M. is stepping down from Exec Board. Both are staying on the General Board. We almost have a full slate of candidates. Still need a 2nd VP candidate.

There are five at large positions on the general Board (Only Damon T. & Robert B. are currently at large), spoken to Ed Abrahamson, a transportation planner for Multco who is interested in a position, lives in Irvington. Charles McGee who works at Josiah Hill III Clinic is interested in a position as well. Need one more. Chris Hyde says her term on the NECN board is ending. Still have a Grant Park NA vacancy.

8:04 Ad Hoc Committee Reports

-- Resource Development - no report

-- Strategic Planning - no report

8:05 Director's Report: See attached report.

Paige says we've made great strides in improving our visibility. Might have two interns who will help with NA support. Shirley asks if there will be a Board table at GITH? Maybe. If there is

Board interest in staffing it. Just on the Saturday. David Lomax said he did it last year. It was fun. Don moves that we staff a NECN booth at GITH Shirley seconds it. Unanimously supported.

Paige says she saw Carol's (former receptionist who had health problems) granddaughter who says she's up and walking around, tremendous news.

8:20 Neighborhood Roundtable

Don says Paige facilitated the Sabin meeting where they elected members and had an abundance of candidates for positions. They showed a lack of understanding that NECN was there to help and facilitate. The fact that Paige shows up (even though she has tons to do) was evidence of maximum support.

Jim Brown says he has been in contact with DBS asking what is the meaning of r5 zoning, and they haven't replied. Don Rouzie says look on title 33 of the building code where all is defined. There are unfortunate infills going on in Irvington and Grant Park where too large buildings are going on. Also, he says the Oregonian Editorial page has a commentary from League of Women Voters questioning the URA proposed for the PSU area, he asks if this Board wants to go on record saying have a moratorium on new URAs because school budgets and neighborhood schools are suffering. Kay says its important to realize 30% would go into housing and this is a 20 year commitment, a generation and a half. All mayors have been raiding these funds, and she will be writing a letter recommending that all URAs sunset after 20 years. In the past, URAs have been extended up to 40 years. Don says the portion for housing is supposed to be affordable, and there is no room in that area for affordable housing. Big towers built for "students" who won't be able to afford to live there. Chris says this is a topic the Board can take up. Kay says work off the letter she is writing.

Shirley says Woodlawn had a successful Sunday Parkways. She's working with the NE Occupy project whose first take-back was in Woodlawn, 523 NE Bryant. Please feel free to stop by and offer assistance. They are dealing with predatory lenders who send postcards offering loans, get homeowner information and then say to the homeowner "don't do anything for 3 months", and in that time the predators then forge documents and steal the property. In similar cases, the owners have never signed documents. This group is working with commissioners to help slow and stop the foreclosure of similar homes.

Kay Newell says she will be stepping down from this Board because she's overcommitted, building a house, serving on the Boise Board, running a business. Diana Pope served one meeting as a VNA rep and has resigned. David Sweet from SCA also has resigned.

Damon Isaiah Turner won a Precinct Committee position.

8:44 Adjournment