



NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

NECN Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 30, 2017
6:30 pm
NECN Office – Conference Room
Approved Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Louie 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
Paul van Orden, 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 November board meeting minutes. Dave moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dennis, approved.

Executive Director Report

Adam presented his report. Highlights include publishing the first issue of Hey Neighbor! NECN's new district-wide newspaper, hosting a Diesel Dinner with Neighbors for Clean Air and exploring partnerships with OJRC and PSJ.

Changes at ONI and City Hall

The board discussed possible cuts to ONI's FY2017-18 budget and potential changes under ONI's new Commissioner Eudaly and Mayor Wheeler. NECN's financial and organization position is strong any able to withstand any transition at the agency level

Financial/Personnel Report

Louie presented several personnel changes that represent a more sustainable, leaner staffing model offering more competitive pay and benefits than prior. Zena Rockowitz has resigned to take a job with the State legislature. Jessica Rojas and Laura Becker were promoted to full time with a salary increase to reflect their expanded positions. Fran Ayaribil is now on NECN's health insurance. Louie moved to approve the changes, Dave seconded, approved.

Black History Month

Paul proposed presenting one or more unsung leaders in the district with awards during the month of February and asked for volunteers to serve on a committee with him. Jere and Lauren volunteered.

Neighborhood Updates

Humboldt: The neighborhood is starting a branding process to engage its growing population and working with Portland Parks & Rec, as it's the only neighborhood in Portland without a recognized public park.

Sabin: The association distributed small grants with their clean-up surplus and set up a comment box at the library.

Vernon: The association attended the Diesel Dinner as a group instead of holding their January meeting.

Woodlawn: The association just held the best-ever attended meeting. They added a social hour, and hand delivered meeting notices to new residents and advertised food from restaurants in the neighborhood. They were able to fill two board vacancies and recruit a volunteer for the website.

Neighborhood Clean-Up Schedule as of 1/30/17

Alameda: May 13 at Madeline School Parking Lot

Sabin: May 20 at Maranatha Church (in possible collaborating with King)

Woodlawn: May 27 at Henry V

Adjourned 8:00 pm

Minutes taken by Laura Becker