



NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS

NECN Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
6:30 pm
NECN Office – Conference Room
Approved Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Donn Dennis, Concordia
Jere Fitterman, Eliot
Dennis Kennedy, Parliamentarian, Woodlawn
Shirley Minor, At-Large
Sean Green, Treasurer, Sabin
Brendan 'Mort' Mortimer
Luke Norman, At-Large
Mariah Dula, Vice Chair, Alameda
Kym Jeka, Humboldt
Adam Lyons, Executive Director
Laura Becker, Planning and Operations Manager

Meeting called to order by Mariah Dula at 6:40 pm

Review and Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the July board meeting minutes. **Mariah moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mort, approved.**

Executive Director Report

Adam presented his monthly report of NECN activities. Highlights include interviewing for the Media and Events Specialist position, receiving a grant from the Audubon Society to provide outreach and subsidies for Backyard Habitat Certifications in our district.

Financial Report: FY 2017-18 First Quarter review

Laura presented the September financial statements. NECN's financial position remains strong after a first quarter full of activity including printing and distributing two issues of Hey Neighbor and distributing Coalition Funds to Neighborhood Associations.

2017 Priorities

The board discussed several issues related to the organization's current priorities.

Tubman School Letter: The board reviewed a draft letter opposing Portland Public School's re-opening of Harriet Tubman School in light of air quality and environmental health concerns due to the school's proximity to I-5 and I-84 freeways. The board deliberated on the tone and focus of the letter, clarifying the specific concerns around Tubman vs. the health of all students at all schools, as well as steering clear from any comment related to PPS re-districting and changing boundaries. After debate and several suggestions for changes to the letter, **Mariah moved to approve the letter as updated, seconded by Dennis, 1 opposed, approved.**

NETS Fundraising: NECN is organizing a fundraiser for our districts Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETS) and has formed a planning committee for the event. Donn volunteered to serve on the committee.

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC): Attendance at PSAC meetings has been low, and while the group is on hiatus Adam is working on outreach and agendas, including inviting special guests around specific topics, to strengthen the committee. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC) Updates and Appointments

Sean put together a Residential Infill Project (RIP) working group of LUTC members to discuss affordability and propose recommendations to the City. Luke is focused on recruiting more members. The board reviewed the slate of Neighborhood Association committee appointments and one new At-Large appointment. **Luke moved to acknowledge the re-appointments of current NA representatives and appoint new NA and At-Large representatives seconded by Mort, approved.**

Other Business

The board will discuss a letter from Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association to the City requesting an ordinance creating "safe zones" for Portland children at the November board meeting.

Neighborhood/Board Updates

Eliot: General Meeting was very successful. Jere thanked NECN and Jessica Rojas for volunteer funds and elections assistance.

Humboldt: First annual Farmers Market was a success! The association now has a PPS liaison on the board.

Vernon: This is Mort's last NECN board meeting. The board thanked Mort for his service and years on the board.

Woodlawn: The association has elected new members, including a new chair.

Minutes taken by Laura Becker