

Northeast Neighbors (NEN) Board Meeting Minutes

Jan 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom meeting ID 541 700 3700

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Board Attendees: Kevin Reed, Anne Millhollen, John Faville, Rocky Cline (for Crescent Meadows)

Other Attendees: Kyle Williams, Kim Kelly, Ted Mudgard

Minutes 1/4/21 Board Meeting: Kevin moved approval; John seconded. Approved unanimously.

Speakers for March 2 General Meeting:

Congestion at major bottlenecks

Kevin has contacted elected officials Pat Farr, Mike Clark, and Jennifer Yeh. We will ask for their support for remedies to our traffic congestion.

John is coordinating City traffic planners Rob Inerfeld and Chris Henry and ODOT representatives. They will be asked to speak to the following questions:

For both areas of concern, we know what is currently planned, but want to know what's next. Not current plans, but reasonable and even remote possibilities. We are used to lobbying for what we need.

1. Coburg from Crescent to Beltline. Already congested and will become even more so after the opening of WinCo (now in LUBA appeal but likely to get approved). This development will increase the number of total daily primary trips by 2,442, according to WinCo's withdrawn TIA. In previous NeN meetings, City staff informed us of signal optimization, protected lefts, and other planned adjustments here. What is next for this troubled corridor, particularly at its intersections with Chad and Crescent and at the Beltline on/off ramps? What are the possible remedies? And what are the barriers to improvement?

2. North Delta from Ayres to Beltline. We anticipate huge impact from current development north of Ayres: since 2017, 1200 new housing units either under construction or in the approval process. We know about the planned stages of Beltline improvement (awaiting large buckets of funding). What near term mitigations or upgrades are possible along North Delta, particularly at Green Acres and Ayres and between them, and how will Beltline on/off ramps handle this increased traffic? And what are the barriers to improvement?

Fire dangers in the NeN area

Anne has lined up a Fire Marshall to speak and needs to know how much time for this portion of the meeting.

Updates

- Newsletter sponsorship: Sheppard Motors has agreed and sent us the \$250.
- Creekside Park: Dane has begun making decisions about which contractors to use.
- 2020 NeN Report: Has been submitted to HRNI.
- Food Drive: Anne has all the volunteers needed for the drive. Barrels will be available a week prior to the Feb 13 drive. Kevin has found a hand truck we can use. The drive is announced on the front page of the newsletter and will be supported by eNews on 1/31 and 2/10.
- Land use:
 - Delta Ridge Cottages has submitted its application. It may take a couple of months to be deemed "complete" by Planning. Then a hearing will be scheduled, likely in the spring.
 - 89375 Old Coburg Road: Owner is seeking rezoning (R-1 to Neighborhood Commercial) for this 1.2 acre site. It seems to the Board a reasonable location for Neighborhood Commercial types of business.
- WinCo: Has been appealed to LUBA, a 4-8 month process. No new testimony is allowed.

- NeN Website: Yahoo will stop supporting the type of site that ours is. Anne and John will pursue using Yahoo website building tools to build a new one.
- Striker renaming: Bureaucratic processes are delaying Yeh/City choice of new name. Possibilities are: name based on indigineous peoples of the area, Hillview, or McKenzie Meadows.

Spring Speakers:

- Possible health representative speaking about status of Covid virus and vaccines. Kevin is pursuing.
- Possible speaker about NeN lands available for development, including urban reserve. John is pursuing.

Future Board Meetings: Will be on first Monday of the month, beginning March 1.

Public comment: Kim and Ted spoke of need to address traffic on N Delta, perhaps widening the highway.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.