

Northeast Neighbors
Eugene, Oregon

SUBJECT: Board Meeting minutes

January 4, 2021

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Board members present: Kevin Reed, John Faville, Rick Edwards, Anne Millhollen, Kirsten London, and Walt Beckman.

Board members absent: None.

Visitors in attendance: Tiffany Edwards and three others.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Kevin to approve the minutes from the November 23 Board Meeting as written by Rick. The motion was seconded by Anne and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

New Board members: Kevin introduced Kirsten London, and Walt Beckman. Mr. Beckman will be one of the rotating members from the Crescent Meadows Homeowners Association. John said we still have three vacancies on the Board. Kevin said his goal is to have a full staff. Kirsten asked if there were any strategies to see if we could get more Board members. Kevin said we have a good relationship with St Vincent DePaul and he is working on getting a representative from them to join the Board. Anne said that she exchanged emails with the rental support group, but no one volunteered to join the Board.

Newsletter: John said he needs input by January 18th.

Updates:

- a. Hosting Zoom meetings: Kevin and Dorothy Reed.
- b. Creekside Park transition: Dane Butler is the point person. Kevin suggested a ground breaking ceremony and inviting people from the Parks Dept.

c. Future meeting site for face-to-face meetings: Kevin said he talked to his contact at the church, and we can continue renting the church for the same price.

d. Agreed on 2021 NeN Goals:

- Full board membership, including representation by renters.
- Mitigation of traffic issues from development at Delta Ridge.
- More convenient public transit for our area.
- Mitigation of traffic and other impacts from WinCo.
- Completion of the covered picnic area at Creekside Park.
- Progress on Spectrum Road, connecting Shadow View Rd to Coburg Rd.
- More affordable housing built in our area.
- Action by Eugene Police Department on property crime in our area.
- Completion of Gilham Rd sidewalks to Mirror Pond Way.

e. 2020 NeN hours report: Kevin said he will keep the report next to his desk and update it as he goes.

f. Delta Ridge update: Kevin said he received an update from Jim Stephens, Evergreen Housing Development Group. They have used the term “needed housing” and Kevin anticipates that their proposal will proceed. John said there will be a hearing in March or April and recommended that we publicize the hearing. Kevin added that Evergreen Housing Development Group is in contact with Carolyn with the City of Eugene Parks to donate land south of Ayers Road, in exchange for a “holdback” of System Development Charges (SDC). Tiffany Edwards asked who will pay for maintenance of the park. Kevin said it would go on the Capital Improvement Plan but won’t happen for a while.

Next General Meeting: March 2, 2021

Kevin said the possible speakers would be Becky Taylor, and representatives from ODOT to talk about traffic, because he anticipates more congestion from Delta Ridge and WINCO. Kevin added that the City had downgraded the level of congestion, so he wants to invite all of them to the March 2nd meeting to address our transportation needs. Kevin said he will invite ODOT, Becky Taylor, and Michael Kinnison. John reminded him that he needs to know who the speakers are by January 18th. Anne said she invited a Fire Marshal and wanted to know if she should reschedule her. Kevin said fire protection was important and to extend the invitation.

Mike Clark, and Jennifer Yeh reporting on the State of the City.

Land use updates: John Faville

Striker Field: On Wednesday, Councilor Yeh will meet with Parks. The choices have been narrowed down to Hillview, McKenzie Meadows, and a third choice. John clarified that the third possible choice was one of the Native American names, and could not be specified at this time.

WINCO: The Hearing Official agreed with the decision made originally by the Planning Director. If an appellant objects, they have until January 7th to appeal.

Sheppard Motors: They had a project consultation and are moving forward. Kevin announced that Sheppard Motors has agreed to sponsor NeN. John said he will follow up with Phil Speers.

Other Business: Anne asked for approval to continue membership with Eugene Neighbors Inc. Kevin made a motion to retain membership; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Anne also gave an update on the Food Drive.

Public comment period: No comments were made.

Next board meeting: Tuesday, January 26th, 2021.

The meeting was gaveled closed by the Chairman at 7:22 pm.