

# Northeast Neighbors

August 11, 2020

SUBJECT: Board meeting minutes

Call to Order: 6:33 p.m.

Board members in attendance: David Martin, John Faville, Rick Edwards, and Anne Milhollen.

Board members absent: Kevin Reed and Dane Butler.

Visitors in attendance: Bob Siegmund.

Meeting minutes: A motion was made by John to approve the July 14 Board Meeting minutes as written by Rick. The motion was seconded by Anne and the Minutes were approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker: NLC co-chair, David Monk. Mr. Monk gave an overview of the organization and functions of the NLC. He reviewed the various committees and said the most active are the Emergency Preparedness, Equity, and Housing & Homeless. He addressed the COVID 19 pandemic and said that the Whitaker neighborhood got a \$29,000 grant from the Oregon Health Authority. He also said that the NLC is going to apply for a grant to address health and safety regarding students returning to the U of O. David asked if an organization has to be a 501(c) (3) to get a grant from the Oregon Health Authority. Mr. Monk replied that groups have to be a 501(c) (3) or governmental organization.

Review of September 29 Annual Meeting Agenda: David will open the meeting by reviewing the agenda, giving an update on Creekside Park, and then thanking the b2 Wine Bar for their sponsorship. The plan for NeN Board elections was discussed, and will start with Kevin making an appeal for new members. If there are any new nominations from the floor, David will review and announce the slate of officers. The nominees will introduce themselves, and then David will conduct the election. The slate of officers will be voted upon as a whole group.

The elected officials that have responded were put on the agenda, but David asked about the other four officials that have not responded. Rick said that none of the other officials have responded, but he will follow up. David expressed concern about getting a commitment from the elected officials so that he knows whether or not to set aside additional time on the agenda for them to speak. Rick said he would emphasize the need for a decision about speaking when he sends out a follow-up invitation to the elected officials who have not responded. David agreed and offered to review the follow-up invitation.

The Chief's presentation and topic was confirmed.

David asked if White Bird Clinic had identified a speaker. Rick said he received an email from Shannon Swords, Executive Administrative Assistant, confirming our request but did not name a presenter. David said he would like to have the name of a presenter to put on the agenda so Rick will follow up.

David also asked if he should contact Commissioner Farr to find out if he wants to provide a written summary before the meeting as he had suggested. Rick said Commissioner Farr had stated previously that he preferred personal invitations, so he would probably appreciate a call from the Chairman. David agreed and will follow up. Anne suggested giving Commissioner Farr extra time on the agenda, so David will offer more time when he calls the Commissioner.

Review of November 10 General Meeting Agenda: Commissioner Farr will be invited to give a report on Lane County's coordinated work on housing, poverty and homelessness. David said Commissioner Farr will be the first speaker, and given 20 minutes followed by 10 min of Q&A. Marissa Cade with Home Share

Oregon will be invited to talk about housing and homeless for 15 minutes, followed by 10 minutes Q&A. Rob Inerfeld was considered for an update on the traffic circle, and Sheppard motors was discussed as a presenter. Rick reminded the Board that we had previously considered asking Sheppard Motors to be a sponsor, so this could be an opportunity to make an offer. David said he will contact Sheppard Motors and offer them 30 minutes on the agenda. The elected officials will be invited by Rick. David said we will postpone a presentation by the Waste Prevention Program Coordinator, Ben Zublin, until the winter meeting.

NeN Outreach funds & mailing plans: John Faville announced that we have been allocated \$4665.00 for the first trimester beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. He suggested using the funds to announce the September 29th Annual Meeting, with a postcard mailed prior to the meeting. He also suggested using the balance of funds for a 4 page newsletter to be mailed after the Annual Meeting. Most of the content will be generated by the September 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, and David expects to have news about the park shelter. The newsletter will also serve as an announcement for the November 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, and Anne suggested including an article about Board membership and vacancies. These mailings will run slightly over the allocated funds, but Cindy Kohler assured him that the Office of Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement will cover the difference out of the second trimester allocation. The Board unanimously agreed with the plan, and a deadline for sending content to the newsletter editor was set for October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Newsletter ideas: John said the urban reserves info should be held off until summer. Anne said that someone she knew had suggested emphasizing locking doors. David added that two of his neighbors had been burglarized, and both were during the daytime.

Land use updates: John Faville

WINCO: Several well documented comments were submitted from neighboring businesses and groups. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> WINCO asked that its application be put on hold. If and when WinCo reopens its application, the decision will go to the City of Eugene Planning Department director. John

said none of the comments are objecting to WINCO moving in, but do disagree with aspects of the WinCo application.

Striker Park procedural steps and naming is next. John said there will be a naming process and we will probably be invited to participate, but Councilor Yeh is likely to make the final decision.

Sheppard Motors: needs a Metro Plan and Refinement Plan amendment. Final approval will probably be in late September. David said there was a neighborhood that complained about light overflow from the car lot, but Sheppard said they were putting in lights that would mitigate overflow into neighboring residences.

Ideas for potential candidates for Board vacancies: David said he does not have any new nominees. John asked the visitor, Bob, to participate but he declined. David asked if we had sent out an invitation to join the Board and John said that an invitation went out on the e-news. Anne said that the Board meeting was advertised in the newspaper, but our website refers inquiries to contact the Chair. Anne asked if we could put the Zoom meeting ID on the website and David agreed.

Business Sponsors for Newsletter – our contract with b2 ends August 31. David commented that we may not need another sponsor and John confirmed that we have enough money in the checking account to cover Website expenses for approximately four more years.

Creekside Park Picnic Shelter: David said approximately \$23,500 has been raised. He has about 25 bags of bottles and needs to organize another can return around noon on Thursday. It's been over a year since the shelter plan was submitted, and a second building permit application has been submitted. David said the individual handling the application on the staff is working from home and doesn't have a City laptop, so the process is taking longer than expected. David is working with Cindy Kohler to get an extension on the grant since the delay is not the fault of NeN.

Next Board meetings:

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm via Zoom.

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm via Zoom.

Opportunity for public comment: None.

The meeting was gaveled closed by the Chairman at 7:55 pm.