

Northeast Neighbors

September 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Board meeting minutes

Call to Order: 6:36 p.m.

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

Board members absent: Dane Butler.

Visitors in attendance: Bob Siegmund, Amanda Eriksen, Cathy Lindsley

Approval of August 11 Board Meeting minutes: A motion was made by John to approve minutes as written by Rick. The motion was seconded by Anne and the Minutes were approved unanimously.

Gilham Elementary School planned upgrades; Cathy Lindsley. Has lived on Honeywood Street since 1996. She received an invitation to a Conditional Use Hearing in the mail and went to the meeting, but there was only one other neighbor in attendance. The short-term improvements proposed at the Hearing were for; new fencing, a new pod of four classrooms, and closing the covered playground. A long-term goal is to add a new covered playground in a different location. There are no plans for additional parking but the four new pods will add more children. The fencing will be a black chain-link fence approximately 4 feet tall, with a mowing strip along the bottom. The fence will follow the sidewalks and then wrap around to a foot-bridge over the creek. Construction will start in the summer of 2021. She questioned what the fencing was for and was told that it's to delineate the school boundaries. She asked how the new fencing will affect

gress during fire drills and was told that they are looking into it. She expressed concern about increased noise from the location of a new covered playground, especially on the weekends. In conclusion, she asked if there was still time for input and was told that there will be more hearings. There is a new principal, so they will be following up with her.

Review of September 29 Annual Meeting Agenda: David will open the meeting by reviewing the agenda, and give an update on Creekside Park. John questioned the need to thank the b2 Wine Bar since their sponsorship ended last month and David agreed. The NeN Board elections were discussed, and will start with Kevin making an appeal for new members. John commented that there was no need to list the open positions on the agenda and everyone agreed. David will introduce the slate of officers and we will each raise our hand for recognition. The slate of officers will be voted upon as a whole group. Kevin said he would like to coordinate running the meetings so David will make him a co-host.

The four elected officials that have responded to the invitation are on the agenda. Rick will send a copy of the agenda to the elected officials who will be speaking.

The Chief's presentation and topic was confirmed and the speaker from White Bird Clinic will be Tim Black.

Kevin suggested sharing news about the Gilham Road upgrade and how to comment. David said he can show some of the slides during the meeting and emphasize the importance to have continuity connecting the sidewalks to Ayres. Kevin said he has talked to the owner of the land at the corner of Ayres & Gilham, and the owner offered to donate space for the sidewalk. David welcomed the news because the idea is to complete the sidewalk without billing the neighbors.

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.

Gilham Road upgrade Zoom meeting; September 23 at 5:30 p.m. David emailed the login information and encouraged everyone to attend. John said there will be no Q&A because the entire meeting is for collecting public comments. Kevin

emphasized getting as much public attendance at the meeting as possible to keep the emphasis on completion. David asked Anne to post a notice on “Next Door” to advertise the meeting.

NeN Outreach funds, mailing plans, yard signs, and Newsletter ideas: John announced that we have \$4665.00 for the first trimester that began on July 1, 2020. He will send out a 4 page newsletter to be mailed after the Annual Meeting on September 29th. He suggested articles about the presentations by the two keynote speakers; David to author an article about Chief Skinner’s presentation, and Anne to author an article about White Bird Clinic’s presentation. John also suggested that Kevin write about his vision for the future as the new Chairman of NeN. Kevin said he will write about our successes and the responsibilities of NeN. He will also clarify that our primary focus is education rather than taking a stance on political issues. John said that if there is any news about WinCo he will put that in an article, and glean pertinent info about the elected officials from the Annual Meeting minutes. The Board agreed with the plan, and a deadline for sending content to the editor was set for October 5th.

Anne said she wasn’t sure about writing with a dry erase on the yard signs because it smears and is too hard to erase. She wanted to know if we should have signs that announce “Today” and “Tomorrow”. The consensus was that it would be better to have “Tuesday” on the sign, because “Tomorrow” might be too vague. The date should go up in the top right corner and the time could go in the lower left corner. The arrow pointing to the website was not needed. Anne said she will try putting the date and time on the signs for the Annual Meeting.

Land use updates: John Faville

WINCO: There is no news and the decision is still up to the Director of the Planning Department. John said the bottle drop will be closer to the building and the medical facility that shares the adjacent driveway is less eager to oppose WINCO. After a decision by the Director of the Planning Department, appeals can still be made but John cautioned that appeals should come from other organizations rather than NeN.

Striker Field: John said there is no news to report but still expects NeN to be involved in the naming process.

Sheppard Motors: The hearing will be on September 21st.

House Bill 2001 creates a push to break apart R-1 Zoning so that any lot can have duplexes and most can be used for triplexes, quadraplexes, and townhomes. John said the change will have very little effect on the Northeast neighborhood due to the prevalence of CCR's. The City still has time to respond and create a template for implementation of the law.

House Bill 2003 requires the City to create an assessment of housing needs. The City has initiated an outreach process.

David commented that the large lot on Gilham across from Cal Young Middle School will be sub-divided into three smaller lots. He also added that the City will look into a handicapped ramp at the intersection of Ayres Road / North Delta Highway. He also added that people are frustrated that nothing has been done regarding the crosswalk on Norckenzie /Crescent.

Ideas for potential candidates for Board vacancies: Amanda Eriksen was nominated for a Board position, and John will look for her contact info.

Business Sponsors for Newsletter: The contract with b2 ended August 31st, but David asked Kevin to follow up for other sponsors.

Creekside Park Picnic Shelter: David said \$23,500 has been raised but people continue to drop off bottles and cans. He said the process of getting permits has taken more than a year to get the design approved.

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, October 13th, 6:30pm via Zoom.

Other business: Potential meeting ideas were discussed. David suggested a meeting in October with ODOT as the main presentation. The Board discussed the idea but postponed a decision until after the September Annual meeting.

Opportunity for public comment: None.

The meeting was gaveled closed by the Chairman at 7:47 pm.