

Northeast Neighbors (NEN) Board Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: 6:32 p.m.

Board Attendees: Kevin Reed, Anne Millhollen, Jim Torrey, Rick Edwards, John Faville

Other Attendees: two neighbors

Minutes 5/3/21 Board Meeting: Anne moved approval; John seconded. Unanimous.

Timing of next General Meeting: September 14

Face-to-face timeline: NeN will mirror the policies set by the City and schools. For announcement of the September 14 General Meeting, a decision is needed by early August (perhaps at August 2nd Board Meeting).

Gilham Community Church: Kevin will let facilities manager know of possible 9/14 date and will discuss set-up for the meeting. HRNI will be asked about funding to cover added costs due to Covid precautions.

Possible speakers for future General Meetings:

- The “table-top” evaluation of escape routes in case of emergency (being developed by the NLC).
- Intro to park at Striker Field that will be opening about that time: rules, parking, facilities, etc.
- Future development potential in NeN: buildable lands (Gabe Flock) + Urban Reserve (Rebecca Gershow).
- Redrawn City Council Ward boundaries. (City Council work session noon, June 16.) An important issue in order to keep City focus on Beltline needs.
- 4J future for NeN.
 - Short term discussion of increased enrollment at Gilham, now the largest primary school in the City.
 - Long-term need for a new bond issue to build the planned school on Coburg.

Possible Neighborhood events sponsored by NeN:

- Opening of park at Striker Filed in the Fall, in conjunction with Parks.
- Opening of Creekside Park picnic shelter.
- The Return of Movie Night! In conjunction with Crescent Village.

June newsletter content:

- Materials need to be sent to John by June 12.
- Kirstin volunteered to write up the LTD presentation (~150 words)..
- Other articles: Clark/Yeh discussion of Consumer Safety Initiative, Jaworski talk on wildfire experience.
- Possible articles: NeN priorities, joining the Board
- Updates: Striker opening in Fall, WinCo appeal, Delta Ridge Cottages, Creekside Park picnic shelter.

Homeless Issues:

- The City wants to take the lead in finding sites before involving the NHA.
- There has been discussion of a voluntary policy of at least one site in each ward.

NLC Transportation Committee:

- Intended as a resource, sharing ideas and offering expertise.
- NeN prefers that it not try to formulate unified positions for all neighborhoods.

Updates

- Delta Ridge Cottages: Has all approvals. Will break ground for streets/utilities in March/April 2022.
- WinCo: LUBA decision has been appealed to the State Court of Appeals, with ruling likely in September.
- Hawthorne Estates: No decision on whether to appeal Planning Commission approval for the rezoning.
- Creekside Park Picnic shelter: no news.
- Striker Field: Work begins this summer with opening sometime this fall. New name is not yet determined (now in “intergovernmental process”).

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm