

**Northeast Neighbors (NeN) Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** 6:30 p.m.

**Board Attendees:** Kevin Reed, Rick Edwards, John Faville, Jim Torrey, Anne Millhollen (PT), Neal Benson (new)

**Other Attendees:** Charlotte Pierce, Bruce Strimmling, Mary Hogan, John Q

**Minutes:** January 3 Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**Neal Benson:** Unanimously voted onto the board. (Florida transplant, worked here in banking, now part-time real estate broker, runner and marathon coach, Rotarian, neighborhood enthusiast.)

**Food Drive:**

- Kevin will bring a hand truck. John will send reminder eNews.
- We have sufficient volunteers. 12:30 to help set up. 4:00 to help with packing up. In between to help unload cars.
- Because we collected so much last year, food will be put into large totes instead of barrels.

**Spring Meeting Initial Planning**

- Date set for April 4. We will have to work quickly to line up speakers.
- Parks will be invited to speak about status of park at Striker: cost questions, security of bathrooms, plans for this phase of construction, possible funding for completing the planned amenities.

**ENI membership:** Anne will attend annual meeting, continuing NeN's membership.

**Advocating for Beltline improvements:**

- Kevin will speak at upcoming River Road and Santa Clara neighborhood meetings arguing for the importance of Beltline improvements. At River Road's meeting, a faction will speak against widening the Beltline.
- Lane County's key body for influencing distribution of infrastructure funding is the Metropolitan Policy Committee. It's stated priorities are "non-highway projects," meaning public transportation, bike and pedestrian access, and means of addressing social equity. NeN needs to connect to those priorities in its advocacy for projects. The arterial bridge needs to be seen as a multi-modal, non-highway project.
- John will draft comments for sending to Oregon Transportation Commission, which is allocating the flexible funding, and Lane's MPC. John will also send out eNews encouraging neighborhood comments to OTC and MPC.

**Gilham Road Upgrade:** Sidewalks on both sides from Ayres to Don Juan are funded. Lane's Transportation Advisory Committee agrees that it's appropriate to pay for continued sidewalk on west side through Sterling Park Place using City of Eugene SDCs from recent nearby construction. Construction planned for spring 2023.

- Marcia Jarrett described her husband's fall on Gilham due to lack of shoulder or sidewalks. Ambulance had to be called. Jim Torrey has reported the incident to Lane transportation, supporting our push for funding to complete the sidewalks.

**Striker Field update:** Bids are due back Feb 24. Those bids will confirm which amenities can be built this summer.

- Crescent Meadows has raised issues about the restrooms, which will be covered in the April 4 meeting.
- Councilor Clark has a strategy for securing funding for completing the original plans.

**Creekside Park:** Permits are issued. Ready to bid.

**NeN's OCCU account:** We paid web hosting fees (\$156) in January, NeN funds of \$531 are left in the account.

- Neal will investigate possible newsletter sponsor. John will forward the required info.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm**