

Northeast Neighbors (NeN) Board Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: 6:33 p.m.

Board Attendees: Kevin Reed, Rick Edwards, John Faville, Neal Benson, Anne Millhollen

Other Attendees: Charlotte Pierce, Jennifer DiFranco, Charles Ross, Quin Mainville, Jennifer Solomon (PT)

Minutes: March 7 Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously. (Anne moved, Rick seconded.)

April 4th meeting

- Agenda agreed to. Rick will notify Sen Manning and Commish Brown of their time allotments.
- Neal Benson will be introduced and will give 'elevator pitch' about why he's sponsoring newsletter.
- Carolyn Burke of Eugene Parks will have good news about Striker: bids approved with Wildish constructing the park; some additions made to recent 'stripped down' layout.
 - Also news that the City is purchasing the property south of Ayres/west on N Delta for Parks development.
 - Questions about maintenance and security will also be addressed.
- Dorothy Reed will run NeN Zoom to host this and next general meeting. (Meetings will need screen share and timer.)
- Based on City staff's HB 2001 presentation, John will publish an eNews following the meeting with:
 - How to watch or testify at City Council public hearing on April 18.
 - Timing of upcoming City Council process and how to watch: April 11 work session and May 11 work session.
 - Links to recording of this NeN April 4 meeting, Planning Commission Recommendation pdf, opposing arguments (recording of JWN January meeting, <https://housing-facts.org/>), supporting arguments (Better Housing Together, etc.), and FAQs at <https://www.eugene-or.gov/4244/Middle-Housing>.

Structure of the April 19 candidate forum:

- Kevin will lead the meeting. Jennifer Yeh, Jennifer Solomon, and Mike Clark will answer questions.
- Each will be allowed a 3 minute intro speech.
- Then Kevin will ask questions, each candidate given 2 minutes, rotating who will be asked first, no rebuttals.
- Most questions will be from a list representing all three NHAs. Some may also be asked from the chat.
- Each candidate will be allowed a 2 minute closing speech.

NeN questions for the candidates:

- Initial list, though others may emerge, if submitted by Board members by April 3:
 - What can you do to help get the arterial bridge built?
 - How can you help address our other most critical transportation issues, particularly congestion at the nexus of Coburg Road, Chad Drive, and Beltline Hwy?
 - How do you propose dealing with unhoused in the NeN area, particularly as more space become City owned (like parks), rather than private property?
 - We were promised a unified approach to homelessness, with coordination between City and County? Why has it not happened and what can be done to get it on track?
 - How do we get more SDC funds spent here where they were assessed, addressing problems like an upgrade for Gilham Road or completion of the park at Striker Field?
 - What are your priorities for spending the payroll tax money raised to fund the Consumer Safety Initiative?
- We will ask Harlow Neighbors and Cal Young Neighbors to get us their lists by April 2. Kevin and John will create a master list representing all three NHAs, with questions in priority order, and send it to the other two, asking for comments or suggested changes by April 8. We'll then finalize the list and let the candidates know the key topics.
- NeN's postcard promoting the meeting will hit mailboxes April 6, 7, 8. Cal Young is sending out a mailing. Kevin is determining whether HRNI will fund a mailing to Harlow (cost is about \$2030 for printing and mailing).

Outreach budget and plans:

- Mailing and printing costs are rising; our outreach budget is not. Kevin is going to ask HRNI whether the budget can extend to express these rising costs.

- In this March-June trimester, we'll have over \$1000 unspent that can be used for outreach projects.

Two ideas based on learning from other NHAs:

- More neighbor involvement encouraged in general meetings, perhaps a section inviting open comments on all topics or comments on a defined issue.
- Participatory events that create active neighborhood participation. Examples from other NHAs: picnics (up to 320 at Southwest picnics), potlucks, tree plantings, park clean-ups, emergency radio and evacuation drills.
 - Neal Benson will pursue organizing volunteers to help clean up properties of elderly neighbors.
 - John will determine likely date for Creekside picnic shelter completion.
 - We will also discuss a late summer party event.
 - Opening of park at Striker Field should occur in the fall.

Managing the website: Anne volunteered monthly updates of "Community Resources."

WinCo Grand opening March 28: It happened.

Advocating for the arterial bridge : We will maintain focus and look for opportunities.

Next General meeting: Kevin will begin process of finding a venue large enough.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm amid general hilarity.