

Northeast Neighbors (NeN) Board Meeting Minutes

March 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, Kirstin London,

Other Attendees: Charlotte Pierce, Bruce Strimmling, , Jim Dougher, John Q, Ruby, Jennifer Solomon (PT)

Minutes: February 7 Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Neal Benson: Thanked for becoming newsletter sponsor on behalf of Team BenStone, part of ICON Real Estate Group.

Food Drive: Very successful, 667 pounds, 2nd highest amount among all the neighborhoods.

April 4th Meeting Planning

- Carolyn Burke of Eugene Parks will speak about the park at Striker Field: plans for this phase of construction, possible funding for completing the originally planned amenities.
 - (Mike Clark has informed Kevin that the park will be fully funded out of the general fund.)
 - Questions about maintenance and security will also be addressed.
- City staff will then present their informational session about the Planning Commission's recommendation to City Council on how to implement House Bill 2001.

Candidate debate meeting: A second general meeting is scheduled for April 18, focused on the two Ward 4 candidates, Jennifer Yeh and Jennifer Solomon (who has agreed to participate). Kevin will make sure of Jennifer Yeh's availability.

- Mike Clark will also be given time to speak about his agenda, though he is running unopposed.
- LTD will also be invited to send a speaker to the meeting to talk about the possible impact of MovingAhead corridor investments on existing transit routes in our area. Kevin will call LTD.
- Will O'Hearn, Eugene Library Services Director, has asked for time to speak. John will invite him.
- John will prepare a postcard announcement for the meeting.

Advocating for Beltline improvements:

- 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 Kevin to deliver to the Metropolitan Policy Committee. (Next meeting is April 7.)

Creekside Park: Minor delay in the paperwork. Ready to be put out to bid.

Gilham Road upgrade: No news.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm