

Northeast Neighbors (NeN) Board Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: 6:34 p.m.

Board: Anne Millhollen, Rick Edwards, John Faville, Kirstin London, Neal Benson

Neighbors: Bob Siegmund

Minutes: 2/6/23 Board meeting minutes approved. Anne moved; Neal seconded.

New board member. Charlotte Pearce was unanimously voted onto the board as Area East Rep.

Review agenda for March 21st General Meeting:

New newsletter sponsor B2 Bar and Grill.

Approve minutes 11/9/22 General Meeting.

Elected official comments.

7:15 (or so). Housing panel with four presenters and Q&A:

- Kaarin Knudson, founding director of Better Housing Together, a housing advocacy organization, and teaches in the University of Oregon's Architecture and Planning departments.
- Anne Fifield, Economic Strategies Manager in the City's Community Development Division.
- Heather O'Donnell, Growth Monitoring Planner for the City of Eugene.
- Dean Butler, who runs Butler Homes builders, lives in Hawthorne Estates, has been on our board

8:05 or 8:10. LTD presentation & Q&A:

- Jameson Auten, the new CEO, who also lives in Hawthorne Estates.
- There may be a second speaker.
- Also attending Tiffany Edwards, LTD Intergovernmental Relations Manager.
- Tiffany is inviting the two LTD Board of Director members for our area.

8:40 or so. Comments by attending neighbors.

Logistics for March 21st General Meeting:

Rick will inform Sen. Manning's aide that the time limit will be 5 minutes for him for this meeting, 2-3 minutes in future meetings. He will inform other elected officials of the 2-3 minute limit in future meetings.

Board attendees: Anne, Kirstin (at home), John, Kevin, and Rick (at home).

John and Jesse are meeting with Rachel Busskohl, Harvest Church Worship Leader, Thursday, March 9th, at 5:30 at the church to learn the A/V system. Board leans towards use of their stationary camera rather than the owl. Also need to decide whether to use only their stationary mic, have a second stationary mic, or get wireless mics.

Laptops: Anne in person, Kirstin at home. Will finalize roles after the Thursday meeting. Chat laptop needs to have attention of Kevin/speakers and to make sure Zoom participants get heard.

Suggested rules to post on the church monitor and at the front desk: Sign in to give 2 minute comments at the end.

Questions but not comments can be directed to the speakers.

Plans for May 9 General Meeting:

Kevin will invite Mayor Vinis.

Fabio Andrade will be speaker about City's new outreach process.

Jason Davis, Lane County Public Information Officer, has agreed to speak about River Ave navigation center and planned behavioral health center.

EWEB GM Lawson and Commissioner Brown would like to speak at this meeting.

John will check about time needs.

Support for Harvest Community Church: Neal raised issue of possible NeN actions to benefit Harvest. Are there funds or activities we can support? **John** will speak with Brian, the pastor.

Outreach budget:

Will have funds to support May 9 meeting and Striker opening. Will set the plan at April board meeting.

NHA outreach funding is uncertain for the City FY that starts in July.

Winter Food Drive: We gathered 1600 lbs, more than any other NHA. Steady stream of neighbors dropping off bags. KEZI covered the event.

NLC: Last meeting was discussion of hate & bias crimes/incidents and the recent anti-Semitic fliers. Several other NHAs have social justice committees to consider issues of equity/hate/bias. **John** will forward the minutes from that meeting. The board will consider whether and how to open these topics within NeN.

Office of Equity & Community Engagement/NLC:

April Neighborhood 101 planned for April 8. Ideas to suggest for workshops: How to handle diversity, How to address social justice, How to run a meeting.

Liaison position on hold due to City hiring freeze.

Striker: Expected to open mid-summer. Neal and Charlotte interested in the planning committee.

Sierra Club endorsement request: NeN won't take a side on issue of natural gas in new construction, but may include pro/con discussion in future general meeting.

Arterial Bridge update: Ron Inerfeld is working with DLCD/Lane to address land use/UGB issues.

Oregon Transportation is setting up March-April meetings and on-line open house to gather thoughts about possible ODOT projects. NeN will provide comments at those meetings.

EPD Notification System: There was a big signup in NeN (128 people) and in other NHAs.

Creekside picnic shelter: Picnic tables in delivery. Awaiting approval for elevation certificate. The \$24,050.63 held in NeN's OCCU account has all been disbursed to pay for construction.

No comments by non-board attendees.

Adjourned: 7:35pm