

NeN Board Minutes 2-5-24

Begin meeting: 6:30pm

Board Attendees: John Faville, Rick Edwards, Anne Millhollen, Brian Martsfield, Charlotte Pearce, Don Dexter

Neighbors: Bob Siegmund, Kevin Reed, Rebecca Amadeo

Approve minutes. 1/4/24 Board Meeting. Rick moved; Don seconded; approved unanimously.

Announcement: Jesse London law firm is starting as a NeN sponsor (March 4 birthday!)

March 5 General Meeting. Finalized the proposed agenda. John will guide speakers:

City Transportation will focus on whole length of Gilham and possible safety enhancements. Less discussion of other sites. Request neighbor feedback on other problem areas.

Andy Davis focus on individual household readiness. EWEB on water storage and well access. Bill Haynes on organizing neighbors and dealing with reluctance.

Laptops: Kirstin hosts online. Anne in the room monitoring chat/raised hands.

Microphones: Rick will handle mobile audience mic and moderate meeting if required.

Elected officials: Yeh and Nathanson have confirmed. Need to determine who wants to speak.

March 2nd food drive. Need at least 4 more volunteers. John will send eNews soon.

Opportunity to give out NeN handout to donors. Strong response to NeN green food drive (\$774).

April 16th candidate forum. All three candidates have agreed. They need certification by March 6th.

We will solicit questions/announce the forum in a postcard (to QSL on March 8th) and an eNews.

Then select and refine final questions in conjunction with Cal Young.

If time permits, we can open the floor to questions for the last part of forum.

Katie Werner, acting Cal Young Chair will moderate. Event at Harvest Community Church.

Outreach mailings.

Printing costs: postcard \$850, 2-page color newsletter \$1925, 4-page color newsletter \$2085

Mailing costs: \$1350 for newsletter or postcard.

We need to justify our planned mailings to OECE. We don't have a set budget.

Current plans: February 4-page newsletter. March postcard. Spring 4-page newsletter?

Recruiting new Board members. Need for current board members to recruit.

John will draft eNews focusing on NeN's chief causes: meetings/newsletters informing neighborhood, support for schools, fostering preparedness, working for safe streets, promoting household safety, capitalizing on opportunities at Striker.

Google Workspace/Meets. Zoom subscription ends Feb 29. OECE will help with transition.

OECE updates. Newly hired OECE coordinator helping Cindy, Julian Arias

Work Plan for July'24 to June'25. Timing is TBD. How we will justify our outreach budget.

Striker. Milkweed/pollinator patch has dedicated core of volunteers

Need to bolster board strength before deciding on next major activities:

Spring event at Striker? Pickleball tournament? Preparedness booths? Etc.

Emergency readiness plan for our area?

Comments by guests/neighbors:

Bob Siegmund asked that all of Gilham be discussed on March 5. It will be.

Kevin Reed asked about NeN support for 4J Operating Levy. An eNews is planned.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15pm