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## **Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors**

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Meeting Day, Date & Time: Tuesday, January 10, 2017

**Attendance of Members of the Board of Directors – Quorum of 13**

Absent: Ron Boucher, Dave Brook, Kari LaForge, Linda McDowell, Andrea Meyer

- **Welcome and introduction of board members and guests; Toast to the New Year.**
- **Open Mike: Marty Rowe asked whether anyone had heard concerns from neighbors about noise from the Holiday Park Plaza construction. No concerns reported.**
- **Approval of December 13 Minutes and January 10 Agenda: Kathy Hansen moved to approve the minutes; Jack Frewing, seconded. Michael Brown suggested two corrections on dates. Unanimous vote to approve as amended. There were no additions to the agenda. Stepan Simek moved to approve the agenda, Michael Brown seconded. Unanimous vote to approve the agenda.**
- **Update from Patrick Kessi regarding the 21<sup>st</sup> & Multnomah Project. Mr. Kessi was not able to attend but conveyed to Chris that they are currently working on land division and anticipate that work will start in 3-6 months.**

### **Old Business & announcements**

- **Finance Report and Budget Planning** **Michael Brown**  
Michael Brown reported that in the last year, overall funds diminished by \$106 from last year's level. All expenditures are clearly accounted for. Income has not been as carefully attributed, which he will try to address this year. Last year, there was no budget. Chris Tanner has suggested that committee chairs propose anticipated expenditures to allow for a discussion of budget priorities by the board. Michael conveyed thanks to Stepan for doing a spectacular job in fundraising for Gulchorama, which is the primary source of SGNA's financial health. Stepan, noted the importance of paying artists in future. Michael noted that we were able to do so this year because of contributions. Chris Tanner asked whether Stepan would be willing to do so again. Stepan responded probably not, unless with assistance of a committee. Chris asked all members to recruit neighbors to help. Chris will reach out and convene committee to work on this. **Action: Committee chairs to submit**



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**budget requests to Michael in next two weeks. Michael will consolidate and present a combined draft to discuss at the February board meeting. Kelly Francois noted that it may be more difficult for neighborhoods to get money from ONI in the future. Daniel clarified that with a new mayor and new commissioner, policies on neighborhood funding are unclear. Stepan suggested exploring the extent to which can we fundraise from neighbors. Daniel added it would be even more valuable to get contributions of labor and involvement of neighbors.**

- **NECN Report/Updates** **Daniel Pirofsky**  
**Daniel had nothing to add to the written report he circulated last week other than reiterating his comment that the future of NECN is wide open. NECN will be talking to city about its purpose. They have been aligning themselves to be more proactive and exploring models of engagement.**
  
- **Clarification of the relationship of the Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) to SGNA and Board of Directors** **Chris Tanner**  
**At the February, 2016 SGNA Board Meeting, the Board approved of an "Emergency Committee or Task Force" chaired by Chris Tanner. The functions of this committee have been carried out by the NET but we want to clarify for the record that this is an official SGNA Committee, currently co-led by Myra Lavenue and Daniel Pirofsky. The NET team will be providing more regular updates to the board. Currently they are working hard to prepare an emergency plan for the neighborhood. Kathy Hansen asked whether Irvington has a similar structure. Chris responded that they have both a NET team and an emergency preparations committee as part of board. Irvington is the only close neighborhood with a NET-trained team and with an Operations Plan. Jack Frewing asked if the city interacts with the NET teams. Chris responded that we hear from the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management almost daily. Michael Brown asked if we have a roster of volunteers in addition to the NET team? Michelle Johnson responded that there is a list, but it doesn't have many names on it and it is difficult to get people to register interest.**
  
- **Proposal for Intersection Painting** **Kelly Francois**  
**Kelly Francois provided some additional information about the Intersection Painting projects and next steps. Her goal is to get the project accepted. She understands that they choose applicants partially based on a history of previous neighborhood meetings about the project. Kelly would like to request \$200 up front**



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will plan to fund-raise for the rest. She noted that neighbors on corners of the proposed intersection have not been contacted yet, as Kelly hasn't yet undergone the training for that. She reported that the paintings typically last three years. The proposed design is in process and Kelly is working with local artist on developing the image. Miles Crumley had raised concerns about the intersection and how it could be affected by the construction traffic. Kelly will monitor the traffic patterns and suggested that an intersection on the 26<sup>th</sup> Ave/Bikeway could be an alternative. She recommends visiting: [www.cityrepair.org](http://www.cityrepair.org) to see all existing painted intersections. Emily Young suggested that the neighborhood would be concerned that the final product look good. Stepan Simek asked whether the artist will provide multiple versions of the design and share with neighborhood? Kelly responded that the intersection painting committee would approve the design. Kelly moved to request \$200 to begin process. Michael Brown seconded the motion. Chris Tanner amended the motion to note that draft designs and next steps be approved by the board at subsequent board meetings. Michael Brown seconded the amendment. Vote: 7 in favor, 5 Abstentions - Motion carried.

#### New Business

- **Safety & Livability Committee membership** **Chris Tanner**  
Kelly Francois is now chairing the Safety and Livability committee, and also recruiting for neighbors to join the committee. Dan Lerch-Walters will remain on the committee. Kelly has organized a safety walk on Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup> to identify darker places in the neighborhood and seek solutions to them. Lighting can be helpful in deterring petty crimes. The walk will meet on the corner of 21<sup>st</sup> and Wasco, will last about 45 minutes and will be a slow pace so all can participate.
  
- **NET proposal for NECN Grant** **Daniel Pirofsky**  
NECN is offering small grants of up to \$2000 to support the following goals: Involve and benefit a diverse, broad group of people; Build leadership, identity, skills, relationships and partnerships – especially with and among historically underrepresented populations; and Increase community capacity to influence public decisions and shape the future of Inner N/NE Portland. They will issue a total of 12 grants; the deadline to apply is February 28. Results will be announced in April. The NET team proposes: 1) Map the Gulch (survey of people and buildings – opportunities, risks, volunteers, etc); 2) create “block power” organize blocks to meet and plan for emergency preparedness. Create community and recruit more people to participate. The team proposes to



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**use Train the Trainer model to find and train meeting hosts who will help build momentum and share information. Chris Tanner feels this proposal meets goals of NECN because of focus on community engagement and getting to know each other, supporting each other and collectively working through processes. The NET team hasn't yet agreed on specifics and budget. Chris requests the board's approval and endorsement of the proposal. Kathy Hansen moved to approve the proposal; Michael Brown seconded. All approved with one abstention.**

- **LUTC work on updating the 1987 Neighborhood Plan** **DJ Heffernan**  
**Davia Roberts, a writer for the "Where is your living room?" publication, which is promotional magazine and subsidiary of Real Estate company, is working on a project featuring Sullivan's Gulch for their next issue. The Article will focus on human interest stories. LUTC has been discussing the Broadway-Weidler decoupling and streetcar endorsement and sill establish subcommittee to work on this. The Neighborhood Plan update has been the primary focus of two meetings. LUTC Has put together a very rough draft of a future plan. The purpose is to be proactive about our neighborhood moving forward, looking at livability, sustainability and quality of life (rather that zoning focus of initial plan). Each chapter will address climate change, energy, and social justice issues as they affect each chapter topic (such as housing, transportation, recreation and open space). The committee also wants input from the board on parking and managing cars. Some neighbors want to manage parking, others to get rid of cars all together. Both are valid perspectives. The committee is exploring cases where parking is not included in building design, to see what alternatives can be built into design for alternative transportation trips. As a neighborhood, our primary non-conforming zone issue is higher density than allowed for zoning, such as apartments in single family zones. Can we develop a policy to bring non-conforming buildings into conformity and require design accommodation for better energy efficiency, landscaping, etc? Stepan Simek noted that the apartment buildings add to what makes Sullivan's Gulch interesting and diverse. DJ suggested we use our neighborhood plan plan to establish principles for what we would like to see happen moving forward. The neighborhood is already good on walkability and bike-ability, but needs more lighting and open space. Where is our park? For livability, we need to have more public amenities, for example: space for bookmobile parking, meeting space, common space – but we are already built out. The committee will need money to get some of the necessary information. They need data on population and housing stock as well as ownership and a sidewalk inventory. They will need**



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**discussion with neighborhood about priorities. LUTC plans to break topics into committees to address and engage with community and also want input and reactions from the board. Dan Lerch-Walters suggested we need better pedestrian access to cross Broadway. John Frewing noted that sidewalk ramps collect water, mud and leaves which make it difficult to cross. Stepan Simek wondered whether it is possible to provide training to neighbors on how to walk the talk of reducing car use? Or explore cooperating with Trimet to get subsidized bus passes to provide to Gulch residents to create tangible incentives to use alternatives. DJ responded yes, we need to investigate how to implement policy on the street. Kelly Francois suggested managing street parking with permits to dis-incentivize the storing of cars on the streets. Broadway-Weidler alliance is opposed to meters with idea that they would reduce retail. However, as it is, people can park for free indefinitely on neighborhood streets. Daniel Pirofsky noted that a "Parking Benefit district" policy is under consideration by the city, in which higher density neighborhoods charge higher fees and benefit from those as well as controlling demand. Stepan Simek shared "Turo" and "Get Around" – car sharing sites for individuals to register their own vehicles to share with others. Kelly Francois would like to see more ZipCars in neighborhood. DJ also noted the need to find ways to make it safer to cross 21<sup>st</sup> and improve east-west connectivity. John Frewing wondered what we can do about railroad horns in the middle of the night. DJ responded that it might be possible to get quiet zone designation, but there are conditions that would have to be met. DJ offered to investigate and asked whether anyone knows of any "heating districts" in this part of the city? For example, a church installs a major boiler and neighbors use the hot water and steam heat generated by the boiler. One such district is apparently in use in the Pearl. Given density, Sullivan's Gulch apartments could benefit from this approach. Finally, it was proposed that LUTC sync up the neighborhood plan with the city plan for 2035 as a long term vision, rather than something to be produced immediately. In closing DJ noted that a, highly specific level of detail will be needed.**

**- Neighborhood clean-up**

**Chris Tanner**

**On behalf of Dave Brook, Chris Tanner asked do we want to hold another neighborhood clean-up event and, if so, do we want to collaborate again with Grant Park? If not collaborating with another neighborhood, where would we hold the event? We can no longer use Holiday Park Plaza lot where the event has been held in the past due to the new construction project. Some alternatives were suggested: Fred Meyer back lot; the lot between Broadway and Weidler at 21<sup>st</sup>; Grace**



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**Memorial? Chris Tanner will talk to Dave Brook to review options. The Board confirms a desire to continue holding the event. Chris suggested that the Safety and Livability committee investigate the Solve clean-up event as well.**

#### **Late Breaking Reports, Committee updates and announcements**

- **Daniel: The Communications committee report includes an annual budget proposal for consideration by the board. Michelle Johnson is withdrawing from the Communications committee. The committee is looking for greater participation from board and community and suggests the possibility of combining with Events or another committee to combine efforts. Chris Tanner noted that we should look for efficiencies and synergies between committees, various ways to do that.**

#### **8:45 Adjournment**

##### **Reminders:**

**Next Board Meeting: February 14, 2017**

**Next Scheduled Committee Meetings:**

**Land Use: January 26, 2017**

**NET: January 12, 2017**

**Safety and Livability**

**Communications**

**Next Neighborhood Meeting**

**May 16, 2017**