

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
4815 NE 7th ave
Portland, OR 97211

November 19, 2019 6:30pm - 8:00 pm

Board members present:

Mariah Dula
Dennis Kennedy
Sean Green
Ankur
Luke Norman
Kymberly Jeka
Brandy
Donn Dennis
Amy Wilson
Beven Byrnes
Dave Brook
Shirley Minor

Staff:

Adam Lyons
Jessica Rojas

Mariah Dula called meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. Beven Byrnes made a motion to accept the draft minutes from Oct 15, 2019. Amy seconded, all voted in favor to accept the draft minutes as final.

Announcement:

Board is invited to serve at 5:30 pm on Nov 24th at the Walnut park Shelter- serves up to 60 adults.

Presentation by PDX Repair:

Lauren Gross and Cindy ? presented on PDX Repair, fiscally sponsored project of the NECN. Volunteers of the project host repair cafes to help people repair/ sew/ fix/ extend the life of products that would otherwise end up in the landfill. Goal is to spread repair culture and bring the community together. Board members asked questions as to how to support the project and efforts. Lauren shared ways to support including a possible upcoming legislative effort- right to repair.

Air Quality updates:

Beven Byrnes discussed timing logistics of the air quality letters the board previously signed with the support of Portland Clean Air. She will send an updated version of letters with all signatory bodies to re-visit at our December board meeting.

Jere Fitterman shared that Eliot now has a growing air quality team that recently attended Diesel conversation hosted by Neighbors for Clean Air and has been hosted community members to talk about their experience.

Board discussed their recent Zenith letter advocacy to the City of Portland and Multnomah County. Both entities voted in favor of a fossil fuel risk bond study.

ORANG letter was received by the Oregon National Guard. Staff will bring response back to board at the December board meeting.

Adam Lyons provided updates on neighborhood coalition contract request, Civic Life, debriefed with board regarding recent code change council meeting.

Board discussed that they did not authorize a letter sent by Neighbors Northwest, as it was a misinterpretation that our coalition's name was on the letter. Board discussed proceeding further through supporting a thoughtful and inclusive process with a funding strategy that supports staff and high values.

Adam provided updates from the Budget Advisory Committee- staff vacancies are being filled, receiving feedback from Mayor. Board discussed opportunities to advocate to City Council. King, Humboldt and Vernon Neighborhood Associations and NECN are hosting a coat, sock and blanket drive Dec 2nd - 7th with a community meeting and greet that Saturday. Donations are for Walnut Park Shelter.

Land Use and Transportation Committee updates:

Luke Norman shared a review to the board on the previous advocacy and interaction on the residential infill process, LUTC is preparing feedback on the recommended draft. Comments are based on LUTC's values on affordability. Current effort is to support 4 plexes and the request to expand to 6 plexes, in support of nonprofit developers. The other advocacy point the committee offered is to protect existing affordable housing under the city's displacement plan as a priority.

Board discussed timing of the council vote and offered edits. Questions and comments included: If a 6 plex would be developed on a R2.5 lot, timing of when the plan would go to council, if the whether an anti displacement policy could go far enough. Other comments around affordability and the potential MFIs of 6 plex versus a 4 plex. Board deliberated options to editing the letter.

Amy Wilson made a motion to adopt the letter, that the request for a 6 plex not be adopted without a thoughtful, measurable anti-displacement plan.

Board discussed the recent adoption of state law that already legalized 4 plexes, discussed timing of upcoming deadline to address zoning changes.

Dave Brook seconds the original motion, with an amendment to change 6 plex to 4 plex. Jere Fitterman seconded Amy first motion- to vote to keep advocacy to 4 plexes and ensure 2 are affordable. :

Don Dennis abstained

Mariah Dula-

All else in favor.

Dave withdraw the 2nd amendment and Luke made a motion to vote to accept the amended adopted plan. Jere seconded. Vote: yes 7 4 abstained - Mariah, Dennis, Don, Dave. Letter will be sent from the board, without the chair's signature.

Board voted to extend the meeting and discussed removing NECN's name from the NW letter and submitting written testimony to council.

Shirley Minor shared that KGW is hosting a series called "Inside Woodlawn" tonight's theme is displacement.