

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhood Board Meeting
4815 NE 7th Ave
Portland OR 97211

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 6:30-8:00 pm

Present:

Mariah Dula
Sean Green
Amy Wilson
Jere Fitterman
Ankur Dholakia
Brandi Boersma
Luke Norman
Dave Brook
Shirley Minor
Dennis Kennedy
Adam Lyons
Jessica Rojas
Steph Routh (presenter- Fixing our Streets)

Board Chair Mariah Dula called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and requested any neighborhood announcements.

Dave Brook shared information regarding TriMet's potential Y line that Sullivan's Gulch Land Use and Transportation Committee has been advocating for.

Luke Norman shared a board supported letter advocating against the widening of the highway, will share details in January.

Motion to approve draft board meeting minutes from 11/19/2019:

Dave Brook offered an amendment to the minutes. Amy Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes, amended. Dennis Kennedy seconded, all in favor.

Steph Routh from Fixing Our Streets with Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) presented on the progress of the voted gas tax. The 10 cent gas tax was passed in May 2016 with a 4 year sunset in May 2020. City Council will hear a presentation on Jan 22, 2020 and refer to voters in May. This project includes safety improvements and maintenance. Audit will be released soon and voters are encouraged to read before voting. Maintenance and safety will stay a focus in the future. Board asked questions in regard to subsidizing bus tickets with funds, list of projects completed, quantifying the mileage and lanes enhanced, and the possibility of getting feedback from the board to discuss the possibility of endorsing. All members were encouraged to bring this information back to their respective neighborhood association boards to before endorsing.

Mariah Dula brought forth NECN's amended budget to discuss as referred from Exec, to discuss the small grants program budget. Members discussed the reality of enduring a deficit, and the hope to attract more grants in the future. Other comments included, running the small grant program as it has been in the past, and the opportunity for neighborhood associations to contribute to it. Sean Green offered a motion to restore the small grants, and Dave Brook seconded it. All voted in favor.

Adam Lyons provided the board with details about the Civic Life contract, sharing that coalitions have been offered a 3 year extension with no cuts and possible a cost of living increase. Currently in debate by officials. City Council will offer opportunity to testify for those 35 who did not get to at the original hearing.

Board discussed details of sending comment to DEQ Rulemaking Committee. Jere Fitterman approved the letter, Amy Wilson seconded. Sean Green offered grammatical edits.

Adam Lyons provided an ED report, highlighting some of the work that has been accomplished this year.

Board discussed details of serving on budget advisory committees in regards to process, advocacy and nature.

Adam shared communications from Beven Byrnes, regarding Portland Clean Air and possible grant funding. Board voted to send a letter of support, Amy Wilson made the motion, Dennis Kennedy seconded. All voted in favor.

Board discussed the Interfaith Alliance's advocacy to TriMet and possible future opportunities to collaborate on transit equity.

Neighborhood updates:

Woodlawn is still hosting food from local restaurants before their meetings, to encourage local business support and socializing. Oregon Public House has expanded to offer a community room.

Sullivan's Gulch is looking to hold their LUTC meetings back to back with their regular board meetings. Mariah Dula will be visiting all NA board meetings throughout the year. Alameda will be hosting a pizza night on Feb 10, 2020.

Sean Green shared positive feedback from attending the Lift Every Voice documentary that was hosted by King, Humboldt and Vernon Neighborhood Associations.

Everyone in good spirits.

Adjourned at 7:55pm.

Submitted by Jess Rojas

