

# NECN Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2019

# **NECN Office – Conference Room**

## **Meeting Attendees**

#### Board

Marian Dula, President, Alameda Rep Sean Green Vice President, Sabin Rep Dennis Kennedy, Parliamentarian Woodlawn Rep Jere Fitterman, Eliot Representative, Recorder Ankur Dholakia At-Large Shirley Minor At-Large Luke Norman At-Large Kym Jeka, Humboldt Rep. Shirley Minor, Woodlawn Rep Keith Jones, Lloyd Rep David BrookSullivan's Gulch Rep

#### Staff

Adam Lyons, Executive Director

## Meeting called to order by Mariah Dula at 6:30 pm

**Review and Approval of Minutes & Consent Agenda-** Minutes of April meeting weren't available. Approval is deferred to next meeting.

NECN Communications highlights/future directions- Mischa Webley is Communications Manager.

- 1. Our strategy is simple. The newspaper, hey Neighbor! is our conduit with N/NE portland communities whose activities are highlighted along with civic challenges. 62,000 copies are mailed out quarterly. Each issue is themed. For example the current issue about water was sponsored by BES. A companion video is designed to reach a different audience, and to remain in perpetuity.
- 2. Our mailing list has 1700 which is up by ~500.
- 3. Podcast narratives gives us another tool. We now have more space in the office to augment more podcasts and grant efforts.
- 4. Staff also gives talks to groups reflective of their portfolio, esp Mischa and Jessica. Priority topics are air toxins, broaden media outreach, education neighborhood stories.

### **Executive Director Report-See ED report**

## **Community Committee Reports**

### LUTC-

- 1. Sent a letter regarding Safer 7th Ave to City Council supporting safe routes improvements and asked for more traffic calming improvements to meet 7th Avenue's 20 mph speed.
- Sent a letter of support for the Historic Resources Code Project Discussion Draft to the City Commissioners, Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission., which supports internal conversion for multi-units.
- 6. Sent letter to Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission supporting the goal of DOZA Discussion Draft to accommodate Portland growth, encouraging earlier notification.
- 7. Will continue to track I-5 project.
- 8. Catholic Charities still wants to work with NECN on Safe Sleep Pilot even though it is now unfunded by the City.

Code Change Forward Momentum Event with Civic Life hosted by NECN June 6, 6:30 pm, all NA Boards are urged to attend with questions and concerns. Please RSVP

## Neighborhood Updates-

- Holliday Park looking for a new home in the area, and Peer Run bottle service proposed due to the struggles of small groceries like Green Zebra and Sheridans to cope with limited employees.
- Woodlawn Community Clean Up May 26 6360 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Farmers Market starts in June.
- Humboldt and King Neighborhoods combined Clean Up was very successful.
- Alameda and Savin Cleanup collections were down
- Good in the Hood is showing Black Panther 3 times at June 21 event

June Election outreach- Consider Board positions and leadership positions for the June meeting.

**Portland Clean Air-** is requesting our financial support so they can continue to communicate with us and other neighborhoods. This is a critical time as we are in conversation with SE Uplift and Neighbors NW as to how we can work better together to improve air quality by negotiating directly with some our polluters to adopt technology that legislative approaches alone, will not deliver. Mariah moved to support PCA with \$800 donation. Adam will send a check once a letter of request is received. Seconded by Beven. Passed by show of hands.

## Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jere Fitterman, NECN Board Secretary