

**NWNW Board Meeting  
April 10th, 2019  
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**MINUTES**



**In Attendance**

**NWNW Review Board:**

Hilary Mackenzie, Arlington Heights  
Steve Pinger, Northwest District  
Les Blaize, Forest Park (Secretary)  
Roger Leachman, Goose Hollow  
Eric Simon, Goose Hollow (alternate)  
Aleeya Kim, Linnton (Vice President)  
John Maxwell, Linnton (alternate) (Treasurer)  
Jane Gordon, Old Town  
Walter Weyler, Downtown

**NWNW Staff:**

Mark Sieber  
Anastasia (Stacy) Zurcher  
Doretta Schrock

**Guests:**

Pat Wagner, Mark Velky, Judie Dunkin, Brian Harvey,  
Alan Classen, Joleen Jensen Classen,

**Discussion begins at 5:35 lacking a quorum.**

Aleeya Kim presiding due to the absence of Kristin Shorey.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Not done here for lack of quorum**

**Report from Civic Life 3.96 Code Committee**

Mackenzie reports that there are 28 members of the committee plus staff involved in rewriting the city code that authorizes and describes the mission and workings of the Office of Community and Civic Life. The bureau wants to involve people who have been and are underrepresented in the current system. Three quarters of the responses to the recent survey came from neighborhood association people. The pace of the committee has been glacial. They have added one meeting to the committee's schedule. There are now three meetings left. They started looking at the code language at the most recent meeting. Mackenzie thinks a distinction will have to be made between neighborhood associations and other groups. They have been talking about public meeting rules which many other organizations are not set up to do. Two meetings after the end of the month. Leachman asks about the comment about open meetings rules. Mackenzie thinks Rhee was specifically addressing neighborhood associations and why there are open meetings rules. One option being considered may be to get rid of open meetings rules. Mackenzie thinks Suk wants feedback from neighborhood associations.

Some conflicting opinions were expressed about the history of neighborhood associations, city attorneys, the DOJ, and open meetings rules.

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Handout from Mackenzie (also emailed to the board): SE Uplifts document about how their goals align with the Bureau goals. Partnering and how to connect with other groups is featured. Wide ranging discussion followed.

### **Quorum Achieved**

**Motion 1: Blaize moves and Gordon seconds that the meeting minutes as presented via the agenda email be accepted. After discussion reveals that Leachman had not received recent emails to the board, Blaize agrees to withdraw the motion.**

**Motion 2: Pinger moves and Blaize seconds to table consideration of the minutes until the next meeting. Passes unanimously.**

**Motion 3: Gordon moves and Blaize seconds to accept the current communications budget as handed out, contains two new requests for Arlington Heights and Linnton. Passes unanimously.**

There is still money unexpended so if a neighborhood has requested money, they should spend it!

### **Debrief from Directors and Chairs**

There has been one informal luncheon with some Directors and Chairs without Civic Life to compare notes and two meetings between the Directors and Civic Life that were mostly briefings from Civic Life. Going into the last year of the 5-year contract between the City and the coalitions. That is not about neighborhood associations. There will be amendments to the contract for that last year. After that there will be some process that will change the grant language (may see that about 6 months from now). They will likely take the total amount of money for public involvement and spread it thinner to include more groups. They are looking for more partnerships. Other coalitions are working more with other partners via fiscal sponsorship and in other ways and it seems like they may be heading in that direction. NWNW would be wise to work on plans now to explore those kinds of changes.

Discussion questioning of how you do more with less. Answer might be more fund raising or it might be altering what you do. Maybe incubating groups via fiscal sponsorship like in North Portland—the Latino Network or Harper’s Playground. May be competitive via requests for proposals or not.

### **Neighborhood Goals and Committee Formation**

Looking for understanding of what other groups are doing and maybe find commonalities.

### **Code of Conduct**

Committee has decided it needs more work. Expects vote at the next meeting. Anyone who wants to contribute is invited to do so. Committee currently includes: Brian Owendoff, Stan Penkin, John Maxwell, Kristin Shorey, Barry Newman.

Eric expresses a preference that NWNW deal with issues and not “put their heads in the stand.”

### **Public Comment**

Simon states series of emails needs to be dealt with. An email indicated that a motion could be made to add something to the agenda.

**Motion 4: Leachman moves and Pinger seconds that a request from Simon for the board to approve of the disparaging remarks made in the past by Williams via email or to repudiate**



***them be discussed at the next board meeting. Passes 4-3 with Gordon, Mackenzie, and Blaize voting no.***

Walt Weyler brought a sheet with the info about the new Downtown Neighborhood Association Board and made a statement of purpose and goals for the organization. The May election has been cancelled since an election was just held. The board plans to ask the membership to change the bylaws to specify a fall election.

Walt suggests it can be hard to separate business from personal but people can always choose to be respectful.

**Meeting is adjourned at 7:05.**