

NWNW Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 10th, 2019
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75 NW Couch St

MINUTES



In Attendance

NWNW Review Board:

Kristi Wuttig, Arlington Heights
Hilary Mackenzie, Arlington Heights (Alternate)
Les Blaize, Forest Park (Secretary)
Roger Leachman, Goose Hollow
Aleeya Kim, Linnton (Vice President)
John Maxwell, Linnton (Treasurer)
Randy Weisberg, Hillside
Barry Newman, Northwest Heights
Bill Dolan, Pearl (Alternate)
Kristin Shorey, Sylvan-Highlands (President)

NWNW Staff:

Mark Sieber, Executive Director
Kayla Solsbak, Neighborhood Support Specialist

Guests:

Harold Hutchinson, Northwest Industrial
Allan Classen, Northwest Examiner
Kal Toth, Goose Hollow
Joleen Classen
Pat Baker

The regular meeting of the Neighbors West-Northwest board is called to order at 5:39 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 1: Blaize moves to approve minutes from 2019-06-12 meeting. Passes with Leachman abstaining.

Maxwell arrives at 5:41 p.m.

Hillside Community Center

Weisberg reads letter the Hillside Neighborhood Association sent to Commissioner Nick Fish asking him to quickly establish how the Hillside Community Center will operate once city funding is pulled.

Newman arrives at 5:46 p.m.

Wuttig arrives at 5:48 p.m.

Motion 2: Dolan moves for Weisberg letter re. Hillside Community Center to be distributed to the board, and for each director to bring the letter to their associations for approval. If all neighborhoods support the letter, then NWNW will send its own. Blaize seconds. Passes unanimously.

NWNW 2019-2020 Action Plan

Mackenzie arrives at 5:57 p.m.

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Motion 3: Blaize moves to approve the NWNW action plan as written. Newman seconds. Passes unanimously.



3.96 Code Change

Dolan will contact Diversity in Civic Leadership (DCL) groups about 3.96 with the hope of establishing partnerships. Many members of the board expressed distaste for an “us vs. them” approach to code change.

Mackenzie leaves at 7:13 p.m.

Motion 4: Kim moves for the board to write and send a letter that

- 1. Backs SE Uplift’s letter asking Council to postpone the 3.96 hearing to 60 days after the proposed draft becomes public**
 - 2. Includes some of the board’s fears, such as the fear that if this language succeeds, it will eliminate neighborhood associations**
 - 3. Only focuses on process**
 - 4. Expresses that NWNW values open process, and includes a comparison to the previous code change process**
- The letter will be shared with the board for quick review before it is sent to Council. Newman seconds. Passes unanimously.**

Shorey says that directors should go back to their boards and send letters to Council and other city contacts.

Public Comment

Joleen Classen suggests reading and dispersing NWNW’s 3.96 letter to the code change committee at its July 18 meeting.

Pat Baker echoes value of hand delivering letters. Shorey agrees and says she will hand deliver NWNW’s letter.

Misc.

Newman suggests sending Code of Conduct draft to directors asking for comments and questions so the committee may address them for the next meeting.

Shorey suggests informally meeting on August 14 to discuss 3.96 with potential DCL partners. Sieber suggests that it be a work session for neighborhoods to compare talking points in their letters to Council.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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