

NWNW Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 13th, 2019
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75 NW Couch St

MINUTES



In Attendance

NWNW Review Board:

Kristin Shorey, Sylvan Highlands (President)
Kristi Wuttig, Arlington Heights
Randy Weisberg, Hillside
Steve Pinger, Northwest District
Brian Harvey, Old Town
Stan Penkin, Pearl
Walter Weyler, Downtown
Carol Chesarek, Forest Park (Alternate)
Eric Simon, Goose Hollow (Alternate)

NWNW Staff:

Mark Sieber, Executive Director
Kayla Solsbak, Neighborhood Support Specialist

Guests:

Harold Hutchinson, Northwest Industrial
Allan Classen, Northwest Examiner

The regular meeting of the Neighbors West-Northwest board is called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 1: Weyler moves to approve the 2019-10-03 minutes. Harvey seconds. Passes unanimously.

Reappointment of Election Committee

The existing committee must disband because one member can no longer serve, and another is interested in a position.

Motion 2: Chesarek moves to nominate Richard Barker, Kristin Shorey and Kristi Wuttig to the new election committee. Penkin seconds. Passes unanimously.

Board Retreat

The NWNW review board will convene for a board retreat in January, to replace that month's meeting. The board will discuss the option of expanding to include directors affiliated with groups other than neighborhood associations. Pinger asks why the board would expand, Shorey says this is in line with the direction the Office of Community and Civic Life is going, and Sieber points out that other coalition boards have had at-large members for decades.

Wuttig and Weisberg arrive at 5:45 p.m.

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Financial Update

Sieber has filed forms with the IRS and the state of Oregon to ensure that the coalition and neighborhood associations will retain nonprofit status. Sieber says he does not know how much the coalition will receive from the City for FY19-20.



Report on Cross-Coalition Meeting

Penkin and Sieber met with executive directors from other district coalitions with the intent to “get everybody on the same page” regarding Civic Life’s offer of extended contracts. The current offer is three years, up from an original one, but the coalition representatives agreed to ask for five years. Sieber compiled notes from the meeting to write a letter expressing the importance of public involvement in the proposed multi-bureau process, to ask for a five-year grant extension and to request that the Diversity and Civic Leadership partners continue to receive equitable funding. The letter will be delivered to Council before the Nov. 14 3.96 meeting.

***Motion 3: Weyler moves to approve the letter to be signed and delivered to Council.
Chesarek seconds. Passes unanimously.***

ONI History Report

Chesarek requested that NWNW compile a history of ONI programs that sought to advance equity in the previous administration. Sieber and Solsbak researched and wrote a report on past programs and inclusive public involvement processes that was distributed to the board. Chesarek’s intent is to include the report in a Forest Park letter to Council, with the hope of showing that there have been successful past efforts to include diverse populations, and that those are worth building on.

Discussion of 3.96 Code Change

The board discussed the upcoming Council meeting, and what they might expect from the night. Penkin noted that the best approach is to remain positive in testimony and letters. Chesarek and Penkin noted that the ideal time to send letters to Council will be after the Nov. 14 meeting, because they’ll be inundated on the day. Simon reads an email from Civic Life that confirms there will be no vote.

The board also discussed what bureau would best lead the multi-bureau process set out in the resolution to update cross-references of public involvement throughout City code.

Sieber said that the assistant council clerk can be helpful in explaining government processes. Give them a call if you have questions on any projects you’re working on.

Event Announcements

NWNW will host “Residential Infill & The Impacts of Zoning” on Nov. 20, 6-8 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel, Schnitzer Family Center Building, Goodman Hall. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about final updates to the RIP and ask questions of city staff.

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Penkin announced the following events:

- “Coffee with a Cop” on December 9, 5 p.m., Starbucks at 21st and Lovejoy.
- Helen Ying and Penkin will testify to City Council about their Joint Task Force I on November 20, 10:20 a.m.
- Downtown Neighborhood Association’s homelessness forum on November 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Weyler to secure a ticket.



Chesarek announced that Council will discuss Parks and Recreation funding on Nov. 26, 9:30-11 a.m. Live stream available online.

Neighborhood Round Table

Shorey, Sylvan Highlands: Working with Arlington Heights on annual Zoo Lights event, a group party including free Zoo tickets and donations to a food bank. Also working on securing safe routes in front of the neighborhood school before new households move in.

Wuttig, Arlington Heights: Zoo Lights, testified at public hearing for Japanese Garden house that has been zoned as residential.

Penkin, Pearl: Annual block party and online auction garnered \$21,000, final phase of trash can program, installed 50 cigarette receptacles, Clean Team has 77 volunteers.

Harvey, Old Town: Silent Auction and Winter Social is on Dec. 3, Maker Fest with a pop-up art gallery is on Dec. 7

Chesarek, Forest Park: No report.

Simon, Goose Hollow: Ceremonial groundbreaking for Lincoln High School, annual election coming up.

Weyler, Downtown: “Packed with new projects.” Land use committee focusing on new residences on South Waterfront which will increase density pressure on the street. Homelessness forum on Nov. 23 at First Unitarian. New committees forming around clean ups, air quality and safety.

Weyler brought up that the recognition of neighborhoods is a key part of democracy. Chesarek called neighborhood associations a “gateway for civic involvement.”

Weisberg, Hillside: Parks Bureau negotiating with a youth soccer club to contract Hillside Community Center. Working on allocating limited I-405 funds to numerous groups.

Pinger, Northwest District: Land use committee focused on Better Housing by Design, the historic review code project, NW in Motion and the proposal to expand the streetcar.

Hutchinson, Northwest Industrial: Concerned about streetcar expansion infringing on industrial zone. Upcoming food drive for Lift Urban Portland, trying to steer towards cash donations over food.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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