

**NWNW Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 8th, 2020
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75 NW Couch St**

MINUTES



In Attendance

NWNW Review Board:

Kristin Shorey, Sylvan Highlands (President)
Kristi Wuttig, Arlington Heights
Walter Weyler, Downtown
Tiffany Hammer, Goose Hollow
Randy Weisberg, Hillside
Aleeya Kim, Linnton (Vice President)
Bill Dolan, Pearl District
Stan Penkin, Pearl District
Brian Owendoff, Northwest Heights

NWNW Staff:

Mark Sieber, Executive Director
Kayla Solsbak, Neighborhood Support Specialist

Guests:

Allan Classen, Northwest Examiner
Stephanie Hansen, Downtown
David Dickson, Downtown

The regular meeting of the Neighbors West-Northwest Board is called to order at 5:36 p.m.

Introductions

Board Elections

Proposed slate of officers:

Secretary - Les Blaize
VP – Aleeya Kim
President – Brian Harvey

Motion 1: Weyler moves to elect slate of officers. Penkin seconds. Passes unanimously.

Kim and Weisberg arrive after the vote.

Meeting Location

Shorey mentions that some board members prefer to change the meeting venue to a more central location. Penkin will explore possibilities in the Pearl, such as The Armory or PNCA.

Board Retreat, January 18

Board retreat details:

Saturday, January 18
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Sylvan Fire Station #16
1711 SW Skyline Blvd.

Shorey's goals for retreat:

Westside neighborhoods working toward a livable and sustainable future

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- Review what it means to be a board member
- Examine mission statement and goals
 - Discuss idea of expanding board to at-large members
- Develop vision and goals for NWNW in 2020



Penkin brings up idea of having a facilitator. Sieber will explore options.

Motion 2: Weisberg moves to authorize up to \$250 to hire a mediator to conduct the retreat. Owendoff seconds.

Motion 3: Weisberg amends the motion to authorize up to \$500 to hire a mediator to conduct the retreat. Owendoff seconds. Passes with Hammer abstaining.

Here Together Initiative

Penkin and Dickson share information about the Here Together initiative, intended to be a ballot measure in November. Here Together proposes the creation of a continuous stream of funding for services related to homelessness. Penkin hopes neighborhoods and coalitions will support the initiative.

Penkin and Dickson will ask a Here Together representative to speak at the NWNW February meeting.

Adopt One Block

Penkin shares information about a phone app that connects volunteers with clean up supplies, to make cleaning neighborhoods easier. A representative will speak at the NWNW February meeting.

Neighborhood Reports

Northwest Heights: Reaching out to adjacent neighborhoods.

Hillside: Approving I-45 committee recommendations at upcoming meeting, Lincoln Soccer Club likely taking over Hillside Center.

Pearl: Upcoming visioning session, last phase of trash can program, clean team reached 80 volunteers, foot patrol reached 50 volunteers, installing cigarette receptacles on traffic poles.

Goose Hollow: Biggest challenge in cleaning neighborhood streets is biohazards and getting trash picked up, land use focused on Block 7 multi-dwelling unit.

Downtown: Clean teams twice per month with 12 volunteers, active land use committee, Dickson shared details about successful homelessness forum—now working on extensive follow up.

Linnton: Trying to save Columbia pool—asks neighborhoods to send their own letters of support. Linnton Community Center having safety issues, implemented cameras and panic buttons, car drove through the center in December.

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Arlington Heights: Japanese Garden appealed to stay in nearby house for 10 more years.

Sylvan Highlands: Construction on apartment complex, trying to mitigate safety concerns related to traffic. Portland NET program transitioning from neighborhood-based to fire station-based.

NWDA: Land Use Chair John Bradley passed away.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 4: Weyler moves to approve the 2019-12-11 meeting minutes. Kim seconds. Passes with Hammer abstaining.

Penkin thanks Shorey for her service as Board president.

Public Comment

Kim asks for renewed support as she applies for a Cannabis Social Equity Grant again.

Motion 4: Kim moves to reissue Board's letter of support for Kim's Cannabis Social Equity Grant application. Weisberg seconds. Passes with Hammer abstaining.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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