**NWNW Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 12th, 2020**

O’Donnell Group Realty

1221 NW Everett St.

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance**

**NWNW Review Board:**

Kristi Wuttig, Arlington Heights

Walter Weyler, Downtown

Les Blaize, Forest Park

Tracy Prince, Goose Hollow

Gary Berger, Hillside

Brian Harvey, Old Town (President)

Stan Penkin, Pearl District

**NWNW Staff:**

Mark Sieber, Executive Director

Anastasia Zurcher, Program Manager

**Guests:**

Harold Hutchinson, Northwest Industrial

Allan Classen, Northwest Examiner

Bob Stohl, Here Together

Frank Moscow, Adopt One Block

Vadim Mozyrsky, Westside PSAC member

**The regular meeting of the Neighbors West-Northwest Board is called to order at 5:41 pm.**

**Introductions**

**Presentation: Adopt One Block**

Easy, simple way to get involved in your immediate area by picking up trash. Create an account to claim a block as the ambassador. Supplies can be delivered free of charge. Privately funded. Disposal of collected trash not included. No training provided.

**Presentation: Here Together**

Coalition of about 100 stakeholders signed on to support project. This is basically a funding plan to get taxes to the City governments for allocating to homelessness issues.

Possible proposed tax would likely be a high earner tax (income of >$150,000 taxed at 1% with increase % for higher incomes) or a payroll tax (.5%). Likely that this will be on the May ballot via Metro referral.

*Kristi Wuttig arrived 6:00 pm*

Some questions from the board members: Who will administer? How? Administrative cost?

Money would go through Metro. There would be an oversight committee with citizen participation. Maximum 5% administrative cost (Metro & County). Each County also has an oversight board. Metro provides the oversight for County accountability. Money would be comprised of a “FlexiFund,” county determines priorities (housing vouchers, drug rehabilitation, mental health services).

**Approval of Small Grants Funding Recommendation**

**Motion 1: *Blaize moves, Weyler seconds to approve the recommendation as provided by the Small Grant committee. All in favor, motion passes.***

**Financial Update (Sieber)**

Full report for next month after review with the Finance Committee. Draft budget available then.

2020-2021 Civic Life budget includes 2.9% increase.

Final budget should be available in May.

Oregon non-profit rule changes. Treasurer is now a required position. Bylaws still need to be updated to reflect Treasurer role and identify whether they are an officer or not. Officers do not have to be a board member. Electronic notice for meetings now permitted.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 2: Blaize *moves to approve the 2020-01-08 minutes. Wuttig seconds. Prince abstains. Minutes approved.***

**Discussion of Board Retreat (Harvey)**

NWNW needs direction and purpose. Committee formation arose as a strategy to increase participation and motivation. We are trying to create ways to work together around topics of common interest.

**Motion 3: *Penkin moves to no longer discuss the negativity of the past. Wuttig seconds. All in favor.***

Future work includes:

Bylaws and mission statement work.

Diversity and inclusion training as priority.

Board meetings going forward will dedicate time for developing ideas.

Sharing best practices for organizing, projects, etc.

**Meeting is adjourned at 7:15 pm.**