**NWNW Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 14th 5:30 pm**

**DRAFT Minutes**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**In Attendance**

**NWNW Review Board:**

Kristi Wuttig, Arlington Heights

Walter Weyler, Downtown

Les Blaize, Forest Park

Tracy Prince, Goose Hollow (left 7:15)

Gary Berger, Hillside

Richard Barker, Linnton

Steve Pinger, NWDA (arrive 6:13-7:12)

Brian Harvey, Old Town (President)

Stan Penkin, Pearl District

Kristin Shorey, Sylvan Highlands

**NWNW Staff:**

Mark Sieber, Executive Director

Anastasia Zurcher, Program Manager

Rhys Ornstein-Hawes, Communications Specialist

**Guests:**

Allan Classen, Northwest Examiner

Story Swett, Downtown

Eric Simon, Goose Hollow

Carol Chesarek, Forest Park

Autumn Fhoxe

Ebon, Neighbors for Clean Air

Mary Peveto, Neighbors for Clean Air

Don Merril, CNBSeen

Lilly Martin

**5:40 Introductions**

**5:45 Public Comment**

Story Swett raised a concern in regards to neighborhood representatives getting responses from City staff. He is looking for tips and advice on strategies for getting support, primarily from BDS, BPS, Parks & Rec, Urban Forestry, Police Bureau. This topic will be added to next months agenda for discussion.

* Penkin relayed that in his experience, the current situation has caused a delay in many departments.
* Prince added that trying a phone call over email can be more successful, and agrees that timelines have recently been increasingly rushed.
* Weyler emphasized that shor turn around times seem to be increasingly common.

**5:56 Guest Speakers: Neighbors for Clean Air, Mary Peveto**

Mary Peveto described the conditions of diesel particulates in the area and how unregulated most aspects of it are. Not only trucks, but construction equipment in new building sites provide a huge amount of contamination. 60% is from off-road sources, or site specific, which could be regulated by the City if they could be persuaded. You can see [www.whatsinourair.org](http://www.whatsinourair.org) to get more information.

The Con-Way Master Plan agreement model was a great start to this work but could be expanded.

NCA will be pursuing new legislation in the coming year needing support. Education continues to be a primary goal.

**6:20 Guest Speaker: Don Merrill, *CNBSeen,* Tail Light Initiative**

Don Merrill explained the goal of his non-profit to replace burned out tail lights in order to prevent unnecesarry traffic stops of People of Color, which can lead to incidents of Police violence. CNBseen is seeking donations and committees to support the implemetation of bulb changing events. Merrill is in the process of analyzing data from police stops. <http://www.cnb-seen.org/>

**6:35 Updates**

* + **Use of Loan/Grant from Federal Paycheck Protection Program *Admin* (Sieber)**

Possible City budget cuts in spring. 1% interest fee if returned unused (apr. $300). Can be used for rent or personel to be forgiven. Spending would need to be applied to the quarter beginning Oct. 1. This would mean a reduced amount to report on City grant. There is a slight possibility of being allowed to reallocate that money, or just giving it back. At this point it is very hard to predict.

***MOTION 1: Weyler moved to activate the PPP funds. Blaize seconds. Unanimous approval.***

**6:45 Upcoming:**

* + - **Urban Wildfire Interface (Sieber)**

Next month information will be provided on urban wildfire interface prevention.

Chesarek brought up concerns around House Bill 2001, missing middle housing bill from 2019. Requires duplexes on any single family home lot. Is not in favor of this for wildfire hazard areas. Would like support.

* + - **6:56 Land Acknowledgements**

Introduction of creation of a land acknowledment for NWNW, to include specific involvement actions for people to follow through with. This is a simple practice of acknowledging the original inhabitants of the land. Initial draft will be provided between now and the next meeting for review and edit. Prince would like to collaborate for this statement.

Pinger doesn’t feel the practice is consistent with the NWNW mission and that the statement on the Newsletter is far too ideological.

Most major institutions in the city and throughout the country have taken up this practice, it is a way to bring the indigenous history and current presence back into the present.

* + - **7:15 PUAH Trainings TBA**

NWNW is partnering with Portland United Against Hate to provide a series of 5 workshops around topics of diversity and inclusion. Everyone is invited to attend as many of the workshops as they choose. Information will be forthcoming.

**7:16 Other Board Business**

* **Approval of Minutes of September 09, 2020**

***MOTION 2: Blaize moved, Penkin seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor.***

* **7:20 Update from Election Committee for November NWNW Officer Election**

Richard Barker has agreed to run for president. Stan Penkin for vice-president. Les Blaize would continue as secretary. Election will be held next month.

***MOTION 3: Weyler moves, Penkin seconds to approve the slate of officers for election next month. All in favor.***

**7:25 Adjourn**

***Next Meeting: 5:30 pm, November 11, 2020***