

NWNW Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 5:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
DRAFT - Minutes



In Attendance

NWNW Review Board:

Kristi Wuttig, Arlington Heights
Darlene Urban Garrett, Downtown
Les Blaize, Forest Park (Secretary)
Scott Schaffer, Goose Hollow
Gary Berger, Hillside
Richard Barker, Linnton (President)
Steve Pinger, NWDA (Treasurer) (6:03-6:48)
Brian Harvey, OTCA
Stan Penkin, Pearl District (VP)

NWNW Staff:

Mark Sieber, Executive Director
Anastasia Zurcher, Program Manager
Rhys Ornstein-Hawes, Communications Specialist

Guests:

Tess Fields, Harbor of Hope
Allan Classen, NW Examiner
Eric Simon, Goose Hollow

5:33 Welcome & Introductions

5:36 Harbor of Hope—Tess Fields

Tess Fields provided a presentation on Home Share Oregon and the housing crisis. Home sharing provides existing housing inventory to at risk renters. Home Share Oregon provides an app to match renters and homeowners, as well as contracts, background checks, insurance and rent payment options. Legal aid services are also provided. Breaks down barriers in the rental process.

6:16 Financial Update

Presentation of Current Finances—Phyllis Shelton

Financial statements provided in advance, overview of year-to-date budget position provided.

Civic Life Budget & Grant Process—Sieber

Coalitions included in next year's budget, 5% cut without Small Grants add-on again. Should allow us to start the new budget at least.

6:48 Meeting was interrupted by another user. Re-established connection a few minutes later.

6:51 Approval of NWNW Community Small Grant Awards—Zurcher

List of grantee recommendations was provided via email. No questions were raised.

Motion 1: Berger moved to approve the Small Grant awards as outlined. Darlene seconds. Grant applicants were recused from the vote (Arlington Heights, Forest Park, Goose Hollow, Linnton, Pearl District). Downtown, Hillside, Old Town voted to approve.

Westside neighborhoods working toward a livable and sustainable future

Arlington Heights - Forest Park - Goose Hollow - Hillside - Linnton - Northwest District
Northwest Heights - Old Town - Pearl District - Portland Downtown - Sylvan-Highlands



7:09 Accept BES Contract for SW 50th Avenue Stormwater (move from SWNI)—Sieber

Motion 2: Blaize moved to approve the BES contract by unanimous consent. Hearing no objections, motion passes.

7:12 Approval of January 13 Minutes—Barker

Motion 3: Blaize moved to approve the January minutes by unanimous consent. Hearing no objections, minutes approved.

7:14 Upcoming Events—Ornstein-Hawes

Ornstein-Hawes reviewed upcoming schedule of trainings and workshops. All board members are encouraged to attend and spread the word to support participation.

7:20 Neighborhood Reports

Pearl District – expanding e-prep and clean-up programs.

Forest Park – as previously agreed upon, minutes reflect agenda items and general discussion but not individual commentary unless relevant to the topic. Action items should be voted on or agreed to by all parties involved. Discussion around non-agenda items are difficult to capture, and thus may not be reflected.

Downtown – convention center opening for cold weather shelter. 211 will provide transportation.

7:33 Public Comment

Penkin: Executive committee is considering a strategic planning initiative and consultant to work with. An update and budget will be provided in March.

7:35 Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 10, 2021

Future Topics:

- Civic Life Budget & Grant Agreement
- Coalition 2021-22 Budget
- Board Retreat—Strategic Planning/Visioning

Minutes submitted by Secretary Les Blaize