**­NWNW Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 10th 5:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom:**

**Minutes**

**In Attendance**

**NWNW Review Board:**

Kristi Wuttig, Arlington Heights

Walter Weyler, Downtown

Les Blaize, Forest Park

Gary Berger, Hillside

Steve Pinger, NW District (*joined after 6:00 pm*)

Brian Harvey, Old Town (President)

Stan Penkin, Pearl District

Jerry Powell, Goose Hollow (*joined sometime after 6:30pm*)

Kristin Shorey, Sylvan Highlands

**NWNW Staff:**

Mark Sieber, Executive Director

Anastasia Zurcher, Program Manager

**Guests:**

Allan Classen, Northwest Examiner

5:43 Introductions

5:45 Financial Update (Sieber)

* **Current FY 2019-20 End of Year Adjustments** (See *NWNW YTD Calculator Worksheet Annot.pdf)*

There are $17,764 worth of savings for the year, primarily from Employee expenses since we have been short 1 staff person.

* **Update on community grants for COVID-19**

440 COVID Care Kits were assembled and distributed to our local food pantry providers. Ongoing face mask distribution continues. Several murals have been completed and others are still underway in the NWDA, OTCA, and Downtown areas.

* **Approval of final End of Fiscal Year Expenditures**

Suggestion from last meeting of providing trash cans for homeless camps, turned out to be too big of a task given our resources and funding available. In the process of researching this option, an opportunity came forward to support the new City created homeless camp in Old Town (block R). There is an artist creating a fabric screen mural on the fences of the camps which helps create more privacy as well as just making the outside of it look nicer and more hospitable. The cost of installing this in the Old Town camp would be up to $15,000. A donation amount of $8,000 for this project is recommended to support the COVID related camp supporting our most vulnerable neighbors. These efforts have also shown that providing a nicer environment encourages residents to also take more pride in their space.

Suggestions of other organizations in the NWNW area that are also coming up on hardships due to COVID were considered.

***Motion 1: Weyler moved to approve the below list of COVID support grants to local non-profits. Blaize seconded. All in favor.***

* ***Old Town camp art project: $8,000***
* ***Linnton Community Center: $3,000***
* ***Rose Haven: $2,000***
* ***Lincoln Youth Soccer Club: $1,000***
* ***CoHo Theater: $1,000***
* ***Friendly House: $2,000***

***Total: $17,000 in COVID Support Grants***

***If any extra funds remain, they should be directed to Rose haven.***

* **Next FY 2020-2021** (See *2020\_06\_10\_NWNW 20-21 Draft w Budget comparisons.pdf*)
  + **City Funding & Grant Agreement, Paycheck Protection Program**

Sieber has prepared an initial grant application for the Paycheck Protection Program. With new guidelines being much more flexible, we could apply and hold the funds for the possibility of a City budget cut in the coming year. Current City of Portland grant agreement is meant to be the same amount as last year but new language suggests the grant could be canceled at any time, with a lot of uncertainty around the overall City budget. Board agreed applying for funds to be in best interest of the organization as an emergency measure.

Outside sources for grant distribution will be eliminated next year. Funds have been adjusted from other past line items to create a new NWNW Small Grant program of $25,000. In addition, a line item for Capacity Building of $4,000 has been created in order to provide increased training and support opportunities for leadership development, equity & inclusivity. Total amount for newsletter printing has been decreased, from monthly to quarterly newsletters.

* **Overview of 2020-2021 NWNW Small Grant program as outlined in proposal.** (See*2020NSGHandbook.draft.pdf*)

***Motion 2: Penkin moved to approve Small Grant program as presented. Shorey seconded. All in favor.***

***Motion 3: Berger moved to approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented. Penkin seconded. All in favor.***

* **NWNW Statement re: Social Justice (Penkin)**

***Motion 4: Blaize moved to accept Black Lives Matter statement as written below. Shorey seconded. All in favor.***

*Neighbors West-Northwest mourns for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and other Black Americans killed by law enforcement each year. Our country’s foundational institutions are deeply rooted in white supremacy—we recognize that systemic change is the only way forward.*

*We also recognize that our organization can and must do more to work towards racial equity. We commit to educating ourselves and others about systemic and individual racism. We invite our affiliate neighborhood associations and community partners to join and challenge us as we strive to do—and demand—better. Black lives matter. Black joy and prosperity matter, too.*

*“In a racist society, it is not enough to be non-racist, we must be anti-racist.” –Angela Davis*

**7:15 Adjourn**

Upcoming Board Meeting: July 8, 5:30-7:00 p.m. via Zoom