**NWNW Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 13th, 2021 5:30 pm**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**Minutes**

**In Attendance**

**NWNW Review Board:**

Kristi Wuttig, Arlington Heights

Carol Chesarek, Forest Park

Scott Schaffer, Goose Hollow

Jim Olsson, Hillside

Richard Barker, Linnton (President)

Steve Pinger, NWDA (Treasurer)

Brian Harvey, OTCA

Stan Penkin, Pearl District (VP)

 Darlene Urban Garrett, Downtown

 Michelle Shea-Han, Sylvan Highlands

**NWNW Staff:**

Mark Sieber, Executive Director

Anastasia Zurcher, Program Manager

Rhys Ornstein-Hawes, Communications Specialist

**Guests:**

Jo Ann Hardesty, City Commissioner

Grace Taylor, Consultant

Dedee Wilner-Nugent, Consultant

Kim Silverman, SWHRL

Melanie Billings-Yun, SWHRL

Leslie Hammond, SWHRL

Allan Classen, NW Examiner

Kathy Goeddel, Arlington Heights

Eric Simon, Goose Hollow

Mike Stonebreaker, NWDA

Chuck Duffy, NWDA

Judie Dunken, Pearl District

Linda Nettekoven, SE

Robin Denburg

Joyce del Rosario

Bill Failing

**5:30 Welcome & Introductions**

**5:35 City of Portland Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty**

Penkin introduced Commissioner Hardesty. Commissioner Hardesty touches on the COVID-19 crisis and thanks the neighborhood volunteers for supporting their community. Commissioner Hardesty answered pre-submitted questions by the neighborhood board; answers summarized.

1. Commissioner Hardesty expresses hesitation in publishing the ASCETA report to protect named personnel, but is seeking solutions.
2. Commissioner Hardesty states that her goal for Civic Life is to promote civic engagement in Portland; changes in staff are to follow.
3. Commissioner Hardesty expressed frustration that long-term county solutions to houselessness do not address current needs. A work session between county and city leadership has been requested to reassess priorities.
4. Commissioner Hardesty expressed disappointment at lack of funding for Portland Street Response, and frustration at lack of communication on the budget from the Mayor’s Office.
5. Commissioner Hardesty argues that the current form of government isn’t broken; instead, better planning and increased representation from grassroots communities is needed.
6. Commissioner Hardesty states that she does not struggle to distinguish destructive anarchists from legitimate protestors for BLM; she encourages attendees to not buy into national narratives about the destruction of Portland.
7. Commissioner Hardesty discusses an amendment to the budget she is pursuing for the coalitions, adding in 250 thousand dollars for small grants.
8. Commissioner Hardesty asserts that neighborhood coalitions and associations require assistance in doing the work to increase diversity and representation.
9. Commissioner Hardesty leads a thought-exercise on the potential inadequacies of police body cameras as an accountability measure due to police control over footage.

Barker offers to forward any lingering questions to the Commissioner after the meeting.

**6:00 Introductions and Updates from the Strategic Planning Committee – Wilner-Nugent & Taylor**

Wilner-Nugent and Taylor introduce themselves. Taylor shared strategic planning timeline and overarching goals. Key dates for retreats in July, September, and October are discussed; details for the timeline will be developed after initial data-gathering. Wilner-Nugent and Taylor request that the Succession Planning Team be established as a secondary group to the Strategic Planning Team. The Succession Planning Team will be voted on in early June.

**6: 24 Approval of the Minutes – Barker**

***Motion 1:*** *Penkin moves to approve the minutes, Chesarek seconds. Pinger opposes; the minutes are approved by majority.*

**6:25 Approval of FY 2021-22 NWNW Grants Program – Zurcher**

Zurcher presents new changes to the 2021-2022 Grant Program. Questions on the availability of grants moving forward are answered.

**6:37 Approval of FY 2021-22 Civic Life Grant Agreement – Sieber**

Sieber presents on the 2021-2022 Civic Life Grant Agreement. Questions on the origins of the grant template, equity and inclusion programming, and current metrics are answered.

***Motion 2:*** *Chesarek moves to approve the Grant Agreement; Penkin seconds the motion and asks to review the metrics for success before full approval. Sieber notes there will be limited time to submit the Grant Agreement after finalizing the metrics; Penkin agrees and withdraws the caveat. The motion passes unanimously.*

**6:51 Approval of FY 2021-22 Budget – Sieber**

Sieber presents on the Budget Draft. Questions on the use of the PPP fund are answered.

***Motion 2:*** *Penkin moves to approve the Budget Draft with a more detailed budget proposal to follow; Barker seconds. Pinger opposes; motion passes by majority.*

**7:00 Treasurer’s Report (Next week via email)**

**7:07 Closing Comments**

Penkin thanks members of SWHRL and SWNI for joining the meeting. Simon asks if SWHRL is to join NWNW; Penkin clarifies that this is an ongoing conversation.

**7:08 Adjourn**

Next Meeting: June 9th

 Finalize NWNW Budget

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Les Blaize*