

Neighbors West-Northwest  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 12, 2022  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom



Minutes - DRAFT

**In Attendance**

**NWNW Review Board:**

Kristi Wuttig, Arlington Heights  
Shirley Rackner, Downtown  
Les Blaize, Forest Park (Secretary)  
Scott Schaffer, Goose Hollow  
Jim Olsson, Hillside  
Richard Barker, Linnton  
Steve Pinger, NWDA (Treasurer)  
Jessie Burke, Old Town  
Stan Penkin, Pearl District  
Melanie Billings-Yun, SWHRL  
Michele Shea-Han, SHNA

**Board alternates (non-voting)**

Glenn Traeger, PDNA

Carol Chesarek, FPNA  
Parker McNulty, NWDA (entered 5:55pm)  
Joyce del Rosario, SWHRL  
Rick Kneuen, SHNA alternate (President)

**NWNW Staff:**

Mark Sieber, Executive Director  
Anastasia Zurcher, Program Manager

**Guests:**

Kal Toth  
Eric Simon  
Lewellyn Robison  
Judie Dunken  
Allan Classen  
Joleen Classen

**5:32 Call to Order--Kneuen**

**Blaize: frantically tried to raise points of order and was not noticed until after motion was seconded.**

**Penkin Statement Re: NW Examiner**

The time has come to get past our divisions of recent months and come to peace with Allan Classen. Sadly, we're a deeply polarized and divided country. It should not be that way in our city and certainly not in our neighborhoods. Our city and our neighborhoods have so many important and critical issues that need everyone's attention. Our disagreements with Allan have become a distraction for all of us from the good work we can and should be doing.

We've already stated how we feel about Allan's reporting and his actions, and I have no interest in relitigating that. Rather, I'm hoping we can write this sad chapter off to lessons learned for all of us and a time for us all to put this behind us, get back on track and move forward.

Allan can, of course, write whatever he wishes to, but I trust in the future that he will be able to focus more on the positive work of NWNW and be respectful of its hardworking and dedicated staff as we all tackle the many challenges facing our city and our neighborhoods.

In the spirit of bringing peace and for the benefit of all, I would like to make a motion that we rescind the resolution with regard to Allan Classen and the NW Examiner that was passed on October 13, 2021.

***Motion 1: Penkin moved to rescind October resolution that banned Allan Classen from attending meetings. Billings-Yun seconds.***

Blaize brought up that rescinding a prior motion requires 2/3 vote. Parliamentarian confirmed.

***Blaize, yes. Olsson, yes. Rackner, yes. Billings-Yun, yes. Penkin, yes. Burke, yes. Wuttig, yes. Pinger, yes. Schaffer, yes. Barker, no. Shea-Han, yes. Motion approved.***

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## Approval of Minutes from December —Kneuen

*Motion 2: to approve by unanimous consent, minutes from December. (December 8 Board meeting, December 8 Special meeting, December 21 Special meeting.) Approved.  
Pinger abstains from Exec (Special) session minutes and opposes the board minutes.*



### 5:45 Treasurer's Report—Pinger

No financial reports provided to Treasurer since March 2021.

Bookkeeper has not completed reports to date. Has a deadline of January 14<sup>th</sup>, at which time the contract with that bookkeeper will be completed and the new one will take over the work.

Billings-Yun accepted nomination for vice-president, to be voted on next month.

### 5:47 Crime Prevention Presentation—Burke, Olsson

Recommendations were given to bring up the topic at each neighborhood and see what kind of interest they have in being more involved in the topic, level of priority, policy ideas. Seek possible volunteers for a committee. Advocate for solutions, not just complaints but propose new ideas. Showing unity as a coalition. Report everything on PDX Reporter, for data.

2 active groups were presented: Public Safety Action Coalition (PSAC) and the Core Neighborhoods Safety Action Group (with representatives from the 6 central city neighborhoods). Everyone is invited to participate in either of these groups as well.

*Motion 3: Pinger moves to form a standing committee for public safety and livability. Blaize seconds. Approved unanimously.*

### 6:24 Succession Committee Report—Burke

Job description was emailed previously. Authority matrix will be revisited next month for approval. Timeline of process was shared via chat feature. Deadline to apply Jan 31. Interviews in February. Recommendation for final candidate at March meeting. Succession committee and president will conduct interviews.

*Motion 4: Pinger moved to approve job description and post it. Penkin seconds. Motion passed.*

### 6:31 Board Work Session—Kneuen

Kneuen brought up possibility of a board work session to talk about goals, engagement, and committees. January 29<sup>th</sup> session, hybrid option

Question was raised about the continuation of strategic planning process and desire to complete the work that was started. Identity, goals, culture were still to be discussed and decided.

### 6:50 Public Comment

### 6:53 Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: February 9, 2022