

**MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA)  
MEETING MINUTES – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The meeting of the Markham Neighborhood Association (MKNA) was called to order by Jeff Monaghan, Transportation Chair at 7:00 pm on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Jackson Middle School Library. This meeting was held during national live presidential debates were in progress. Therefore, only 11 members attended our meeting.

Technical difficulty with GoToMeeting.com rendered the meeting unavailable for homebound members who wanted to attend remotely online.

**Motion to Approve Agenda:** John Gibbon moved. Nancy Murray seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.

**Motion to Approve Minutes:** Amanda Garcia-Snell moved. Nancy Murray seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.

**Police Visit:** A Portland Police Officer was not able to attend the meeting.

**Treasury Report:** Jeffery Franklin, Treasurer reported MKNA currently has \$937.14 in its account. MKNA expects to receive Portland Parks & Recreation's (PP&R) \$650.00 bill for our July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 combined Movies In The Park and Neighborhood Night Out event. Approximately, \$620 in other expenses related to the event will be paid by MKNA funds.

Nancy Murray commended the MKNA volunteers for putting on a successful Neighborhood Night Out including a Movie in the Park that also included 2 other neighborhoods, Arnold Creek Neighborhood (ACNA) and West Portland Park Neighborhood (WPPNA). She commented on the amount of work it took to put on the event and she was especially glad MKNA not only broke event but had money left over to be able to have treasury funds to work with in the future.

Donna Herron reported at the conclusion of the event that it looked like the event not only paid for itself but there would be residual funds, ACNA said they agreed with MKNA retaining the money in its treasury for MKNA's use. However, WPPNA has made a demand that MKNA give WPPNA one-third of the residual amount in MKNA's account. Donna Herron's reply was that if WPPNA did not hold up their end of the bargain regarding fund raising and if they money, they can go out and work for it like we did. (See note at end of this report outlining the neighborhood agreement for this event.)

During a committee meeting, it was discovered WPPNA had not engaged in fund raising activities as previously agreed. When asked why, a WPPNA committee member stated they didn't feel comfortable fund raising so MKNA (and possibly ACNA if they raised funds) could keep those funds and the proceeds from auction items for their neighborhoods treasury. ACNA and WPPNA both had hundreds of dollars in their neighborhood treasury accounts; whereas, MKNA had no money or an established treasury account. Therefore, Donna stated it was her opinion WPPNA was not entitled to the proceeds from the event. Nor would she agree to pay anything without the direction and vote from MKNA members at our meeting.

After the event passed and it was evident MKNA, and ACNA to a lesser degree, had raised enough money to cover the cost for the entire event including the seed monies each neighborhood pledged to pay as their portion of event expenses, WPPNA made a request to MKNA that they be entitled to one-third of those residual funds. ACNA stated they were happy with not having to pay their third of the seed money and did not want a portion of the residual funds left in MKNA's account. In essence, all 3 neighborhoods did not have to pay the \$400+ originally agreed upon seed money and were able to enjoy a combined FREE NNO and Movie In The Park event as a result of primarily MKNA's fund raising efforts.

Furthermore, Donna said 2 weeks prior to our event WPPNA demanded our committee pay them approximately \$105 for the cost of fencing for WPPNA's soccer-a-thon event. MKNA did not agree to pay for soccer-a-thon fencing and should not have been charged for it. Our event offered to include

enough fencing to meet WPPNA's soccer-a-thon need (held 2 weeks prior to our event). WPPNA declined our offer, stating they will take care of their own fencing and we should take care of ours. Donna said there was no reason to pay for any fencing when we got it free.

WPPNA's is not entitled to any funds from us because of their failure to fulfill their obligation to the committee to participate in fund raising, their statement in a committee meeting that the neighborhood(s) that raise funds can keep them for their neighborhood and WPPNA getting a FREE NNO and Movie event.

Discussion as to how to answer WPPNA's request took place.

**Motion to invite WPPNA to a future MKNA meeting to explain why WPPNA should be entitled to a portion of MKNA's treasury account funds.** Pat Spangler moved. John Gibbon seconded. All in favor except 1 abstention by Nancy Murray. Motion passed.

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

**Schools Committee, Amanda Garcia-Snell, Chair:** A school boundary review for all Portland Public Schools virtual town hall meetings are scheduled at noon on Twitter at noon October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and on Facebook at noon October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The SWNI Schools committee is co-hosting a "Tech- Connect" event on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Jackson Middle School to let people know how technology is being used in the schools. Darren Hudgins will be their keynote speaker. The Schools committee is asking for \$50 to \$100 donations from neighborhood associations to support the "Tech-Connect" event. The money will help pay the cost of childcare, raffle items, refreshments and promotional materials. The Schools committee requested people register so they have an idea of how many people to expect. Flyers about the event and registration were made available at the meeting.

**Motion to donate \$50.00 to support the SWNI Tech event:** Nancy Murray moved. John Gibbon seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion Passed.

**Transportation Committee, Jeff Monaghan, Chair:** There are no updates on the BES SW 19<sup>th</sup> Storm water Project. The Tryon-Stephens Headwaters Neighborhood Street Plan is going to council on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 where PBOT & BES were going to present to City Council to get it adopted by resolution. After adoption, the plan is to move forward. However, funding has not yet been identified; it is a template for future projects. The next steps are to collaborate between PBOT and BES on completion, use the tools from the plan for both private and public improvements and pursue funding opportunities.

The ODOT Barbur Boulevard Safety Audit was released but ODOT has not yet made a formal response to the report. The report, appendices, etc. all all available at [www.barbursafety.org](http://www.barbursafety.org).

SW Corridor Plan steering committee made a few decisions which included the decision to not have a downtown Tualatin station. The committee was told they cannot afford to build the station for light rail because they would need to build a bridge across the Tualatin River and the geometry to build the station would require an elevated station to go over the top of the rail tracks. They want to keep the option open by offering rapid transit buses. The farthest the Light Rail will be able to go is Bridgeport.

They have postponed the BRT/LRT transit-mode transit decision from December to February and the PCC light rail tunnel decision from October to February but they are maintaining the April target date for the final High Capacity Transit package to submit for the environmental impact study. Until November 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a virtual open house on the SW Corridor website to look at the latest plans and submit feedback. On the 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a public forum at the Tigard Public Works building to discuss the Tigard alignment and modes.

**Land Use, John Gibbon, Chair:** There were no new applications for development in our neighborhood since our last meeting. The only land use notice we got was for a tree removal

proposal across from 25<sup>th</sup> North of Huber where 2 new houses were built. During construction 2 trees were damaged and need removed and replaced with new trees.

The proposed Capitol Highway-PCC Light Rail Tunnel decision has been postponed from December 2015 to February 2016.

There was confusion and questions between the SWNI Transportation Chair and SWNI Land Chair regarding the newly combined plan between BES and PBOT to work together on the SW 19<sup>th</sup> & Taylors Ferry Road project between Marigold and Primrose\Orchid Streets. Transportation questioned why this project was prioritized to do first. The reason the project will be first is because PBOT and BES can combine their projects and work together which would save the city time and money.

**Motion to write a letter to Metro and Tri-Met inviting them to November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and request an explanation on what is coming out in the Metro SW Corridor Plan Technical Memo that will be released on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, John Gibbon agreed to write the letter:** John Gibbon moved. Nancy Murray seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.

**Parks and Community Centers Committee, Nancy Murray, Chair:** City Parks and Recreation is planning certain improvements on the south part of Gabriel Park and looking for community input. The concept includes creating a pollinator meadow, expanding the existing orchard and community garden, creating a gathering space, adding parking, eliminating certain non-native plants in exchange for native plants. To do this, they are taking out some lawn area to make the park more sustainable. There will be a tour of the proposed changes for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

The number of volunteer hours needed to maintain Westside parks during the last fiscal year was 25,414 hours or equivalent to a total of 12 full time employees.

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 is "No Ivy" day.

Parks put on outdoor nature classes for kids.

A SW Trails Association (separate from SWNI) will be going to the City of Portland to consider the Community Initiated Neighborhood Trails Process where existing right of way, undeveloped vacant lots are converted to be part of a trail system. Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association is asking the Council to allow the 75% of the adjacent owners of the property to these lots to be consulted and have the vote to allow the trails or 50% of the households within a quarter mile of the location plus the neighborhood association to have the vote.

**Public Safety Committee and Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET), Ron Magnus, Chair and Lead respectively (absent):** Donna Herron reported. Women's Strength classes are scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Although a date has not been set until all arrangements are complete, another class is expected to be held at Multnomah Curves in January, 2016.

SWNI Public Safety is setting up a CPR Certification Training in January 2016. The cost will be \$4.00 which covers the cost of the certification card. Only 15 people can register and it is 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served. More details will be announced later.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am there will be Great Neighborhood Shake Out event where everyone is to simulate a drop, cover and hold on to practice earthquake preparedness.

Red Cross is conducting a 5 year campaign for everyone to have smoke alarms. Every year 2,500 people die in house fires in the U.S. That is more than any other disaster we have had in the U.S. Normally, Portland has 5 people die in fires but this year we have already had 8 lose their lives in a house fire. Everyone should make sure they have out of state emergency contact in the event you are displaced from your home as a result of a fire or other disaster. That way everyone can relay information about their status to others they care about.

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 there will be another MKNA Safety Vigil at 7:30 am at the intersection of SW 26<sup>th</sup> and Taylors Ferry Road.

Kathleen Elliott announced the SWNI Community Policing reception October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Multnomah Arts Center where we will thank our neighborhood police officers for another year of a job well done.

**Spring Garden Traffic Calming Project, Phil Richmond, MKNA Liaison and Past President**

**(absent):** Jeff Monaghan reported. After MKNA voted to sign a letter in support of the project, Kevin Wagner took it to the South Burlingame Neighborhood Association who then decided to postpone decisions on it until December so in the meantime they are going around to collect more signatures.

**MKNA Bylaws and Action Plan committee, Amanda Garcia-Snell:** The Action Plan was discussed at the June meeting but the vote to approve them was postponed to a future meeting. Amanda distributed the 2014-15 Action Plan again and answered questions.

**Motion to approve MKNA's 2014-15 Action plan:** Nancy Murray moved. Amanda Garcia-Snell seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.

**Motion to amend the MKNA Bylaws to change elections currently held during the July\August NNO picnic meeting to the September general membership meeting:** Kathleen Elliott moved. Jeffrey Franklin seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Motion to have meetings limited to 1 hour:** Kathleen Elliott moved. No Second. Discussion took place. The Motion was called again with no second. Motion failed.

There was a discussion about inserting verbiage in the Bylaws related to numbering the Board positions #1 through #11 then electing the odd numbered Board positions on odd numbered years and even numbered Board positions on even numbered years.

**Motion to invite NNO volunteers to meeting to recognize and thank them.** Donna Herron moved. Nancy Murray seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Pat Spangler moved. Nancy Murray seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed.

**NOTE:** The neighborhood agreement between MKNA, ACNA and WPPNA to co-host a combined NNO and Movie event is as follows.

- An event committee would be formed that consisted of 2 representatives from each neighborhood plus Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI) Executive Director, Sylvia Bogert, SWNI bookkeeper, Nancy Biskey and PP&R Project Coordinator, David Chen. Donna Herron of MKNA and Jeri Petrella of WPPNA were selected as co-chairs for the committee.
- Each neighborhood agreed to pay one-third of the \$650.00 cost for the Movie to PP&R, \$300.00 for 2 live llamas as well as any additional expenses related to this event. Therefore, each neighborhood was agreed to pay at least \$400.00 for their share of the event expenses.
- Each neighborhood would conduct fund raising activities to obtain cash donations, donated merchandise or gift certificates that could be part of a silent auction during our event to raise funds to pay the expenses of the event.
- ACNA and WPPNA both had funds in their treasury prior to this event. MKNA did not. Therefore, MKNA asserted that MKNA end up with event funds in its treasury to be able to conduct community events in the future. All present agreed with that statement and request.

**Submitted by** Maleia Sheldon, Secretary

**Edited by** MKNA Board officers:

Donna Herron, President,

Phil Richmond, Past-President and

Jeffrey Monaghan, SWNI Transportation Chair