

**MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA)**  
**MEETING MINUTES for October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - unapproved**

The October 10<sup>th</sup> MKNA meeting was called to order by President Donna Herron. (24:25) Attendees in person included: Donna Herron, Kim Herron, John Gibbon, Eric Levake, Jeff Monaghan, John Baker, Amanda Garcia Snell, Mirza Luqman, Mike Reuter and Patricia Spangler. Tom Spangler attended on line. (25:14) Eric Levake motioned to approve the agenda. John Baker seconded the motion. Kim Herron and John Gibbon removed themselves to an adjacent hallway for a discussion that needed to take place outside the meeting, therefore neither voted.

**Agenda Approval:** All those in attendance voted to approve as written. No abstentions. Motion passed.

**Meeting Minutes Approval:** for March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Patricia Spangler motioned to approve ALL the minutes as a group. John Baker seconded. All those in attendance voted to approve. No abstentions. Motion passed. (27:40)

**Treasury Report:** Zahra Rahmani was not present so President Herron reported in her absence. (27:48) Donna reported the joint Public Safety/Markham Neighborhood account that was created specifically for this Movie in the Park event was closed. (28:56) Markham currently has \$1,252.63 in the treasury. There is also \$170.00 in the Bottle Drop account that has not yet been transferred.

**Committee Reports:**

**Transportation Committee, Jeff Monaghan Chair:** (30:43) PBOT had allocated funds for the Barbur relocation project, which was a series of sidewalks and bikes lanes on Barbur between 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Because of the SW Corridor Plan, PBOT decided not to make the investment for improvements as there was a high probability improvements will likely be torn out when light rail is built along\down Barbur Blvd. Jeff said PBOT identified 4 projects, most important to Markham including widening SW 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and adding sidewalks installed.

**Schools Committee, Kristi Hansen, Chair:** (absent) (40:32) Outgoing schools chair Amanda Garcia Snell reported that she and Kristi met to swap contacts and information.

**Public Safety Committee, Phil Ford, Chair:** (absent) (42:00) Kim Herron was assigned to give the Public Safety Committee (PSC) report for Phil but he was still in the hallway with John Gibbon; therefore, Donna briefly reviewed the new quarterly police roundtable format in lieu of the normal Public Safety meeting. Donna reported having a discussion with one party who rummages through garbage and recycling bins in the neighborhood to see if some sort of compromise could be reached so that the Blue Recycle Bins are not opened and rummaged through. She also contacted Jenny Pullen, Southwest Crime Prevention Coordinator for a discussion about this. Donna also asked Sylvia Bogert of Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI) and Phil Ford to bring up the issue at the Police round-table discussion at the PSC meeting. After the meeting, Donna was told the question was not asked or discussed. Prior to our meeting, Donna did not receive replies from Phil, Jenny or Sylvia regarding this issue either.

**Land Use Committee, John Baker, Chair:** (47:43) (John's report was barely audible). The status of the Pine Hill subdivision and water coming off the development was a concern. John's thought most of the development will occur at the end of the street where is it relatively flat, nearest to I-5 and Barbur Blvd. He was not sure how much water would actually drain to Taylors Ferry Road due to the terrain.

**Watershed Committee, John Gibbon, Representative:** John and Kim were still in the hallway so no report.

**Parks and Community Centers: Chair is Vacant:** (50:25) Donna reported she had visited with Lisa Mosinski, from the Bureau of Environmental Services about the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rain Garden project and informed it will be delayed 1 month to the end of October. The Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) is seeking ideas and input for adorning the concrete walls. Amanda Garcia Snell volunteered to contact an organization which may have ideas or interest in the project. (the name of the organization could not be heard)

**Communications Committee:** This chair position is vacant because it is no longer a SWNI standing committee.

**Unfinished Business:** (56:12) Donna gave an overview of the status of the proposed Safe Route to School trail along the City of Portland owned 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue unimproved Right of Way (ROW) project. Cooperation is being sought from all parties including City Bureaus, SW Trails, parents of children who walk to school, neighborhood residents and adjacent property owners to the ROW including the homeowner whose fence encroaches into the unimproved ROW. A discussion ensued about the mechanics of the process, why the permit had not been submitted after the last vote to submit it and what is entailed to move the project forward. (1:16:29) John Baker motioned to submit the Urban Trails Permit to the City without delay and let the City deal with the adjacent property owners. Eric Levake seconded the motion. A quorum was verified for those in the room. All those (in the room) voted in favor. No Abstentions. Motion passed.

Eric Levake asked about the relative merits about belonging to the SWNI coalition because their lack of support and interference in MKNA projects it voted to do. (1:19:00) A discussion of the relative merits of continued participation with SWNI vs. not participating ensued. Issues from funding to insurance, communication via newspaper (or lack thereof) and non-profit status were discussed. There was no decision made at this meeting. Members asked for research be conducted about the pros and cons and asked for representatives from SWNI and ONI attend our next meeting to discuss before a decision is made. Donna said she would put it on Novembers Agenda and invite them to participate.

Eric Levake motioned to adjourn the meeting. (1:32:22) Patricia Spangler seconded the motion. All present (excluding John and Kim still talking in the hall) voted in favor. No abstentions were heard. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Herron, Secretary