

MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA)
MEETING MINUTES for December 10th, 2019 - unapproved

The December 10th, 2019 MKNA meeting was called to order by President Kim Herron. Attendees included: Kim and Donna Herron, Eric Levake, Kerri Pataki, Jenna George, Kathleen Elliott, Jeff Monahan, Shelley Martin, Alice McDaniel, Jamie Riener, Paul Sloan, Kaspar Murer, Kevin Brandini, Jeff Murray, John Gibbon, Zahra Rahmani and Norma Hamilton.

Agenda Approval: Kaspar Murer motioned to approve the agenda. Kathleen Elliot seconded. All present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes Approval: Kaspar Murer motioned to approve the November meeting minutes as written. Two corrections were noted. One is to add two names to the attendance who did not sign in and a correction to the minutes regarding SW 35th Avenue as a four way stop and not a stop light. Eric Levake seconded. All present voted to approve the minutes with corrections noted. Motion passed.

Guest Speakers: Jamie Riener and Shelley Martin from LaMota dispensary fielded both questions and concerns from the attendees. Jamie gave attendees an update on what improvements to the property will be made, the delays have been and permitting issues with the City of Portland. Neighbors complained about the bad odor from the dispensary grow operation inside the building. Jamie said LaMota has installed better ventilation and filters so it should not be a problem going forward.

Treasury Report: Treasurer Zahara Rahmani deferred the treasury report to President Herron. No substantive changes from the prior month. Herron thanked those who dropped off bottles contributing to the Treasury. Donna encouraged those attended to “re-up” their support in the Fred Meyer’s rewards program.

Committee Reports:

Schools Committee, Donna Herron, Chair: Donna reports the SWNI Schools committee chair position is still vacant so she will continue to represent Markham Neighborhood until someone volunteers. Donna reports Portland Public Schools is slowly improving the public schools with seismic improvements. It may take decades to seismic retrofit all PPS schools, due to funding limitations. She also reports a good portion of time was spent on Equity and Inclusion, and what that meant to attendees. She reported it seems to focus solely on race and minimized other groups such as the disabled, handicapped, elderly and infirmities.

Public Safety, Kevin Brandini, Chair: Kevin gave several “save the dates”, the first of which is the Mayor’s community conversation on the homelessness. February 6th, 2020 from 6 to 8:30 PM at the Multnomah Arts Center to discuss the general topic of homeless and ideas to remedy the problem. He also said March 5th the Emergency Preparedness Fair to be held also at the Multnomah Arts Center beginning at 6 PM.

Parks & Community Centers, Nancy Murray, Chair: Nancy emailed the President stating she would be unable to attend this meeting. She did say the city continues to reduce the funding for Parks and the committee continues to chime-in to the city about this.

Equity & Inclusion Committee, Zetta Burton, Chair pro-tem: Zetta was not present. No report was given.

Land Use Committee, Jeff Monaghan, Chair: Jeff was in attendance but had nothing to report.

Transportation Committee, John Gibbon, Chair: SW Corridor Plan was to officially agree to the 2 lanes each direction on Barbur Blvd. John offered additional information about specifics.

Watershed Committee, John Gibbon Representative: John discussed the MS4 projects and how it will impact the neighborhood. He also discussed the bikeways improvements Southwest in Motion has proposed. He touched on numerous topics but mostly updates to complicated issues related to the Bureau of Environmental Services, waterways, environmental zones and conservation zones.

Unfinished Business: Kasper Murer, a neighbor living on SW Ridge Drive read a letter he sent to City Council about the proposed SW Ridge Drive Greenway with Bike and pedestrian lanes as proposed by PBOT. It is currently proposed. It is not funded. He opined why this was not a well thought through idea. He asked City Council to reconsider this design as it does not make logistical sense.

New Business: Dr. Gary Pataki spoke of concerns regarding possible condominium development on or near 8640 SW 21st Ave. In speaking with both the developer and builder, they said as many as 18 to 22 units could be developed. His concerns were heard. John Gibbon stated the property has been zoned R2 since the 1990s as part of the SW Community plan. A discussion about Better Housing by Design was discussed.

Announcements: Donna Herron announces MKNA NET is hosting a free CPR/AED training at the Multnomah Arts Center the following evening, December 11th, and directed them to the sign up and wait lists.

Adjournment: Eric Levake motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Murray seconded. All present voted in favor. Motion passed Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Herron, Secretary