

## MARKHAM MEETING MINUTES – November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (approved 12-9-14)

The meeting of the Markham Neighborhood Association was called to order at 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at Capitol Hill Elementary School. Due to an ice storm and intermittent power outages only thirteen neighbors were in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the following corrections:

- November meeting date corrected to November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- John Gibbon corrected spelling of his last name.
- The change in the Portland Comprehensive Plan for Markham is a change in zoning *designation* rather than a *variance* to protect wetlands.

Portland Police Officer Browning detailed current crime and safety information for SW Portland. There was discussion of two recent homicides and strategies for theft prevention during the holiday season. Key takeaways were not to keep anything of value in vehicles, or even the appearance of value, such as a bag, and to ensure a secure drop-off location for any packages scheduled to be delivered when the home is unoccupied.

Kathleen Elliot presented the Public Safety Committee report in Ron Magnus's absence. She noted the recent Safety Celebration Dinner for SW Neighborhood Portland Police Officers. Also, the Red Cross would like to partner with SW Neighborhood NET.

Scott McClain spoke for the Schools Committee, which had nothing new to report due to no meeting in October.

Jeff Monaghan spoke for the Transportation Committee. The October meeting was focused on the Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policy. There were eight motions presented to the SWNI Board, which were subsequently included in their letter of requests to the Comprehensive Plan staff. He also reported he and other neighbors took a bike ride with Roger Geller, PBOT Bicycle Coordinator to show the various issues and challenges bicyclists encounter while cycling in Markham neighborhood.

John Gibbon presented for the Land Use Committee. The last hearing on the Comprehensive Plan has taken place, which John testified at. There is some discussion of adding two additional public hearings.

Guest speaker, Robert Lennox, South Burlingame Land Use Committee Chair, presented on the Macadam Ridge property development plans to add 51 homes behind Riverview Abby near Terwilliger and Taylors Ferry Road. The plan includes a lane diet on westbound Taylors Ferry between Macadam and Terwilliger in order to add a turn lane. He stated his concerns with the traffic studies that were completed during the Sellwood Bridge construction, which may not be representative of long term patterns. Additionally, Rob expressed concerns about cut through traffic in the adjacent neighborhood. Rob is not aware of a permit application to BDS at this time, and it may potentially go to city council.

Donna Herron announced upcoming Portland tree code meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Karen Koetz, NET Co-Leader, presented on the importance of basic preparedness kits, named "Go Kits". Donna Herron announced MKNA's new website at [www.markhamneighborhood.com](http://www.markhamneighborhood.com) that was generously created and donated by Deanna Emerson of Ginger Salon and Andrew Embler of Concrete5 CMS. She encouraged members to sign up for Markham's newsletter by going to <http://swni.org/markham> then clicking on "Markham Newsletter" hyperlink. Additionally, members should sign up to receive SWNI's newspaper electronically or by mail at [www.swni.org/SWNews/subscribe/](http://www.swni.org/SWNews/subscribe/). Finally, members should also join Nextdoor to find out what is going on in Markham neighborhood and what neighbors are talking about at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com). Donna will put hyperlinks to sites with instructions on the Markham NA website.

The next Markham NA meeting is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at Jackson Middle School.

### Motions:

- **Schools Committee Chair appointment: Scott McClain**  
Kim Herron moved; Susan Cato seconded; all were in favor – motion passed.
- **Move meetings from Capitol Hill Elementary to Jackson Middle School effective December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
Kathleen Elliot moved; Scott McClain seconded; all were in favor – motion passed.
- **Creating a new abbreviation for Markham, MKNA, in SWNI News because of multiple MNA designations**  
Scott McClain moved; the motion was seconded; all except one were in favor. Nays were Kathleen Elliot. No abstentions – motion passed.

Submitted by Marie Young, Secretary