

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

The September 10, 2019 MKNA meeting was called to order by President Kim Herron. Attendees included: Kim Herron, Donna Herron, Eric Levake, Judy Combs, Steve Weaver, Peggy Hughes, Judy Thomas, Kathleen Elliott, Melissa Adelman, Morgan Dant, Peter Schubert, John Gibbon, Dan Steinberg, Ken Doxtader, Jeff Monaghan, Drew Boyer, Doug Boyer, Jeff Murray, and Karen Koetz. Families attending online and checked in during the live broadcast include: Hajj, Cratchvil, Hogan, Papina, Burkhare and Macdonald.

Agenda Approval: After introductions, John Gibbon motioned to approve the agenda. Judy Combs seconded. All votes in favor. The meeting proceeded with the agenda as written.

Meeting Minutes Approval: April 9th, May 14th, Jun 10th and the September 10th minutes were reviewed. Peter Schubert questioned about his attendance at the April 9th meeting. John Gibbon motioned to accept the April, May, June and September minutes with Peter Schubert's exception noted. Eric Levake seconded the motion. All attendees, except Kathleen Elliott, voted in favor of the motion to approve the minutes as written. Kathleen Elliott abstained from all minute's approval. (Upon a subsequent review during the authoring of these minutes Peter's name does not appear on the April sign in sheets.)

Guest Speaker: Benjamin McLean, Community Engagement Project Coordinator for the City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services provided an update about upcoming major sewer project in SW Portland that includes a portion of Markham neighborhood primarily north of Taylors Ferry Road and east of 26th Avenue. Several handouts were provided to the attendees. Construction is expected to last about 1 year.

Treasury Report: Treasurer Zahara Rahmani was not present. President Kim Herron gave a summary of what adds to the Treasury and what expenses had been incurred. There is \$1,317.68 in the MKNA treasury. The detailed Treasury report is available for viewing on the MKNA website.

Committee Reports:

Schools Committee, Jeff Murray, Chair: Jeff has no report this month.

Public Safety, (vacant) & Neighborhood Emergency Teams, (NET), Donna Herron, NET Co-Team Lead & ARO: Donna announced the monthly meeting is tomorrow at Fire station #18 at 7 PM and welcomed all to attend. She also announced on October 17th the City of Portland is having a citywide Neighborhood Emergency Teams, (NET) radio exercise simulating a large earthquake and how communications will flow from neighborhoods to the Emergency Communications Center. Staging for the will happen at the Antioch Church across from Jackson Middle School.

Parks & Community Centers, Kitta Taylor, Chair: Kitta was absent and no report was given.

Equity & Inclusion Committee, Zeta Burton, Chair pro-tem: John Gibbon gave a report from the committee which centers on racial inclusion, a project this committee has been working on for quite some time. The emphasis is on developing partnerships with community groups, so neighborhood associations are more representative of their populace with a goal of reporting, perhaps quarterly to SWNI. John stated this was a big "ask" but given the current discussions at City Hall about defunding Neighborhood Associations, it is a topic that warrants additional discussion. (The report was subsequently placed on the MKNA's Agenda & Minutes webpage.)

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

Transportation Committee, John Gibbon, Chair: “How do the words ‘Skinny Barbur’ affect you?” were John’s opening comments. He went on to review the latest planning for making Barbur Blvd. into a single lane each direction, due to cost overrun projections by TriMet. John fielded questions about local match funding. Voting will include all metro municipalities. The vote will happen in November 2020 and will be area wide - not by county or city. It is a bond measure that will be added to property taxes. The City Council is voting tomorrow, September 11th, to sign the intergovernmental agreement for Metro to spend the money on 26th Avenue (widening, sidewalks, bike lanes). John also reported Capital Highway will experience traffic calming from PCC to SW Huber, reducing lanes from two to one each way with bikes lanes and protective bollards. John reported on the Capital Highway stormwater detention facilities to be built along both sides of Capital Highway and both sides of Multnomah Blvd west of the Post Office, neither of which directly affect Markham Neighborhood.

Watershed, John Gibbon, Representative: John states the committee is still trying to obtain information from Tri-Met and their consultants about what they plan to do about stormwater from Barbur as it flows downhill to Markham and the costs of capturing the water was seriously underestimated. This may require acquisition of more property by Tri-Met.

Unfinished Business:

30th Avenue safe route to school\community trail project: Questions about projects progress were answered and discussed. There has been no movement by the city or communications from the city about the trail since the last report. The next step, according to Alexis Gabriel at PBOT, is to propose a plan and design but access to the trail is “difficult.” Therefore, there is no update to offer. Morgan Dant motioned to dedicate 30 minutes at the next meeting for trail discussion. Dan Steinburg seconded. All voted in favor of this motion.

Action Plan for September 10, 2019 to September 8th, 2020: Jeff Murray motioned to approve the MKNA action plan. Ken Doxtader seconded. A discussion ensued regarding the timing of the meeting agenda and accuracy of MKNA articles. No motion was entertained other than commentary and no one offered to step forward to assist the MKNA board with said issues. All attendees voted in favor to approve the Action Plan as written except Morgan Dant who abstained. Motion approved.

New Business:

2019 nominations and election: President Kim Herron asked for volunteers for the Nomination Committee for the 2019 election of “Odd Year” MKNA Board positions. No one volunteered so Kim stated in accordance of the MKNA bylaws he will appoint Vice President, Eric Levake, and Secretary, Donna Herron, to act as the Nomination Committee. Both accepted.

Adjournment: Eric Levake motioned to adjourn the meeting. Peter Schubert seconded. All in attendance voted in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Herron, Secretary & Immediate Past President