

**MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA) - unapproved**  
**MEETING MINUTES for June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

(7:25) The June MKNA meeting was called to order by President Donna Herron. Thirteen people attended, introduced themselves and were welcomed. They include: Donna Herron, Kim Herron, Zahra Rahmani, Amanda Garcia-Snell, Eric Lavake, John Gibbon, Patricia Spangler, Kitta Taylor, Jenna George, Karen Papania, Dr. Mirza Luqman, Bill Christianson and Patty McMahon. A quorum was established. The meeting agenda and the meeting minutes were available for viewing on the MKNA website.

(11:12) Kim Herron motioned to approve the agenda as written. Eric Lavake seconded. The agenda was approved with modifications or amendments. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

(11:55) Donna inquired about the prior months meeting minutes. Kim stated the prior meeting minutes were not completed but the video recording of each meeting and the May meeting minutes were available on the MKNA website. Kim asked for a polite deferment to completed them. (12:30) John Gibbon offered a friendly amendment to set over the minutes to the September meeting. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasury Report:** (13:25) Donna summarized the MKNA financial report as Zahra was not at the last meeting. The MKNA bank balance is \$1,100.02 which is down from the prior month as the neighborhood paid a bill. Donna stated there was about \$87.00 not transferred from Bottle Drop and MKNA now has a DONATE button on the website which all were encouraged to use. (15:27) Any donated proceeds will go for the Movie in the Park event. MKNA agreed to co-host the movie event with the Public Safety Committee and share the net profits, up to a cap of \$250.00 with the balance going to MKNA's treasury.

**Committee Reports:**

**Schools Committee, Amanda Garcia Snell, Chair:** (16:30) Amanda reported the last School's Committee was in May and the committee will not meet again until September. Amanda reported the committee worked on their action plan and listed the top priorities put forth by the committee: outreach via social media and community involvement. Several other priorities including equity and inclusion as standing priorities. Amanda said there are other priorities in their eight- page action plan – some active and others inactive. The Schools Committee changed a few months ago, when Will Fuller stepped down after chairing the Schools Committee for 10 years. Now there is an emphasis on refreshing the priorities. Amanda recapped a survey distributed to the coalition neighborhoods. She didn't wish to answer the questions in isolation and sought input from the attendees. There was discussion about amending the by-laws to allow someone residing outside the MKNA boundaries to become the School's Committee representative after interest was expressed by a person who lives off Stevenson Street. Donna recognized Amanda's service to MKNA as the outgoing Schools Committee Chairperson as she transitions her efforts to PTA.

**Public Safety: Phil Ford, Chair (excused), Kim Herron reporting,** (39:01) Some Portland neighborhoods are experiencing an increase in burglaries. One method burglars are using is to access upstairs windows using the homeowners unsecured ladder. Many burglar alarms are only installed on the first floor, leaving the upstairs unprotected. Package theft is an ongoing problem and it is recommended that people have packages delivered to a neighbor who will be home or arrange pick up at the delivery service's office. Funding for the Mounted Police Patrol is discontinued due to budget cuts.

Jennie Pullen, the ONI Crime Prevention Coordinator, has suggested scheduling a Public Safety Action Committee meeting in place of some SWNI Public Safety Committee meetings. It was decided to hold an Action Committee meeting every three months. Stan Houseman presented "2 Weeks Ready". An emergency preparedness plan to help people survive in a disaster. The plan is available on line at [www.oregon.gov/OEM/2WeeksReady](http://www.oregon.gov/OEM/2WeeksReady) with more information on Facebook at facebook.com/2WeeksReady.

A big Thank You to Donna Herron for doing an outstanding job Chairing the Public Safety Committee the past couple years. Each year the committee sets out an action plan of the things they want to accomplish. Every goal on their plan was completed.

**Land Use Committee, John Gibbon, Chair:** (43:20) Pine Hill hearing is on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Four lots, 2 11,000 square foot lots along 29<sup>th</sup> Ave, which is a private road and a 7000 and 8000 square foot lots are proposed. The City approved an extension of 29<sup>th</sup>. As it heads North the street will widen and accommodate the larger lots and watershed concerns. John said he would ask for sidewalks to see if we can get them.

**Watershed Committee, John Gibbon, Representative** (45:28) The committee worked on a motion to ask the city to respond to the water problems especially bad in the Tryon Creek basin. The motion asks for a study or analysis of the cumulative effect due to the increase in housing density and street improvements in Southwest. Areas on 26<sup>th</sup> Ave under Interstate 5 and Barbur Blvd. flooded several times last winter. New developments are supposed to let no more water runoff after the development than before but some neighbors downstream don't believe this to be the case. The motion will have SWNI write the letter to City of Portland requesting additional studies because not all the flooding can be attributed to leaves and debris. For instance, when the leaves are gone the flooding continues to happen where it didn't before.

**Parks and Community Centers: Chair is Vacant** (51:30) This chair position is vacant and no report was forwarded from the current Parks Chair to MKNA so we assume the committee has nothing to report, again.

**Communications Committee: Kim Herron Representative:** (52:03) Kim did not attend the communications meeting. President Herron inquired to John Gibbon, who is the new SWNI President, regarding discussions of dissolving this committee from a standing committee to an operating committee, therefore there is no report.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

(53:15) Movies in the Park planning continues. Donna visited 10 schools today to hand out flyers for the July 9<sup>th</sup> event before schools ends for the summer. A Somali dance band is scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM with the Movie to begin at dusk. A good example of Equity and Inclusion for this event. A discussion of the details, the raffle and volunteering ensued. Of the locations presented to attendees, 7 days to Sun River seemed most popular. (1:00:45) John Gibbon motioned this action. Jenna George seconded. All attendees voted in favor. A quorum was confirmed earlier by Vice President Herron. Motion passed.

(1:01:53) There will be an Advanced NET Search and Rescue exercise with Portland Fire Bureau Station #18 at the closed Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, now owned by Habitat for Humanity. A discussion ensued regarding fundraising if needed and including other NET teams to advance their skills.

(1:12:22) The joint PBOT\BES Rain Garden project on SW 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be starting shortly. Tree and shrub trimming and Port-a Pottys are on site so work will begin soon.

(1:13:00) Safe Routes to Schools discussion and what will be needed to proceed. John said environmental zones extend for 25 feet from the water and trails cannot be built within 15 feet of the bank. Quail Park's trail was built in the 1970's before EC zones were invented. The consensus is to continue to explore the route.

(1:21:31) John also said homeowners who purchased property along the 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. Right-of-Way between Wilbard and Huber Street know, or should know, if there are improvements to the 30<sup>th</sup> Right-of-Way they could be responsible for upkeep to them.

(1:21:00) Elections and nominations. Donna proposed to defer elections until September because it is difficult to conduct during the National Night Out picnic. Patricia Spangler motioned to move the MKNA elections for open or termed out Board positions to the September general meeting. Kim Herron seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

(1:28:07) National Night Out: It was decided to have the National Night Out Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4 PM. Eric Levake will host the music. John and Zahara offered to help plan the event, activities and food.

(1:37:24) Kim Herron motioned to adjourn. Patricia Spangler seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Herron, Vice President and Secretary Pro-Tem.