

MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA)

MEETING MINUTES

January 13th, 2015

The meeting of the MKNA was called to order by Donna Herron, President, at 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 13th, 2015 at Jackson Middle School. Thirty seven neighbors and guests were signed in.

Agenda approval: Nancy Murray moved. Kathleen Elliott seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

December 2014 Minutes approval: Kathleen Elliott moved. Ron Magnus seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Vote to appoint Jeff Monaghan the MKNA Representative at Tryon-Stephens Headwaters Street Plan Community Working Group: Kathleen Elliot moved. John Gibbon seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE & NET TEAM REPORTS

Public Safety; Kathleen Elliot reported for Chairperson Ron Magnus:

The Committee is asking for grant funding ideas.

Police have been monitoring pedestrian crossings and handing out warnings for violators.

Portland Police Dept. is proposing a policy change regarding interactions with mentally unstable people, where they will only contain the issue until mental health professionals arrive.

Transportation; Jeff Monaghan:

No new business. The next Transportation Committee meeting is on January 21st, which will discuss the report from ODOT regarding Barbur Blvd traffic study during the Vermont and Newbury Bridges rehabilitation.

Parks and Community Centers: (vacant)

MKNA is seeking a chair person for this position.

Schools, Scott McClain:

Portland School Board will vote on transfer policy tonight, to limit the number of transfers.

There is continued discussion on boundary changes.

Many students across PPS are receiving iPads from the schools.

There is always a need for volunteers at schools, for those who are interested.

Land Use, John Gibbon:

No new land use applications for Markham.

SWNI Land Use Committee meets January 20th at the Multnomah Arts Center. The next two meetings will focus on the Portland Comprehensive Plan.

The committee is drafting a letter to the Portland Planning Commission with regard to the Portland Comprehensive Plan regarding metrics for development in SW Portland. There is concern about development in areas that are lacking services.

The committee sent a letter to the SW Corridor Planning Commission requesting neighborhoods that may have high capacity transit (HCT) routed through them communicate directly with Metro. Other neighborhoods would communicate through the Land Use Committee. Markham will not have HCT through the neighborhood.

The committee sent a letter to Portland City Council in support of the United Neighborhoods for Reform Demolition Development Resolution.

Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET), Karen Koetz, co-lead:

Next NET meeting is 7PM Monday, January 19th at the United Methodist Church in the basement. The meeting will cover use of FMRS/GMRS handheld radios. Bring your charged radio, if you

have one, so that they may be evaluated for service and to learn how to coordinate with the NET communications in the event of an emergency.

Guest Speaker & Portland Police Officer Ralph Elwood:

There have been ongoing calls regarding a neighborhood man, in his early twenties and high on gasoline fumes. He repeatedly causes neighborhood disturbances by wandering into neighbors' yards and yelling white supremacist slurs. Several mental health evaluations of him have determined he is not mentally challenged but has a drug problem. He is not believed to be dangerous, but neighbors are encouraged to call 911 if he is causing issues. Officer Elwood also advises neighbors use locking gas caps on their vehicles.

Although package theft has decreased since the holidays, it is still advised to have packages delivered to a secure location.

There was a domestic dispute incident on 35th involving a gun. No shots were fired. The gun owner has a concealed weapons permit, which is being reviewed with regard to the incident.

No suspects for the attempted burglary and theft of a flat screen TV in Quail Park.

Portland Police is implementing a change to dispatch policy, where the closest available officer to the scene will be dispatched, instead of the current scenario where an officer has a designated zone. It is not expected to change responses in SW Portland because it mostly already operates in this manner.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Tryon-Stephens Headwater Street Plan, Jeff Monaghan:

PBOT and BES are collaborating on a street plan in the area bounded by Taylors Ferry, Capitol Highway, and a couple blocks east of Terwilliger, which focuses on connectivity for active transportation as well as storm water management. The City is hosting an open house at 5:30 PM on Monday January 26th in the Community Room at Stephens Creek Crossing Community Center.

SWNI/ONI SMALL GRANT APPLICATION:

MKNA to submit an application for a \$2,000 grant through SWNI & ONI to partially fund the cost of an Emergency Preparedness Program throughout 2015 designed to increase neighborhood involvement, teach basic emergency preparedness and raise awareness of and recruit for Markham's NET. The program will reach out to the diverse neighbors in Markham such as those with language barriers (ESL), elderly and disabled to ensure their involvement and safety in the event of an emergency. The money will help cover training supplies and administrative material for the program. A more comprehensive explanation of the program and its anticipated costs are outlined in MKNA's grant application posted on the MKNA website at www.markhamneighborhood.com. Bob Wise moved to submit the application. Scott McClain seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Indian Hills Traffic Safety Issues Letter:

MKNA to submit letter to PBOT requesting evaluation of two problematic intersections in the Indian Hills area. Phil Ford moved to discuss the letter for submission. Nancy seconded. Bob Wise moved to submit the letter with amendment to include the intersection of 26th and Taylors Ferry Road (east bound). Mike Vernon seconded. One opposed, Mary. Three abstentions. Motion passed.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION: "Earthquake Preparedness"

Handouts were distributed but the presentation was tabled due to lack of time. It will be presented at our next MKNA meeting on February 10, 2015.