

**MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA) - unapproved
MEETING MINUTES for September 12th, 2017**

The September 12th MKNA meeting was called to order by President Donna Herron. Attendees in person included: Donna Herron, Kim Herron, Zetta Burton, John Gibbon, Eric Levake, Jeff Monaghan, Zahra Rahmani, Michael Rueter, Patricia Spangler, Jonah Willback, Stephanie Erjen, Nate Werner, Sandy Streit, Rosa Ca Aris, Sylvia Ivers, John Baker, Dan Kelly, Carol Porto, Kathleen Elliott, Karen Papanra, Kitty Taylor, Karen Kotes. Those who attended the meeting online were Jan Kuhl-Urback, Elizabeth Conrad, Nina Greco, Chris and Crystal Logan, Jeff Murray, Nohra & Mariam Hajj, James and Katy Beth Allen, Kristi Hansen, Tom Spangler, Marvis Jenkins. A quorum was confirmed by Vice President Kim Herron. The meeting agenda and the meeting minutes were available for viewing on the MKNA website. With some spelling corrections, Pat Spangler motioned to approve the agenda. Jenna George seconded. (audio garbled). All eligible voted to approved the agenda. No abstentions. Motion Passed.

MKNA did not have a formal meeting in August. The National Neighborhood Night Out at the Marigold Hydro park represented the neighborhood meeting and no minutes are kept.

Treasury Report: There is \$591.62 in the joint SWNI Public Safety\MKNA Movie In The Park bank account and \$861.01 in the MKNA Community Events account for a total of \$1,452.63. Bills for the Movie event and National Night Out still need to be turned in and paid before we know what monies MKNA has going forward for its community projects.

Committee Reports:

Schools Committee, Amanda Garcia-Snell, Chair: (excused absence): Donna reported the Schools Committee did not meet over the summer so there was nothing for Amanda to report.

(10:52) **Public Safety: Phil Ford, Chair (excused):** Kim Herron reported Portland Crime Prevention Coordinator, Jenni Pullen reported our regular Portland Police Bureau (PPB) officer has been promoted to Lieutenant and our new Sargent is Rob Simon. PPB have begun targeting derelict looking motorhomes that homeless people are living in requiring that they be moved or be towed. PPB are also focusing on abandoned cars. The removal process is going slowly due to officer work load compounded by full impound lots. Neighbors are encouraged to report the above issues with their cell phones using a free downloadable application PDX Reporter or call the non-emergency PPB number 503-823-3333.

The October Public Safety meeting will be replaced by the quarterly Public Safety Action Committee meeting (voted in when Donna Herron was chairing the Public Safety Committee). Neighborhood PPB officers, PPB Central Precinct command staff, Jenni Pullen and others from city government will attend. If you have crime related concerns or questions about the public safety system or a crime prevention project to work on, please attend this meeting.

Land Use Committee, John Gibbon, Chair: (16:02) John reported the approval of an air BNB in the 1400 block of Taylors Ferry. He also reported on 29th street, (a private street) known as the Pine Hill project. John states SWNI staff has recommended denial for the proposed development due to storm water issues. The Land Use Committee met last month and discussed working to develop neighborhood profiles so each neighborhood has a profile on what goes on within the neighborhood and what issues involve land use, infrastructure so that developers know what issues are of concern to the neighborhood and what issues they face in development.

Watershed Committee, John Gibbon, Representative: (22:14) John stated they are a relatively new committee working on their action plan. A focus is storm water, where it collects and runs off. The committee is looking for neighbors to report areas they see storm water issues to the committee. (Note: much John's report was muffled & difficult to hear)

Parks and Community Centers: Chair is Vacant: No report was forwarded from the SWNI Parks Chair again, therefore there is nothing to report. The SWNI Parks Chair is Steve Mullinax and can be reached at park-chair@swni.org.

Communications Committee: Donna asked SWNI President John Gibbon about the status of the Communication Committee. SWNI Pubic Safety Chair Carol Porto interrupted and stated an incorrect answer without being recognized. Donna redirected her question back to John who said the standing committee status is dissolved. (29:15)

New Business: (29:45) As guests are present and to allow for adequate time for questions and answers, a motion was made by John Gibbon to amend the agenda to allow New Business to begin and unfinished business to come later. Eric Levake seconded the motion. All eligible members voted in favor. Motion Passed.

(30:45) Sylvia Ivers from LaMota and Nate Werner from the City of Portland Cannabis Program introduced themselves. Sylvia is the CEO of LaMota that purchased the Uncle John's Market store at 1101 Taylors Ferry Road. Attendees asked questions related to the property, parking, plans for the building, potential traffic issues and distance from schools. Additional questions centered around the specifics of cannabis, types, organics, delivery methods etc. LaMota sells only organically grown cannabis grown in Oregon. Nate summarized his role in supervision, oversight and enforcement from the City of Portland's perspective. He reviewed warnings and revocations of the cannabis license as the stiffest penalty.

Unfinished Business:

(51:41) Donna summarized the events of the summer including Movies in the Park, National Night Out, NET Advanced Search and Rescue exercises, and an update from Habitat for Humanity's plans for the now closed Capitol Hill United Methodist Church on loan to the Markham Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) for emergency responder practice with Portland Fire Station #18 firemen. The cooperation between a neighborhood, fire station and property owner/business resulted in a unique opportunity for NETs throughout the city's 95 neighborhoods to learn and practice valuable lifesaving skills during a disaster. To participate one must be a certified NET member, or signed up for NET to participate in NET training, complete PBEMs background check and signed a liability waiver with proof of insurances. This protects PBEM, Habitat for Humanity and Markham NET (as the organizing-host team) from liability issues. Without these requirements one cannot participate or enter the building.

The next Advanced Search and Rescue exercise is Saturday, September 30th. A special night exercise is scheduled for October 11th and is available to those who have participated in 1 of the prior 3 exercises.

(1:03:00) Safe Route to School (Jackson Middle School) on 30th Avenue unimproved Right Of Way (ROW) between Wilbard and Huber then Huber to Maricara Street. The Northern end of the proposed trail crosses a creek so the neighborhood continues to try to work with an adjacent homeowner to find a way to allow children to use the ROW with minimal disruption to homeowners and the environmental zone it crosses. This is a work in progress with several issues yet to be resolved. Donna is visiting with the appropriate city departments and will report ongoing progress.

New Business continued (1:12:38) The 2016 MKNA Bi-laws articulate what MKNA voting officer positions rotate based on even and odd years and the maximum time one can serve before vacating the position for at least 1 election cycle. The officer positions of Vice President, Secretary, Land Use, Schools, Parks and Community Centers, and Community at Large, have been termed out. The following people have graciously offered their time and talents for the vacating positions: (1:15:13) Eric Levake-Vice President, Kim Herron-Secretary, John Baker-Land Use, Christi Hansen-Schools, Kitty Taylor-Parks and Community Centers and Patricia Spangler-Community at Large. (1:16:03) Carol Porto, a member of South Burlingame Neighborhood-not MKNA, interrupted without first being recognized and asked what Bylaws were being used. (Note she had a set of the Bylaws in her hand while asking the question, so her interrupting the election process was deemed disrespectful and disruptive to our meeting by this author.)

(1:17:15) Vice President, Kim Herron entertained additional nominations from the floor. With no other interested parties and a quorum established; Kim motioned for the new slate of officers to be accepted. Patricia Spangler seconded. All eligible MKNA attendees voted in favor with John Gibbon abstaining. (1:20:26) John and Donna discussed the Watershed Committee confirming it is a special committee and therefore not a voting member of the MNKA Board at this time.

(1:42:48) John Gibbon moved to adjourn. Zeta Burton and John Baker seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Kim Herron, Vice President and Secretary Pro-Tem