

MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN (MKNA) MEETING MINUTES
for November 8th, 2016 - unapproved

The MKNA meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Donna Herron, President. All in attendance briefly introduced themselves. Twenty people attended this meeting: Donna Herron, Kim Herron, Eric Lavake, Jenna George, Carrie Craven, Kitta Furrow, John Gibbon, Jeff Monaghan, Michael Murphy, Karen Papania, Zahra Rahmani, Pat Spangler, Alan Walling, Gil Moss, Hans Steuch, Dave Manville, Don Snedecor, Karen Green, Annemarie Skinner, and Connie Caveneraro.

(10:28) Donna announced the meeting was being recorded and also intended to be broadcast live via YouTube, but Jackson Middle School's Wi-Fi has been inconsistent in past months but the recording would be audible. On-line attendees were welcome to watch and listen but asked to mute their microphones and use the chat function, text or email for questions, comments and votes.

Introductions were made and MKNA officer chairs were identified. (13:57) Donna submitted the agenda for approval. Kitta Furrow made the motion to approve the minutes. Jenna George seconded. Agenda was approved without modification by unanimous vote. (15:02) Michael Murphy made a motion to accept the October minutes. Kim Herron seconded. Again, a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as authored passed. (16:32) Vice President Kim Herron confirmed a quorum was present for the meeting for any motions brought to the meeting.

Treasury Report and neighborhood balances were reviewed by Donna and presented to the attendees. Both Fred Meyer Rewards and Bottle Drop were touched on and reviewed for clarification.

(20:08) There were no Portland Police officers present, however Donna reviewed the shortage and issues police are faced with and pivoted to NET and how NET is useful and assists both Portland Police and Portland Fire Bureau. Her example was the gas explosion on October 19th where NET teams were deployed from all over Portland to assist and maintain the perimeter around the area, which allowed Police and Fireman to cover other urgent calls.

(22:35) Anne Marie Skinner, Planning Director from Emerico Design spoke about the Pine Hill Land Partition application at 2990 SW Taylors Ferry Road. Applications to partition the land should be submitted within the next week. The parcel, currently with 1 house, will be divided to 4 partitions. (26:51) John Gibbon, MKNA Land Use Chair, asked several clarifying questions about storm water and drainage. John also explained the affected area was part of an overlay zone and Anne Marie was unaware of the overlay as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

(33:37) Hans Steuch from Southwest in Motion, (SWIM) introduced what SWIM is, what the purpose was and how they focus on SW urban trail development, improvement of existing trails and connections of pathways and other walkways all over SW Portland. (36:50) Dave Manville, also from SWIM, spoke about how SW Trails was a smaller part of SWIM. An urban map was presented with trails existing and to be considered for development. Dave said SWIM is really about large infrastructure projects like crosswalks, sidewalks. SW Trails focus is about urban trail development. The "ASK" as presented by Dave to MKNA was threefold: 1- Do you want to participate with SW Trails? 2 - Can someone be appointed by MKNA? 3 - Have that representative fill in the map.

(58:02) Jeff Monaghan made a motion to have MKNA work with SW Trails to identify trails in MKNA which have the potential to be converted and develop these "informal trails" to permitted and recognized trails. John Gibbon seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed. Jeff agreed to act as liaison from MKNA to SW Trails.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Community Centers: Michael Murphy, Chair: (1:00:15) Rachel Fillings from Portland Parks and Recreation attended the Parks meeting and the top issue was playgrounds with play structures and lead paint. Portland needs to do a citywide inventory of the playground lead issue. This is a long term program and nothing was resolved. Michael said the

Parks Committee is developing a brief questionnaire about what is important to residents and their parks. The fairy doors in Maricara Park was discussed. Michael stated the fairy door issue is complicated and the park is an environmentally sensitive area. Bottom line it is illegal to have fairy doors in the park. Michael said the emotions range widely from little girls wanting to play with fairy doors, to others who find the doors trashy and oppose the entire issue and enjoy the park as the natural area it was meant to be.

Transportation Committee, Jeff Monahan, Chair: (1:17:25) Jeff reports Transportation had two guest speakers, both from Portland Bureau of Transportation, (PBOT) Vision Zero objectives and mission as well as the proposed Amendments to the Transportation System Plan. Jeff reviewed sidewalk statistics stating SW Portland doesn't have too many sidewalks when compared to other parts of the city. (1:22:50) Donna Herron went into more detail about the Vision Zero signs, and sign-up pledge sheets, how they are obtained, and offered to trade her signs for completed pledge forms by neighbors to save them a trip downtown to get their own.

Land Use Committee, John Gibbon, Chair: (1:25:06) John reviewed the tree code issues and where to find more technical issues if you are impacted or may be impacted by the tree code and land development. The SWNI Land Use Committee voted and the SWNI board adopted a recommendation on the Residential Infill Project which will limit the scale of houses, height size, and setbacks. Other technical language which can be found on the SWNI Land Use Section on the SWNI website. One Land use application was received on 10015 SW 25th Ave. Putting a flag lot on the back side on a deep lot owned by the homeowner. Other than some storm water issues, John doesn't see any other issues.

Public Safety: Kim Herron, Representative: (1:32:00) Police stated that car prowls are increasing as daylight is decreasing. There is also a large uptick in package theft of packages left at the door of homeowners, day or night, so they encouraged vigilance. Example, if you see a package left for a neighbor and you know they won't be home for hours, to take the package and let them know you have it. Thieves are becoming more brazen and even cameras do not deter some. (1:32:45) For the NET report, the natural gas explosion of October 19th in downtown NW Portland was an opportunity for those able to "deploy" to do so. Both Donna and Kim deployed and gained experience in putting training into action and to field test their equipment. NET members for MKNA are still needed.

Communications Committee: Kim Herron Representative: (1:33:28) Donna Herron reported the committee is developing both their mission statement and a survey to see what the committee should be doing and what training might be most useful, with emphasis on those new to Neighborhood Positions.

Unfinished Business: Bylaw amendments are needed to recognize new standing committees, both Watershed and Equity and Inclusion need adopted to MKNA's bylaws to be consistent with SWNI's standing committees. Donna explained what the general parameters and responsibilities are. At this time both of these positions are vacant. Anybody interested in possibly serving in these positions are to contact Donna. (1:40:01) the vote to accept the changes to MKNA's bylaws passed with unanimous vote after confirming a quorum was still present. Who proposed the motions and seconded the motion were inaudible on the recording).

(1:41:39) Donna also discussed Nextdoor.com proposed border changes to Markham. Donna does not know the motivation or benefit or why it was suggested. Our current border aligns with those recognized by the City of Portland. Donna suggested going onto Nextdor.com and vote your conscience.

(1:46:48) Kim Herron motioned to adjourn. Michael Murphy seconded. November MKNA meeting was adjourned.

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