



NEIGHBORS WEST-NORTHWEST

Coalition of Central Westside Neighborhoods

Arlington Heights · Goose Hollow · Forest Park · Hillside · Linnton · Northwest Industrial · Northwest Heights
Northwest District · Old Town-Chinatown · Pearl District · Portland Downtown · Sylvan-Highlands

Neighbors West-Northwest Review Board June 9, 2010 Meeting

Minutes

Attending

NWNW Board:

Frank Bird, Northwest District, President
Harold Hutchinson, Northwest Industrial, new board member
Les Blaize, Forest Park
Judy Gibson, Pearl District
Tina Schafer, Sylvan-Highlands
Greg Madden, Northwest Industrial, outgoing member
Michele Mass, Hillside, outgoing member
Jeff Boly, Arlington Heights
Liz Kelly, Linnton
Bill Barnes, Portland Downtown

NWNW Staff:

Mark Sieber
Angela Southwick
Alison Wallisch

Guests:

Allan Classen, NW Examiner

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of May Minutes

**Motion 1: Blaize moved to approve May 2010 minutes. Mass seconded. Vote Unanimous.
Friendly Ammendment to change Bryan Burch to Sylvan-Highlands.**

Staff Reports

Introduced Lewis Barrett as the new Electronic Communications Specialist available 30 hours a week to work on neighborhood and coalition websites as well as social media and other technical advice. Barrett started in the beginning of May and has been working on catching up on the backlog of requests for the coalition website as well as helping some neighborhoods with requests including making a webpage for CRSC, and migrating GHFL website to our host to save costs.

ONI Graffiti Grant

At the last meeting the board voted to support the ONI Graffiti Grant, right now we are waiting for it to go to City Council.

Neighbors for Clean Air Fiscal Sponsorship

In April the board approved fiscal sponsorship of Neighbors for Clean Air's Metro grant. This project is going forward and is almost complete.

ONI Grant for Coalition Funding

Charlie Clark went to talk to city council about this but the timing was off. Council did approve this grant so our funding is secured for the upcoming year.

ONI Trainings

Southwick has been meeting with city and ONI staff to develop citywide trainings. Three groups were developed to develop trainings and this year two of the trainings will happen: board orientation, and guiding change (using neighborhood examples to instruct on the use of tools to drive change). These will happen in the fall and then again in the spring. After the first year there will be a reassessment to integrate the other 9 training ideas into the series.

Coalition Business

Federal and State Filings

After our extensions we made all the filings on time. In November these will be coming up again. We should be able to get these done more quickly because we've figured out the new kinks from the additional neighborhoods added. The year we enter on July 1st is the first year we will file a long form 990, because thresholds have changed. Conflict of Interest Statements and other cautionary items will be required, but these are standing policies that won't affect our bylaws. Models will be available in the first three months of the year.

April Financial Reports

Gibson volunteered to join finance committee, Joan Pendergast stepped down. No current finance reports available because our bookkeeper's family has health issues.

Coalition Budgets

The 2010-2011 coalition budget was approved at the last meeting, but there have been some amendments. Some costs are up. The budget is \$750 in the red. Other government grants line item is \$1000 scheduled from Metro, we need to apply for this. The \$800 for equipment is derived from this Metro grant. Previously we've beefed up our computer system with these funds, but we might not need to do that this year because everything was upgraded this year.

Increase in Insurance \$100 from approved budget, this is lower than last year, but higher than expected. Putting all the special events in one bid caused a lower rate. We have some leeway for additional block parties have some leeway. The insurance rate should be accurate for the next year or two. Equipment repair and maintenance are usually upgrades, this \$100 line item was pulled off. Currently we have \$20,000 in reserves, we'll use reserves if necessary. Staff development decreased to only attend one all day event or multiple small events. Small grants shrank but we will receive the same amount of administrative fees. Nothing is in the budget for contributed income or additional programming and reserves. If money is raised these would be the items to apply the funds towards.

Motion 2: Blaize moves to accept the amended budget as proposed. Boly seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Next meetings?

There's no city required business over the next couple of months. Finance committee will meet monthly with the executive committee, there's no need for a full board meeting. Next full board meeting will be September 8th.

Coalition Budget

Neighborhood Survey Results: Next Steps—Wallisch

The neighborhood survey resulting from the January board retreat is now closed. We received 233 responses from all neighborhoods. Handout was passed out about the general take home for the coalition board and individual neighborhoods results were sent to neighborhood presidents.

Services: there's a general lack of knowledge about our services as determined by usage, delivery and perceived importance of services. We are doing well with some services including communications assistance, resource assistance and small grants. In other areas we need to better advertise and deliver our services.

Issues: there wasn't a correlation between issues for neighborhoods that are geographically close, but there are issues that overarch many neighborhoods. There is also the ability to pick out distinct hot button issues in individual neighborhoods. The top issues in transportation, land use and public safety are listed on the handout. These issues are issues we could use as focus for trainings, or events.

Trainings: The training ideas suggested are listed on the handout. The neighborhoods listed next to them are those neighborhoods that rated these training ideas in the top of their results. In order to satisfy all neighborhood's needs we would need to do trainings on the top five answers. How can we use these results quickly? Share these results with boards. Block Parties? Large block parties happen in some neighborhoods, but not all. Guest Speakers on earthquakes/emergency preparedness. Bird points out there is a full spectrum of ideas, but the boards should determine their goals for the year. Passionate leaders help drive the project. Issues drive the participation. Trainings using technology with email? Boards are going to discuss this and come up with top three and bring the top three back to help us decide in September.

NWNW Bylaws and Process: Unanimous Consent

Neighborhood Approval of Resolutions & NWNW Board Role—Sieber Discussion

In order to speak on public policy all twelve have to agree. Don't lose independence, but how do we achieve without a quorum. Conclusion all twelve don't have to be together to agree, but if each neighborhood agrees on the neighborhood level we could adopt policy as a coalition. Public process is fulfilled in the neighborhood level. Can a neighborhood abstain? No, silence is a veto. New formula gives us a better chance, each neighborhood writes a letter and then the coalition supports. Lack of functioning board in Northwest Heights? Problem with HOA 10 year old subdivisions, few issues. Where concern does exist HOA's attract volunteers. They are not inactive because the board said they wanted NWNW to try to re-form. We are ready to help them with a membership drive. If inactive there is no vote and it's up to this board whether they get staff support. City has a process to derecognize neighborhoods, we wouldn't do that. We have subscribing and non-subscribing neighborhoods. Sieber read the section of the bylaws referring to this. Everything is at the board's discretion. If at any point if they'd like to have a

neighborhood association that is fine. Concern with ONI, we are not disenfranchising them, we are trying to facilitate support of issues. Value added participation.

Motion 3: Blaize moves to send a letter to NWHNA that we would like the ability to have unanimous decision of the board and we are currently suggesting they become a non-subscribing neighborhood. Attach bylaws. Ask Charlie Clark to help us write the letter. Sieber charged with writing letter. Boly Seconds. Unanimously passes.

Neighborhood and Coalition Reports

AHNA-Revisit reservoir issue. Boly feels like it is the highest value for our weight. \$400 million, \$800 million with debt service. Water Bureau replacing open reservoirs. Not necessary and will degrade water quality. Driven by Water Bureau campaigning to do this since 2000. 2004 defeated by citywide response. Water Bureau went to federal government to make LT2 requires covering of reservoirs. Council is aware of public's position. City trying to say we are in favor of keeping the reservoirs but hands tied and we have to follow federal rule. In NYC they have an exemption...if city is serious about opposition we could do this. We have no cryptosporidium. Rates up 18% last year, 16% this year. Would like coalition support on this issue with unanimous rule. Documents to present at neighborhood meetings will be dispersed. Boly will talk to neighborhoods if they'd like it.

SHNA-Events still happening. Weed walk just finished. Youth bike fair the 19th. All are welcome to join there will be presenters about bike safety, prizes, and refreshments. The event will be at East Sylvan Middle School. National night out with movie will happen in August in partnership with Arlington.

HNA-Mass is leaving. 4th of July parade coming up. August ice cream social.

LNA-Annual Elections happened in May. Kelly elected to board. Next steps are developing priorities for the next year after north reach plan wrapped up. Getting people excited and involved about the neighborhood. Relations with businesses, environment, emergency preparedness are items to focus the effort. Speeding is not a huge issue now because of speed signs. Cops are always on St. Helens. Squatters on the hillside near harborton, now the property is going to be sold to Forest Park.

Pearl-Lots of activities happening. Pooches in the Pearl a success, Fido stations there for people to look at \$7500 for pet debris stations. Pearl Party planning happening, last year made \$10,000 hoping to increase that this year to pay for pet stations and trash containers. Graffiti cleaning this Sunday. Legal issues, 14th Ave improvements not being held to land use laws in development. Neighborhood has been diligent in making sure the development fits the neighborhood including ground floor retail or commercial. Whole Foods is having a Day of Sales for Pearl District, partner gets 5% for the third quarter. Pearl picnic on the fourth of July. July 6th planning meeting on the Loo, the board to vote on where it's going.

NINA-Annual Meeting and elections, Hutchinson is the new member, as well as Taylor and Alexander, who is representing at APNBA. Madden is taking on North Reach Committee instead of NWNW review board. Membership up, especially paid.

NWDA-No report.

Downtown-Last meeting was annual election new board elected, but not officers. July 17th Yard Sale in the park blocks. Big National night out party and movie night this summer. New website is being developed. Nothing nailed down right now. Trouble with sidewalk ordinance and ACLU.

FPNA- Skyline Rd feels uneasy with child missing. Still looking. Bike committee report-ended with Blaize unable to vote for anything because of the conditions placed on the resolution and lack of following Forest Park Management Plan. Commissioner presenting Tuesday on this. Decision will be made on increasing bike access in the park, the neighborhood will challenge regardless of the decision to ensure following the plan and creating a baseline for FP. If the neighborhood wins the plan wins and the city says yes we are following this plan. All users will be affected and not following the plan opens the ground for anyone to do anything they want in the park. Neighborhoods still have a chance for input. Land Use Appeal to hearings officer and LUBA. Willful violation of Oregon Land Use Law? Other neighborhoods may sign on. Natural section of Parks is for this. They want to protect the resources, directors and commissioners higher up are doing what they want.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 PM