

Minutes of meeting of board of Northeast Neighbors, NEN

December 8, 2020

Meeting was **called to order** on Zoom by chair, Lynn Takata at 6:30 PM

Board members present: Delana Beaton, Nick Cantonwine, Ken Houghton, Cindy Kimball,

Joan Lloyd, Nancy McDaniel, Jeremy Mills, Leslie Polson, Ken Simila, Connie Strong, Lynn Takata

Business: Joan Lloyd moved and Nick Cantonwine seconded motion to approve

minutes for October 13, 2020. Approved by voice vote. Cindy Kimball moved and Ken Houghton seconded motion to approve minutes of November 10, 2020. Approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's report submitted electronically by Jeremy Mills. There is a balance of \$1,157.27 in the NEN Communication Fund. NEN earned \$275 and spent \$209.90 since the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 2020. There is 995.39 in the Trust and Agency Account. The Trust and Agency Account includes two separate funds. There is \$533.64 to be used in the Court-Chemeketa Historic District. The remaining \$461.75 are funds from the Neighborhood Cleanups held jointly by NEN and the Grant neighborhood associations in 2018 and 2019, and this amount is intended to support future Neighborhood Cleanups.

Virginia Stapleton, councilwoman elect from Ward 1, has been attending city council as guest councilor since Cara Kaser moved to Silverton. Virginia gave update on issues of focus for current council. These include issues surrounding white supremacist rallies in Salem. Another issue is the damage being done to some city parks, particularly Cascade Gateway and Wallace Marine parks. A third concern is the work to rezone some parks such as Englewood Park which are now zoned Single Family. The decision is to change the zoning to Parks to coincide with actual use as city parks.

Lynn Takata requested a motion to reimburse vice-president **Alan Scott** up to \$30 for paying for the NEN domain name. This passed unanimously by voice vote.

Brandon Lawrence and Taylor Cantonwine of Travel Salem presented a brief history of **Travel Salem**, founded in 1984. They discussed the impact of the current economic trends, including in 2020 the 46% reduction of income from the TOT (transient occupancy tax).

Kelley Thomas spoke about his work with the Cultural Commission. Kelley is available as a resource.

Announcement: Tree planting in NEN area will be scheduled during next two months.

Nick Cantonwine announced the NEN letter of intent for improvements to basketball facility in McCrae Park was approved. Formal application will be due later. The Neighborhood Association will need to raise and contribute 25% of the estimated \$1300 cost.

ACTION ITEM: Election of NEN officers: **Lynn Takata** announced the current officers are willing to continue to serve. **Ken Simila** moved to approve the current slate of officers. **Cindy Kimball** seconded the motion. It was passed by unanimous acclamation. Therefore, NEN officers for the next year will continue to be President, Lynn Takata; Vice-president, Alan Scott; Treasurer, Jeremy Mills, and Secretary, Delana Beaton.

ACTION ITEM: Following significant discussion of **NEN Goals**, it was agreed to eliminate goals 1,3,9, and 14. It was agreed to add Leslie Polson as a lead on Goal 16.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM.