



DRAFT MINUTES

NECN Board Meeting (via Zoom) 7/19/2022

*Present

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

Chair: Sean Green (Sabin)*

Vice Chair: Jimmy Wilson (Eliot)*

Treasurer: Heather Nelson-Kent (At-Large)*

Secretary: Lauren Gross (At-Large)

Parliamentarian: Lauren Gross (Vacant)

STAFF:

Executive Director: Justen Harn *

Associate Director: Jona Davis *

Communications Director: Lisa Loving

Grants and Fiscal Sponsorship: Charlotte MacDonald

Minutes Taker: Anjala Ehelebe *

GUESTS:

Onnie Allen, invited by Vice Chair Jimmy Wilson

BOARD MEMBERS:

Alameda: Robert McConville*

Boise: Karis Stoudamire-Phillips

Concordia: Joseph Fraley

Eliot: Jimmy Wilson (Vice Chair) *

Irvington: Peter O'Neil

King: John Rooney

Lloyd: Keith Jones *

Sabin: Sean Green (Chair) *

Sullivan's Gulch: vacant with resignation of Dave Brook

Vernon: Allan Whiting

Woodlawn: Dennis Kennedy*

At-Large: Ankur Dholakia, Woodlawn*

At-Large: Erin Martin, Alameda*

At-Large: Heather Nelson-Kent, Sabin (Treasurer)*

At-Large: Lauren Gross, Sabin (Secretary)*

At-Large: Shirley Minor, Woodlawn *

At-Large: vacant

6:36 p.m. Jimmy called the meeting to order and asked for introductions. Recording begins. Heather asks if the agenda could be re-ordered to put neighborhood updates before the team building work session because Karis has to leave before the meeting ends. **Agreement to do so by consensus.**

Also Sean notes from the prior minutes that the bylaws amendment creating the positions of co-chairs requires them to wait two meetings before the Board can vote on it. Therefore it will be voted on in September.

Consent Agenda: Approval of Draft June Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Heather, seconded by Karis. **Minutes were approved by consensus.**

Civic Life Scope of Work (SOW) & Contract Update (Jona and Justen) The Office of Civic Life (CL) staff have been working well with them. Jona was excited to hear the Office of Civic Life is open to NECN participating in decision-making changes. She has requested that they consider having 3-year contracts instead of 1-year contracts with NECN, and CL has agreed to the change.

Final agreement on the current contract will be approved in mid August. The ability to have funds advanced instead of reimbursed is good news.

Jona said CL will pay NECN the money for the small grants within a reasonable amount of time.

Heather said June financials reflect the full fiscal year. Its still draft, but it looks like we came in slightly under budget.

FY '22/23 Budget Development Update (Justen) NECN received a proposed budget that looks good and kept parts of a \$26k grant. It's pretty similar to last year's budget, said Treasurer Heather. Jona said NECN has reformatted the budget document and its now easier to understand.

Heather said that Sean had requested a motion for the Executive Committee to be authorized to approve the budget at next week's meeting, but the budget must be approved by the full board, according to the bylaws.

There was a comprehensive discussion last month. Congratulations to the team for bringing in additional financial resources that kept NECN from dipping into the reserves.

All board members have the current transparent budget document. [Zoom crashes and is restarted]. Justen gives thanks for advice from Jessica and work by Charlotte and Jona. Jona said thanks also to Heather for some guidance she provided. **The motion to approve the FY 22-23 budget is made by Karis and seconded by Ankur. Approved unanimously.**

Review May Financials (Heather) She has reviewed the financials and bank statements and they reconcile. Finances are strong, no concerns.

Board recruitment updates. Jimmy has found candidates in King and in Humboldt. He attended the King Neighborhood Association Meeting. Has a third one on the borderline of King or Vernon, who will serve where most needed. Also talked to King School board. Might have one in Boise, named Maurice. Karis knows him.

Neighborhood Updates (Everyone)

Robert said Alameda is trying to reach out to neighbors with two or three community events. There's also some willingness to find partnerships. The Methodist church has really good spaces that they're offering for meetings. They are recruiting more Board members. They're trying to Re-establish what community looks like after the pandemic. Robert said they also want to have a robust neighborhood Halloween celebration.

Karis shares that BNA is partnering with Parks and Rec to do a Concert in the park, Bridge City Soul will be playing Thursday,

August 11 in Unthank Park. 6:30. A local business agreed to pay for all of the costs for them.

[Karis had to leave at 7:30.]

Keith said there will be community events on both sides of the Earl Blumenauer bridge on July 30. All morning and afternoon. Politicians will talk. Jimmy asks if the Coliseum is part of the Lloyd district: it is... Jimmy suggests that it should open itself to more community events. Keith said the Coliseum folks don't interact much with the Lloyd district folks. Jimmy said the Lloyd center is also being under-used. Keith said Urban Renaissance group is taking a 2 year look at what other uses the Lloyd center can have. Almost all plans keep the ice rink. Sean introduced him to Afro Village and Keith introduced Afro Village to Urban Renaissance.

Rose,Thorn, Bud (team building exercise)

Different Board members share positives and negatives and possibilities in their lives.

7:55 p.m. Meeting Adjourned (Sean)