Board Meeting
Monday, October 12, 2015
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Whole Foods Conference Room

MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7:03 p.m. on October 12, 2015 in 2nd floor Conf. Room of Whole Foods

Board Member Attendees

Clay Veka
Diane Benson
Rachel Lee
Cara J. Frey
Michelle Ganow-Jones
Dave Paumier
Erin Brasell
Jane Zwinger
Kyann Kalin
Adrienne Cohen
Bill Youngren
Susan Goracke
Gurpreet Takher

Guests

Ricki Alao -- looking at health issues and concerns for a public health class at Portland State University

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

Adrienne moved to approve September Minutes. Dave seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

No transactions

Communications Committee Update
Erin is getting bids for newsletter printing (still waiting)

**NECN**

Organization that supports about 12 of the neighborhood associations. They are considering revising their Bylaws to restructure the organization. Issues they are considering:

- Reducing the size of the Board. Rather than having 2 representatives from each neighborhood association, they would only have 1 representative
- Also considering changing the composition of the Board. Give at-large members more power and allow NECN to be strategic regarding what issues it wants to work on.
- Changing meetings from once a month to once every other month.
- Currently, if a neighborhood association has vacancies, NECN can unilaterally appoint a resident who lives in such neighborhood to be a Board member. Delete this.
- Keep Executive Committee

**FREMONT SPEED LIMIT**

Speed limit is 30. Alameda has been trying to request speed limit reduction to 25. Let’s get education out to Sabin residents regarding rules for cars and pedestrians. Rachel has not heard back from Boise & Elliott neighborhood associations.

**COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Farmers Market Fund 2015
- NECN small grants
- Sabin specific projects

Kyann moved to give $500 to Farmers Market Fund and $500 to the Sabin School (subcommittee of Clay, Kyann, Michelle and Dave to decide which Sabin group to receive money); Dave seconded the motion; motion passed.

**SCA $500**
Contributions $1,000
Surplus of $3,384

Bill recommended trying to clean up the Sabin triangle for a limited amount of money. Bill to re-up effort to get garbage cans in Sabin triangle. The market is currently for sale so it makes sense to wait to see if it sells and whether the new owners do something with the triangle.

Clay presented on NECN small grants program.

Lauren has volunteered to project manage a neighborhood program.

Dave suggested delivering water containers to everybody in Sabin as an outreach program and emergency preparedness;

Straw poll – Do people want to split funds where $2,000 going to NECN for small grant program and the rest goes to Sabin specific program or do we want to give all to a Sabin specific program?
Decision to not take a vote but instead flesh out needs over the next month and vote at next meeting.

Erin, Adrianne, Bill, Clay and Rachel to develop Sabin-specific project ideas.

**CHANGE OF FISCAL YEAR**

Bill moved to have fiscal year be from July to June; Dave seconded the motion; Motion passed

**SECOND GENERAL MEETING OF 2015**

Everybody is going to bring one international food item to the next meeting as a special celebration

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm

For Treasurer's Report, see November 2015 Minutes.