

Board Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2017

MINUTES

Board Member Attendees

Rachel Lee

Adrienne Cohen

Clay Veka

Claire Bollinger

Kyann Kalin

Erin Brasell (joined mid-way through the meeting, before the voting items)

Board member-elect

Sean Green

Guest

Dante Haruna

Meeting begins at 7:07 pm, without quorum

Agenda

Remove the Vacant Houses item from the agenda.

Add follow-up from May General Meeting at the end of the agenda.

May Minutes

Tabled for lack of quorum.

Treasurer's Report

We have now disbursed funds for the Sabin Tree small grant. The NET small grant has not requested funds yet.

The income from the clean-up does not appear on the June Treasurer's report, but will appear on the new one.

Healthy Kids & Education

Dante Haruna from the Coalition for Healthy Kids & Education, which is proposing an excise tax of 1.5 cents per ounce on the distribution of sugary beverages in Multnomah County, to fund preschool and early learning programs, along with school gardens, healthy eating school curriculum, playground improvements, and PE classes. The proposed tax is estimated to raise \$28.4 million per year. Some other jurisdictions have passed "soda taxes" as well. It appears to have reduced the consumption of soda in Berkeley, California. There is relatively little research, because the taxes in other cities have been so recent (mostly, 2016). The tax would be collected by the distributor (not the retailer). The tax would cover soda, sports drinks, sweetened tea, or coffee, but not milk, diet sodas, beverages for infants, medical formulas. The money would go into a dedicated fund, not the County General Fund. The County Commissioners will decide how to spend it, with recommendations from an advisory committee.

This is a ballot initiative for November 2017. The group has not yet begun collecting signatures to go on the ballot. The Coalition has been requesting endorsements and publicity in the neighborhood newsletter (in July or later).

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Dante will follow up after this meeting and send us the Berkeley research, text of the ballot measure, and some additional information.

NECN Representative

Lauren is stepping down as SCA's representative to the NECN Board. Sean is willing to take on that responsibility. Adrienne moves to appoint Sean as SCA's representative to the NECN Board and to cast SCA's vote at the NECN member member meeting; seconded by Kyann. Approved unanimously, the motion passes.

Intersection Painting

A neighbor is organizing an intersection painting and requesting that SCA be the permittee for the painting. It would require SCA to agree to undertake any potential liability as a result of the painting for the life of the painting. SCA's exposure is presumably capped by our assets. Rachel moves for SCA to sign the permit as permittee, conditioned on a written understanding with one or more of the neighbors that the neighbors will commit to fulfilling conditions #2 through #19; Adrienne seconds. Approved by five votes; Erin abstains. The motion passes.

SCA show of support for Good in the Hood & King School

NECN received a letter threatening Good in the Hood and saying that the KKK would make it a bloodbath. At King School, there were rumors of racist threats and graffiti and the end-of-school carnival was cancelled. People are fundraising to hold another carnival for the King students and put any excess funding into equity and diversity programming at King. There have been many hate incidents in Portland recently. Adrienne moves to donate \$350 to the King School GoFundMe campaign; Claire seconds. Approved unanimously, the motion passes.

To support Good in the Hood, people could attend, and we could publicize it. We would like Sean to investigate whether there is a way that we can participate and support it in the future. Erin will follow up to find out what the safety preparations are for this year's festival so that we can publicize it and encourage attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.