

Board Meeting
Monday, October 9, 2017
Location: Sabin School
MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7:04 pm, without quorum.

Board Member Attendees

Rachel Lee
Clay Veka
Sean Green
Claire Bollinger
Kyann Kalin
Adrienne Cohen
Don Rouzie

Guest

Lenny Dee, 350.org

Prior to reaching quorum, Sean provides a brief summary of the Residential Infill Project draft that has been released by the City. NECN and the Sabin Community Association's LUTC will be discussing the draft.

Approval of Minutes

With the correction of "he" to "we" on page three of the draft September minutes, Adrienne moves to approve, Claire seconds, approved unanimously with no abstentions. Motion passes.

Treasurer's report.

NECN has not yet forwarded the monthly update, so some of the figures are subject to change, but Adrienne reports that we received \$1,454 for the Sabin clean-up, and spent \$1194.80 (including the hauler fees and food for the volunteers). We expect to be reimbursed for some of the expenses. There were some additional transactions.

Sabin Small Grants

The Board had indicated interest in continuing the Sabin Small Grants program this year. Last year, we sought project ideas through the April SCAN, submitted by email and a box at the Albina Library. This year, we should follow up with the community seeking project managers to undertake some of the top ideas. And Adrienne will create a link to a GoogleDocs form to post on Facebook. Our goal will be the February SCAN.

Laurelhurst Proposed No-Camping Ordinance

Rachel summarizes the Laurelhurst proposal and the Sabin LUTC's concerns about it. Don also believes that the exclusion penalty of the proposed ordinance may be unconstitutional. There are doubts that the health hazards cannot be addressed by existing legal tools. Sean notes that the lack of enforcement by the prior mayor is shifting towards a more balanced approach. The Montevilla NA requested no enforcement in its neighborhood, demonstrating that there are neighborhood associations on both sides of this issue. Clay suggests that if this letter

does not represent the SCA's position and values, the SCA might consider writing its own letter. The Board would like NECN to discuss this, and if it chooses not to take action, SCA will revisit this at its November meeting.

Portland Just Energy Transition Initiative

A coalition has been working on a proposed tax, with the proceeds to be used to weatherize homes of low-income residents and communities of color, plus some additional green infrastructure. It will apply to retail stores with \$1 billion in sales and \$500K locally, which is about 120 businesses. The coalition chose retail stores because they cannot escape the tax by relocating elsewhere. Several neighborhood associations have already endorsed this, and they are seeking additional endorsements. The tax is expected to generate \$30 million a year, and with leveraging will allow perhaps 4000 houses a year to be weatherized, plus additional solarization and other green infrastructure projects. The City would create a commission to manage the funds. Clay is concerned about the similarity to the proposed state initiative, but Lenny Dee explains that there is coordination with the state proposal and there will not be overlap between the proposed taxes. Some of the funds will be directed to job training, with benchmarks for minority contracting. If landlords accept the funding to weatherize rental housing, there will be rent increase limits to prevent rents from spiking. The consensus is that the Board would like to digest this and may have additional questions. The Board may invite Lenny to return at the November meeting if we need more discussion with him before we vote on whether to endorse. The Board may decline to vote on an endorsement until the text of the measure is publicly released.

Sabin School Boundary Changes and Reconfiguration

PPS is again proposed to change Sabin Elementary School's boundary and convert from K-8 to a K-5 school. The Alameda NA is reaching out to build a coalition, but the Board does not intend to get involved in the issue this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.