

MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA)
MEETING MINUTES for November 13, 2018 - unapproved

MKNA's November 13, 2018 meeting was called to order by President Kim Herron. Attendees included: Kim Herron, Donna Herron, John Gibbon, Judy Dancer, Terry Coons, Jeff Monahan, Morgan Dant, Zahara Rachmani, Steve Zorbeto, Jeff Murray and Betsy Bennett.

Agenda Approval: John Gibbon motioned to amend the Meeting Agenda to put his reports at the beginning of the meeting (due to other commitments he had at 8:00 PM) and to approve the amended Meeting Agenda. Steve Zorbeto seconded. All voted in favor. Amended Meeting Agenda was approved.

Meeting Minutes Approval: Kim Herron paused the meeting to determine if a quorum was present to pass motions. After a short discussion, it was determined the meeting was short one person for a quorum. Therefore, Kim suggested the vote to approve the Meeting Agenda and Minutes be delayed until the quorum could be reached. A discussion ensued and it was determined though a quorum was not present, the meeting agenda and meeting minutes could be reviewed and voted on. If someone in the future challenged the agenda and minutes, then this may need to be redone, but absent of that, the meeting can and should move forward. John Gibbon commented he had been to all three meetings in which the minutes needed approved and thought them reflective of the meetings and motioned to approve the June 4th, September 11th and October 9th minutes. Jeff Murray seconded. All those in attendance voted in favor. The motion passed.

Treasury Report: Zahra gave a brief overview of the current balances. A current Treasury report is available for viewing on the MNKA website. Handouts were available at the sign-in table at the meeting. The Fred Meyer Rewards program and Bottle Drop were briefly discussed.

Committee Reports:

Transportation Committee, John Gibbon, Chair: John reported on the SW Corridor plan. It appears The City of Tigard voted to adopt the alignment as proposed. This was mentioned by someone in attendance as John was not aware of this. The vote was scheduled to happen at the same time as this meeting. If this is the case then Metro would then only need to vote to make the SW Corridor plan final. Although the final route of Light Rail is still not finalized, Tigard's vote will allow SW Light Rail to move forward. This impacts MKNA in several areas. John detailed the likely impacts.

Urban Trails has now become Portland Trails headed by Gabriel Alexis. The Southwest in Motion (SWIM) organization will continue working with them to obtain permits to build trails for community connectivity in SW Portland.

Schools Committee, Jeff Murray, Chair: Jeff had no report from the Schools Committee.

Public Safety: Chair Position is currently vacant. If anyone is interested in serving as a Chair, please contact either President Kim Herron or Vice President Eric Levake.

Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET), Donna Herron, NET Co-Team Lead: NET is proposing a restructuring from neighborhood boundaries to smaller boundaries within each of the Portland Fire Bureau's Fire Service Areas (FSA's). Other changes include restructuring teams using up to 50 specialist designations and including skilled individuals who have not completed Portland Bureau of Emergency Management's NET basic core training. These non-NET certified individuals would be designated

Affiliated Volunteers or something similar. One of the goals of restructuring NET is to create more interest and involvement in the community.

Donna also briefed attendees on the Ham radio simplex propagation exercises she, Kim and Eric have been conducting for 1 1/2 hours every other month basis in Right of Way (ROW) locations within Markham Neighborhood. The goal has been to identify locations where emergency radio communications can be sent and received to the Emergency Communication Center in the event the power is out. (Without power, repeater towers used to relay communications across town to the Emergency Communications Center are inoperable.) To date, all ROW's have been tested while leaves are on trees. The test will need to be repeated when leaves are not on trees to further identify locations that may work if an emergency occurs during that time.

Parks & Community Centers: Kitta Taylor, Chair: Kitta was absent and no report was given.

Equity & Inclusion Committee: Zeta Burton, Chair: Zeta Burton was absent. No report was given.

Land Use Committee, Jeff Monaghan, Chair: John Gibbon, being the former Land Use Chair, briefed attendees on the city's plan for connecting the through streets for the development of 17 lots on the South side of Maricara Park. Traffic will flow both North onto 25th Avenue and funneling onto routes to Lancaster Street and/or SW Huber Street. Arnold Creek was opposed to having any traffic moving South through their neighborhood and onto SW Arnold Steet. John stated the City of Portland was fairly adamant about improving connectivity in both directions. Jeff Monaghan reports construction to begin at 1207 SW Dolph Street. It is a 2 story addition, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bathrooms to the existing structure. Jeff addressed a couple of questions about La Mota, the planned dispensary at SW Taylors Ferry Road and SW Spring Garden. Essentially, there is has been no activity to report.

Representative Reports:

Watershed: John Gibbon, Watershed Representative. The committee is still defining itself. One part of the group wants to address their individual porperties and the other is more interested in stream corridors and runoff waters filtering to the streams.

New Business/Unfinished Business: Several new attendees to the November meeting reported what they call a "drug house" at 1375 SW 13th Ave. They shared complaints of City of Portland Building Code violations, abandoned cars, trash and frequent visits at all hours of the night and at least one pipe bomb explosion. Donna provided contact information, including names and numbers of the Crime Prevention Coordinator as well as the Neighborhood Watch contacts.

Meeting Adjournment: Jeff Murray motioned to adjourn the meeting. Terry Coons seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Herron, Secretary & Past-President