

MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA)

MEETING MINUTES FOR February 9TH, 2016

The MKNA meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Donna Herron, President. Fourteen people attended the meeting. Donna Herron, Kim Herron, Jeff Monahan, Phil Ford, Mirza Luqman, Michael Murphy, Kathleen Elliott, Ron Magnus, Karen Koetz, John Baker, Sandy Streit, John Gibbon, Amanda Garcia-Snell, Eric Levake, Zahra Rahmani.

Before the meeting began, Donna announced the meeting was being broadcast live via Google Hangouts and You Tube. The first slide of meeting PowerPoint presentation also noted the meeting was being recorded live. On-line attendees can watch and listen but speak using their microphones. They must use the chat function, text or email Donna or post on Nextdoor to have their comments read to the meeting and vote.

MKNA was without a secretary to take minutes for the meeting. Kim Herron, Vice President, took the responsibility of greeting neighbors as they entered the Library, ensured everyone signed in and those whose name were shaded green on the sign-in sheet knew they were part of the minimum 7-person quorum to vote on a motion.

Agenda approval. John Baker moved. Jeff Monahan seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report. Jeffrey Franklin had an excused absence because he was in process of moving out of the neighborhood. Once moved, he can no longer serve as MKNA's treasurer. The position will be vacant until a replacement can be found. Donna reported the treasury currently has \$403.91 and there were no transactions during the prior month. She stated the current funds include an amount pending payment to West Portland Park Neighborhood (WPPNA) which will be discussed during the course of the meeting.

A reminder was given for members to sign up for Fred Meyer Rewards and link their accounts to MKNA's charitable account. Also members were encouraged to sign up with Bottle Drop Centers and link their account to MKNA's charitable account to help MKNA raise money for their community events and activities. Alternatively, members may contact Donna for pickup of returnable bottles and cans. More information is at www.MarkhamNeighborhood.com.

After the January 12, 2016 meeting, in which a motion and vote to give WPPNA part of the funds raised from the 2015 Neighborhood Night Out (NNO)-Movies in The Park event, it was discovered {redacted names - per vote at 4-12-16 meeting} had not signed in. According to MKNA bylaws, each member in attendance must have signed in and only those members who signed in and have attended at least 2 of the last 6 meetings can be included as part of a quorum and have their vote counted. Since those two people did not sign in, a quorum was not met and the vote to pay WPPNA was not valid. Therefore, a new motion and vote needed to occur at today's meeting in order to authorize payment to WPPNA. Kathleen challenged the need to sign in stating that we know her and that she lives in Markham Neighborhood. Donna said the Bylaws state a person must be signed in as explained above. Kathleen argued people attending the meeting electronically do not sign in so she didn't understand why she is required to sign in. Donna explained the people attending electronically cannot physically sign in so they are verified and vote in a different way. Donna offered a printed copy of the Bylaws to Kathleen she declined them.

John Gibbon asked that we move forward by restating the motion and vote to pay WPPNA. Donna said there was a new development since the vote to give WPPNA money occurred. It was discovered that after our vote, Mike McNamara, President of WPPNA contacted Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association (ACNA) and SWNI to inform them that MKNA would be sending money to WPPNA and ACNA. However, at the time WPPNA presented their request to give them money from MKNA's treasury, the only mention of ACNA by WPPNA was to state that ACNA and WPPNA had agreed to leave the funds we raised in our treasury but WPPNA requested we change that agreement and allow funds to be released to them. In an attempt to clarify and resolve any statements made to ACNA by WPPNA, Donna contacted ACNA to inform them there was never a motion to pay ACNA and that WPPNA misrepresented the motion and vote at MKNA's meeting. Donna contacted ACNA NNO-Movie event committee chair, Maripat Hensel, regarding WPPNA's misrepresentation and asked if ACNA was also seeking to change the agreement to leave funds with MKNA and wanted funds sent to them as well. If so, MKNA will need to vote to approve the change and send them funds. Ms. Hensel stated she agreed to leave the money with MKNA but she did not first check with ACNA beforehand and they would welcome funds from MKNA if MKNA was willing to send them.

John Gibbon motioned that MKNA disburse one-third of the net proceeds from 2015 NNO-Movies event to WPPNA and one-third of the net proceeds to ACNA. Kathleen Elliott seconded the motion. A quorum was verified by Kim Herron. Nine people voted in favor. Zero persons voted no. Five people abstained. Motion passed.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for November 10th and December 8th, 2015 and January 12th, 2016. Kathleen Elliott asked to confirm that MKNA did not do any business during the November meeting. John Gibbon moved to approve the minutes as presented. John Baker seconded. All in favor except Amanda Garcia-Snell who abstained. Motion passed.

Donna stated the Portland Police Department's WomenStrength program will be giving a self-defense class at Jackson Middle School on Thursdays, June 2nd, 9th and 16th. Registration for the class will open on May 3rd on a first come-first served basis. Registration can be done by phone or online. Donna encouraged people to sign up for the wait list if the class is full because people do cancel. She also asked for volunteers to join the WomenStrength team as an instructor.

Guest Speaker Portland State University Professor Michael Murphy is a biologist and ornithologist briefly introduced himself and spoke a little about the presentation with visual aids he will be giving at our next monthly meeting on March 8th. Specifically, he has studied our Parks, the Towhee bird population and how well they interact with people and survive in our city parks. Two graduate students will accompany him.

Motion to accept the interim appointments by Donna Herron to the following MKNA Board positions: Michael Murphy as Parks & Community Centers Chair and Phil Ford as Public Safety Chair. All in favor. Motion passed.

Donna briefly talked about the upcoming 2016 Neighborhood Night Out and MKNA's application to co-host a Portland Parks & Recreation Movies In The Park event with SWNI's Public Safety Committee.

Committee Reports:

Schools Committee: Amanda Garcia-Snell, Chair. Amanda reported the Tech Connect event was a success and they hope to do another one soon. She also reported on the upcoming Schools boundary changes.

Transportation Committee: Jeff Monahan, Chair. Jeff reported the Transportation committee meeting had a presentation from Metro, TriMet and PBOT regarding the SW Corridor and were given newly released technical documents on the SW Corridor Plan which can be found on their website. The steering committee expects to make a decision on the mode to continue with bus mass transit or light rail in the end of February. If they continue with the light rail, then they would need to continue studying the PCC tunnel option. In March, there will be a public review of the draft package. In April there will be another steering committee meeting for staff recommendations. By 2035 they expect bus rapid traffic transit to be at 100% at a 3-minute frequency which means that at rush hour, they can't put more busses on. With light rail by 2035, they expect 43% capacity with about 3,000 riders per hour and they can continue to increase capacity as needed. John Gibbon commented that the best way to serve PCC is with the tunnel but it would cost \$3 million. Jeff said the cost to ride the light rail will be less than the bus rapid transit. Operating and maintenance cost for bus rapid transit for the PCC option will cost about a billion dollars to start it and will cost each rider about \$2.24 per rider versus the cost of light rail transit would cost about \$2.1 billion and will cost about \$1.48 per rider. John Gibbon said he suggested that they have not considered what would happen if these trains are traveling on elevations to get from downtown through the South West hills when there is snow and ice on the rails.

Land Use Committee: John Gibbon, Chair. There are no new Land Use applications for Southwest. There is a major alteration permit for what we all know as the tiger house on Huber. (Years ago the house had a tiger in the back yard so they had to move.) Since then, the house has been rented and the owners live in West Portland Park. A few years ago, they got an approval for 3 skinny houses on it but that has expired so now they are applying for an alteration of the main house to add a little square footage and add a very large garage that is bigger than the house with an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) above it. The ADU will be a garage with about 850 square feet of living space above it.

The Comprehensive Plan has run through its first set of hearings and work sessions by council members and staff submitting amendments based on the comments they have received. The only amendment he has seen that effects anything adjoining our neighborhood is on 10046 SW 25th Avenue near 25th & Huber which is in the Marshal Park Neighborhood. It is property that has been redeveloped for some flag lots with the adjoining property to be scheduled for down zoning to 20,000 square feet like what has been talked about with regard to the Lancaster curve off Taylors Ferry Road where they changed it from 10,000 to 20,000 square feet because it is a landslide area. However, the land owners objected to that change because the area has already been developed at 10,000 square feet so they are

proposing to change that back to R10 instead of R20. Through March the council will have work sessions to go over the amendments then staff will hold an open house at Fire Station #18 to discuss what they came up with out of the work session on March 30th. Sometime in April they will have at least one and maybe more hearings before council to talk about the ultimate amendments. They hope to have the Comprehensive Plan adopted sometime in May.

John announced that at the end of this Comprehensive Plan process he will be done as Chair of the Land Use committee. After 10 ½ years in that position, he is ready to step down.

Parks and Community Centers: Michael Murphy, Chair. John Gibbon reported on a Parks issue that involved a lawsuit against the Water Bureau by rate payers that the Water Bureau is misusing rate payer funds to maintain the grounds including the picnic table(s), dog refuse and garbage cans at City of Portland HydroParks. The Water Bureau has been paying the Parks Bureau to maintain the property. Marigold Park on SW 17th Avenue between Taylors Ferry Road and Spring Garden Road is a City of Portland HydroPark. A judge recently ruled within the last couple months that wrongful spending of money by the Water Bureau to maintain the HydroParks did occur. In the very near future, we need to focus on finding money from the City to be able to keep Marigold HydroPark a multi-use park for the benefit of the neighborhood if the Water Bureau is no longer able to pay to maintain the Marigold HydroPark in our neighborhood. It is budgeted to be paid for through the end of this year.

Donna announced that Nancy Murry has informed MKNA that her job responsibilities have made it difficult for her to continue as the Parks and Community Center Chairperson and asked that a replacement be found for her.

Kathleen Elliott stated the City just passed that wonderful thing about the homeless people being allowed to stay in our City of Portland parks and Markham Neighborhood has some of these parks so we are going to have new neighbors. For instance, she mentioned Maricara Park has a lot of hiding places so it should be something we should put on our radar as the homeless move farther and farther out, especially now that we have the Sears Shelter because they may not take the bus back down town. Sandi Streit said there is no evidence of anyone camping in Maricara Park. Kathleen supposes neighborhoods are writing letters to the Mayor. Donna pointed out on the bottom of the meeting Agenda there is a meeting listed at the MAC Auditorium on February 16th with Mayor Hales presenting information about the city homeless situation, Sears Shelter and homeless camps throughout the city. Kathleen stated that is about something else. John Gibbon added that the Mayor will talk about and entertain questions about the Sears homeless shelter and homeless camps in the city during that meeting. Kathleen stated the parks were included as places where the homeless can stay. John said he was not sure Parks were included. Kathleen stated they can have a tent, not a tarp. John said homeless camping will be legal on certain city properties and they needed to be associated with a 501(c)3 but the bigger issue is they will be allowed to sleep on sidewalks. Kathleen said thankfully we don't have sidewalks in our neighborhood. Zahara Rahmani said she thinks there may be homeless people sleeping behind the dance hall by the Marigold HydroPark.

Public Safety: Phil Ford (NET certified team member). Phil reported Jenni Pullen, Portland Police Department Crime Prevention Coordinator, attended the last SWNI Public Safety Committee meeting where she presented information about identity theft and how to protect yourself. This information is available at www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/cp. Criminals get identification by stealing your records from a variety of places including people you do business with, employees, mail, bank statements, credit cards and credit card offers. All forms of mail containing personal information need to be burned or shredded. Skimming or phishing is when a device is placed on top of a swipe style machine to capture and steal your credit card information. Jenni states before she swipes her card, she tries to pull the swipe part of the machine off to test if it is a legitimate device. You should have passwords on all of your credit, phone and bank accounts. Avoid giving anyone personal information such as your mother's maiden name and the last four digits of your social security number. If someone asks for your security information, you don't necessarily have to give it to them. Ask why they need that information and if there is else they can use to verify who you are. Don't put outgoing mail in your mailbox and raise the flag. Perhaps get a locking mailbox. Don't carry your social security card or number. Your Medicare number is your Social Security number with an "A" attached to it. Ron Magnus said Medicare will change it later this year. When you order new checks, don't have them mailed to your home, pick them up at the bank. Have good software protection against viruses on your computer and be careful of what you open in the way of emails. Use a firewall on your computer and don't conduct financial transactions on a computer unless you are on a secure server. One way to tell is by looking at the address bar of your browser to see if the address starts with "http://" not secure or "https://" which is secure. If you discover your information is stolen, immediately contact one of the three credit bureaus, close

the account(s) you believe have been tampered with and file a report with the Police Department and Federal Trade Commission. There is a document entitled "Take charge, Fighting Back Against Identity Theft" from the Federal Trade Commission you can download and use.

Online safety habits: Keep security software current. Maintain and setup software to automatically stay updated. Protect all devices that are connected through the internet; computers, phones, gaming systems. Plug and play USB devices can also be infected so make sure they are scanned before using them. Use complex passwords that don't contain obvious words that someone can figure out.

There will be an Emergency Preparedness Fair On June 25th at the MAC on 30th and Capitol Highway.

Donna asked that people sign the "I Share the Road" forms because every 5 forms MKNA turns in gives us one sign to put on our streets to slow traffic down during the safety vigils.

Unfinished Business: Although Donna appointed Phil Ford to the Public Safety Chair and Michael Murphy to the Parks and Community Centers Chair; a vote to officially put them into those MKNA Board positions is required by the Bylaws.

Ron Magnus moved to accept the interim appointment of Phil Ford to the Public Safety Chair by Donna Herron. Kim Herron seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Kim Herron moved to accept the interim appointment of Michael Murphy to the Parks and Recreation Chair by Donna Herron. Jeff Monahan seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Amanda Garcia-Snell, MKNA's Bylaw Chairperson, presented proposed amendments to the Bylaws with regard to Article 6, Section 1, subsection Title and Eligibility of the office positions on the MKNA Board. At present, the Bylaws only list the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary as being on the Board yet the Bylaws describe the Board as a 3-11-person board. The proposal is to put in a description of the standing committee chair positions to clarify what they are supposed to be doing, at a minimum, in those positions. The proposal is to add the Past President, an at-large neighborhood coalition delegate and the five MKNA Committee Chair positions and to include a description of the positions and responsibilities at a minimum.

Kathleen Elliott asked who and what a Neighborhood Coalition Delegate is. Amanda explained the position was listed but we have not filled it yet. She explained it was put there to try to balance the neighborhood out if there are more people in positions that live in close proximity to one another. She cited past history of divisiveness before the current board came to office. It is intended to be filled by an area of the neighborhood that is underrepresented. Kathleen asked what "community at large" meant. Phil Ford asked why we are creating two new positions. Donna explained that we are not creating new positions for our board; we are only seeking to define those already described in the Bylaws adopted last June 2015. Amanda stated our Bylaws describe our Board as consisting of 3-11 Board members as recommended by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) which is part of the City of Portland that oversees Neighborhood Associations. Phil Ford moved to accept the changes to the Bylaws as written. Jeff Monahan seconded. There was a short pause for Kim to verify a quorum was still present since some members left during the meeting. After Kim verified a quorum was still present, the vote was called. All present voted in favor of the motion except Kathleen Elliott and Ron Magnus. There were no abstentions. Motion passed.

Since the meeting was over time at this point; Donna briefly described plans for the upcoming NNO and Movies In The Park for the Summer of 2016. She explained that this year, we have partnered with the SWNI Public Safety Committee for this event to hold a bike and child seat safety plus a missing and exploited children event where children can learn bike safety, obtain helmets if they do not have them, parents can ensure their child is safely belted into their child seat while in the car and parents can get photographs and fingerprints of their children to keep and give to the police if their children ever turn up missing or need identified. Phil Ford moved to table this topic until the next meeting. John Baker seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Donna directed everyone to take a look at the list of upcoming events at the bottom of their agenda.

Motion to adjourn by Kim Herron. Jeff Monahan seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Herron, President