

**MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA) - unapproved  
MEETING MINUTES for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

(2:00) The April MKNA meeting was called to order by President Donna Herron. Attendees included Donna Herron, Kim Herron, Zetta Burton, Jenna George, John Gibbon, Eric Levake, Jeff Monaghan, Karen Papania, Michael Rueter, Linda Zimmerman, Karl Helser, Deb Hill and Peter Barich. Five more attended online but the names were not available for viewing.

(4:49) John Gibbon moved to approve the agenda. Kim Herron seconded. All attendees voted in favor. Motion passed.

(5:14) April minutes were not completed as Secretary Pro-Tem Kim Herron just had knee surgery and not up to the task.

**Treasury Report: Zahra Rahmani, Treasurer (excused):** (5:47) Donna reported. There is \$1,210.09 in the account. Fred Meyer Rewards for the first quarter totaled \$40.92 which is down from the previous \$75.00 level. All are encouraged to renew their participation in the program as it does not run in perpetuity.

**Committee Reports:**

**Transportation Committee, Jeff Monaghan, Chair:** (8:10) Jeff has no new items to report from this committee.

**Schools Committee, Amanda Garcia Snell, Chair (excused):** (8:22) Schools didn't meet last month to Donna's knowledge.

**Public Safety: Phil Ford, Chair, Kim Herron reporting:** (9:01) Kim deferred his report to Donna this month as she is chairing the SWNI Public Safety Committee (PSC). Handouts from the Home Health Hazards presentation were passed around and were part of a larger presentation from the PSC meeting last month. (9:59) The police reported there was a shooting near Capitol Highway and Multnomah County library. The suspect was apprehended but not after shots were fired. (11:22) Police also reported car burglaries and thefts are on the rise as the weather warms up.

(13:49) MKNA's NET team meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. There is an Advanced Search and Rescue Training scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> at the old Church, located on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Taylors Ferry Road. Habitat for Humanity bought the property and Donna was successful in coordinating an exercise in conjunction with Portland Fire Bureau Station #18.

**Watershed Committee, John Gibbon, Representative:** (16:13) The committee is working on mapping reports of problems that have occurred in Southwest due to the really wet winter. Most reports are from the Multnomah Neighborhood and the Spring Garden Court area. John explained much of the problem lies with topography and soil differences. Southwest has much more silt making the ground impermeable and East Portland has more gravelly substrate allowing water to filter down more efficiently.

**Land Use Committee, John Gibbon, Chair:** (18:46) The committee received notice of adoption of the comprehensive (comp) plan which is the step the city had to take before the appeal can be filed with Soil Conservation Development Commission related to their adoption of the comp plan, particularly Multnomah' Neighborhood's appeal of the decision related to the residential infill project.

(20:51) The Pine Hill development project, which involves moving an existing house and turning the tract to an open space behind this existing house. 4 lots are proposed. The Southwest Corridor Project had another meeting of its Environmental Citizens Advisory Committee. The steering committee's central topic regards the

route light rail will take from Portland State to Tigard and ending at Bridgeport Village. He discussed “branch” vs. “through” rail routes. There is much yet to be determined on the final route which will be either down or beside Barbur Blvd. John also spent time explaining a current bill in the legislature put forth by 1000 friends of Oregon and the Homebuilders Association which would allow rezoning allowing for duplexes and triplexes all over Oregon and not just within a specified ¼ mile corridor around the light rail tracks.

**Parks and Community Centers** (vacant): (35:25) SWNI Parks chair failed to send any information to MKNA on what the committee is doing, planning or what their action plan is. Therefore, there is no report to offer attendees, again.

**Communications Committee: Kim Herron, Representative:** (35:30) Kim did not attend this meeting and MKNA did not receive a report from the SWNI Communications Chair.

**Unfinished Business:** (36:28) Movies in the Park event is July 9<sup>th</sup> at Jackson Middle School (JMS). The movie is Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them. It is a Harry Potter prequel. As the surrounding area of JMS has a dense Somali population, a Somalian Band has been requested and Donna is waiting to hear regarding confirmation. Volunteers are welcome to participate and join the fun.

(37:34) Habitat for Humanity communicated that they do not plan to demolish the church for at least 2 years and they have repurposed as much of the materials they could from the inside of the old Church.

(39:59) Safe Routes to Schools proposal along the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Right of Way (ROW) which crosses an environmental zone were discussed. John Gibbon commented on the obstacles to developing this route. He remarked his daughter, when attending JMS, would gather friends and walk up SW Huber street 3 or 4 kids wide, slowing traffic on Huber. That was her way of making the route to school a safer route. The discussion between John and Donna and the route being considered morphed into the question from John “how many kids will use that route?” Donna replied it “just takes one to be hit and die.” (47:07) The discussion ended at this point.

(49:34) Donna provided an update on the joint PBOT\BES Rain Garden project at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Taylors Ferry Road with reports of trimming. Jeff Monaghan commented utilities had been out marking and “locating” underground infrastructure.

**New Business:** (51:59) Peter Barich, representing the Homeowner, updated the attendees of an Alternative Dwelling Unit, (ADU) that is proposed by a couple, (names inaudible) as their kids were “gonna come back and live with them”. Site plans were made available for all who are interested.

(55:15) National Night Out (NNO) will be at the Marigold Hydro park on SW 17<sup>th</sup> between Spring Garden and Taylors Ferry Road. A discussion ensued regarding the date. Kim Herron motioned to hold the NNO on Sunday, August 6th. Eric Levake seconded. All attendees voted in favor. Motion passed.

(1:07:15) Kim Herron motioned to adjourn. Eric Levake seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Herron, Vice President and Secretary Pro-Tem