

MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA)
MEETING MINUTES for November 14th, 2017 - unapproved

The November 14th MKNA meeting was called to order by President Donna Herron (24:25). Attendees included: Kim & Donna Herron, Amanda Garcia-Snell, John Gibbon, Nohra Hajj, Eric Levake, Jeff Monaghan, Zahra Rahmani, Mike Rueter, Sylvia Bogart, Maryann Santana, Sara Meerdter, Judy Dancer, Terry Coons, Alexis Gabriel, Carol Porto, Kathy Elliott, Randy Rice, Paul Leistner, Jeff Murray & Karen Keotz. Online attendees: Tom & Pat Spangler, Jan Urbach, Jim & Katie Allen, Miriam Hajj, Nina & Stewart Gilgore (4:56)

Agenda Approval: Judy Dancer motioned to approve the agenda. Eric Levake seconded. All voted in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed. (9:15)

Meeting Minutes Approval: Jeff Monaghan motioned to approve the October 10th, 2017 meeting minutes as written. Judy Dancer seconded. All voted in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed. (11:25)

Presidents Report & Chair appointments for Schools Committee and Equity & Inclusion Committee:

President Herron announced Kristi Hansen has been replaced as Schools Committee Chair by her husband, Jeff Murray as interim Chair. President Herron also announced an interim appointment of Patricia Spangler for Equity and Inclusion Chair. John Gibbon motioned to accept the nominations of Jeff Murray and Patricia Spangler. Jeff Monaghan seconded this motion. A quorum was verified by Secretary Kim Herron. All eligible attendees voted in favor with no abstentions. Motion passed. (12:30)

Treasury Report: Zahra was not present therefore President Herron gave the report, stating there are no changes in the MKNA treasury report from the prior month. (14:35)

Unfinished Business: The Wi-Fi connection was intermittent therefore a timeline is not available (15:27).

Safe Route to Jackson Middle School, Alexis Gabriel, Urban Trails Coordinator was a guest speaker and gave MKNA an outline of the process to develop the trail. Both the advantages and challenges of the trial process were discussed. A long question and answer session ensued.

Sylvia Bogart, SWNI Executive Director addressed member questions brought up last month regarding why MKNA should continue its participation in the SWNI Coalition. Sylvia outlined advantages and services SWNI offers participating Coalition neighborhoods. Secretary Herron questioned the difficulties MKNA experienced as a result of SWNI interference and attempted authority over MKNA. A discussion ensued.

Paul Leistner from the Office of Neighborhood Involvement spoke to the MKNA attendees regarding the requirements of Neighborhood Associations (NA) to remain in "good standing." He addressed the services ONI offers to independent NAs and those part of a Coalition. He identified several NA's who are not members of Coalitions. MNKA is not required to participate in the SWNI coalition, but must notify ONI if they withdraw and ONI would work directly with the NA. Another discussion ensued.

Committee Reports: Due to the length of this meeting and the considerable discussion of the Urban Trail Permit by Alexis Gabriel, benefits SWNI offers to NAs by Executive Director Bogart and the ONI services offered to NAs by Paul Leistner, there was not enough time for committee reports for this month.

Meeting Adjournment: Jeff Monaghan motioned to adjourn. Mike Reuter seconded. All present voted in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Herron, Secretary