

MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA) - unapproved
MEETING MINUTES FOR October 11th, 2016

The MKNA meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Donna Herron, President. All in attendance briefly introduced themselves. 24 people attended this meeting: Donna Herron, Kim Herron, Eric Levake, John Baker, Amanda Garcia-Snell, John Gibbon, Jeff Monaghan, John Baker, Zetta Burton, Martha Couch, Jenna George, Renay Jacob, Jeff Murray, Nancy Murray, Joan Peres, Mary Wawrukiewicz, Dale Swartz, Pat Swartz, Allan Walling, Marta Walling, Ken Biermar, Mike Rueter, Nabil Zerizef, and Kaspar Murer

Donna announced the meeting was being recorded and also intended to be broadcast live via YouTube, but Jackson Middle School's Wi-Fi has been inconsistent in past months but the recording would be audible. On-line attendees were welcome to watch and listen but asked to mute their microphones and use the chat function, text or email for questions, comments and votes.

Introductions were made and Donna submitted the agenda for approval. John Baker motioned to approve the agenda. John Gibbon seconded. Agenda was approved without modifications. Donna asked Secretary Pro-Tem, Kim Herron if we have a quorum and Kim replied MNKA has a quorum. Donna asked for the minutes and Kim said they were in rough draft form, but not yet finished. Therefore there were no minutes available for this meeting. No one objected and were understanding. Donna offered to attendees if anyone would like to be secretary to please let her know.

(13:40) The Treasurer's report was presented by Donna the absence of MKNA's Treasurer, Zahra Rahmani. Donna reviewed the Fred Meyer Rewards program, and the Bottle Drop program which provide recurring revenue for MKNA's activities and reimbursements for expenses incurred. Donna spent a few minutes reviewing both programs for new attendees and passed out blue Bottle Drop bags for neighbors to use. (18:20) Donna then reviewed the accounting and finances from the Movie in the Park and Jan Weston Bike Safety fair from July 14th. The event had about \$480.00 left over after expenses. The Public Safety Committee, which is chaired by Donna, shares in 25% of the profits from that event, up to a maximum of \$250.00. Donna asked MKNA to authorize giving \$250.00 to Public Safety and MKNA keep \$230.00. Public Safety is hosting the Community Policing Reception, to be held October 27th at the Multnomah Arts Center. The funds would be used to purchase plaques for the officers and some food items needed for the event.

(21:40) John Baker motioned to authorize this expense from MKNA's Treasury. Kasper Murer seconded. Discussion ensued and (23:40) the motion passed with John Gibbon abstaining.

Committee Reports:

Transportation Committee, Jeff Monahan, Chair: (@24:15) Jeff said much of the conversation was about the SW Corridor Plan. Projects that may affect MKNA, include the 26th Ave and Taylors Ferry Road discussion including widening, sidewalks, Also, the Spring Garden at SW 19th Avenue and the Rain Garden should begin in the spring of 2017. (Much of Jeff's report was inaudible)

Parks and Community Centers: Michael Murphy, Chair: (28:34) Michael Murphy was not present and therefore no report from Parks was given.

Land Use Committee, John Gibbon, Chair: (29:00) John reviewed the property development along and within the Maracara Park area. The ingress and egress of the traffic expected is under discussion. Both MKNA and Arnold Creek may be affected. Traffic concerns along SW 25th Ave. and Lancaster Road are of concern as well as 25th and SW Huber with increased traffic flows. John will continue to monitor and visit with the Arnold Creek land use Chair and report back in November.

Comprehensive Plan zoning map, the only affect area John reports is at Spring Garden and Taylors Ferry. Zoning will be “down zoned” and the city envisions a small scale mixed use development for this area. John handed out the “middle housing” designation for Markham. About 50% of the Methodist Church property is effected by this middle housing designation.

John also spent time discussing the infill development and reducing the size of the houses in Portland. The best description from John is common wall houses (duplexes and triplexes). The infill and rezoning would allow single family houses to become common wall houses. This allows Triplexes on corners and more common wall (duplexes) the map showed where these could be.

(49:30) The Pine Hill project is proceeding ahead with the development with of 4 lots. This is off Taylors Ferry and 29th Street, which is a private street. John also reported on the Storm Water Summit on September 28th . He discussed the trials with wider shoulders on one side and deeper ditches on the other. Examples cited were on Stevenson.

Public Safety: Kim Herron, Representative: (1:00:55) Stan Housemen from Beaverton CERT gave a presentation titled “Gas & Go”. A review and demonstration of how to shut off your gas meter as well as what to have in a “go” bag was presented. Kim also polled MKNA attendees about who knew how to shut off their gas and water meter. He quickly reviewed the merits of each skill and why it is important. Other basic emergency preparedness skills were discussed.

Communications Committee: Kim Herron Representative: (1:08:30) Software platforms available for neighborhoods were discussed. Training classes and outreach to let NI’s know what is available also discussed. SWNI has made available hearing amplification equipment for the public meetings, after considerable resistance from not only the SWNI Board but several members of the Executive Committee.

Schools Committee, Amanda Garcia-Snell, Chair: (1:11:15) Action plan finalized for Committee. MKNA Bi Law updates, revisions and corrections being worked on. Bi -Law changes to MKNA are under final draft. (Unfortunately, much of Amanda’s report was not auditable).

New Business: (1:21:50) Motion by John Baker to have MKNA write a letter and request the United Methodist Church keep the grounds picked up looking less weedy. Zetta Burton seconded. Motion passed by majority with John Gibbon, Renay Jacob, Mary Wawrukiewicz, Ken Biermar Martha Couch abstaining.

(1:22:00) Maracara Park and fairy doors was discussed. Fairy Doors were put up by parents for the entertainment of children. The doors are small and non-harmful to trees or other vegetation. A fraudulent letter on Portland Parks & Recreation letterhead was threatening to a mother who was interviewed by a TV news station. She contacted Donna to what or if the neighborhood could do anything. (1:29:00) John Baker made a motion to ask the SWNI Parks committee, to write a letter to Parks designating Maracara Park as fairy friendly. Jenna George seconded. Motion passed by a majority of eligible voting attendees. Martha Couch and Renay Jacob abstained.

(1:30:08) Discussion about the “S” curves at 26th Avenue and Ridge Drive and Stanley Court and what can be done about the vehicles parked which impede traffic and, though parked legally, can a plan of action might be suggested to Portland Bureau of Transportation. This discussion ended without a motion or plan of action.

1:55:10 Jeff Murray motioned to adjourn. Jenna George seconded. Meeting adjourned.