

**MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA) - unapproved
MEETING MINUTES for January 11, 2016**

(9:26) The January MKNA meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Donna Herron. This meeting was done entirely online, as Jackson Middle School, our regularly meeting location, announced the school is closed due to a snow event. Fortunately, MKNA, with Donna spearheading the effort to have meetings available online this meeting did not need to be rescheduled. Signs on our front door ADA accessible home indicated the meeting was open to the public and all were welcome to attend. Nineteen people attended the live meeting, 11 anonymously. All in attendance were welcomed and the chat line was open for the duration of the meeting. Attendees included: Donna Herron, Kim Herron, Jenna George, Eric Lavake, Michael Reuter, Megan Hammond, Amanda Garcia Snell, Jeff Monaghan and John Gibbon. A quorum was established and verified.

(11:22) Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes (11:39) were available for viewing on the MKNA website. Donna reviewed the Agenda verbally, highlighting the topics to be covered. While these were being reviewed Donna moved to the Treasury Report.

Treasury Report: (12:20) Zahra Rahmani was not attending online so Donna summarized the MKNA financial report. Donna reported MKNA has \$1002.83 in our community projects account available for projects and events.

(14:01) Kim Herron motioned to approve the agenda as written. Jenna George seconded. With nobody chatting in the negative, the agenda was approved.

(16:41) Megan Hammond motioned to approve the minutes as written. Jenna George seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Community Centers: Michael Murphy, Chair: (17:46) Michael Murphy resigned at the MKNA Parks Chair. The issues surrounding Maracara Parks and Fairy doors are still under discussion. Michael Reuter said he has not heard back from PP&R yet.

Transportation Committee, Jeff Monahan, Chair: (28:48) Jeff said the SWNI Transportation meeting was cancelled. No update about 19th and Taylors Ferry water garden.

Schools Committee, Amanda Garcia Snell, Chair: (21:58) (27:52) Amanda reported Schools meets next week and topics include Safe Routes to Schools and planning ideas for the Small Grants

Public Safety: Phil Ford, Chair: Donna Herron reporting. (32:25) An Emergency Preparedness presentation was given by Stan Houseman. It was an hour long presentation with over 50 people in attendance. Links about this presentation are on the public safety website. Officer Foster also gave a crime statistics update and an extended question and answer session with the attendees.

Communications Committee: Kim Herron Representative: (22:35) Kim did not attend the communications meeting. He reports they are still working on an accurate mission statement and how they can best offer the tools and training for all southwest neighborhoods

Land Use Committee, John Gibbon, Chair: (25:08) There was no report from John. Donna reported the property on 25th and Taylors Ferry Road sold around Christmas. Habitat for Humanity was the purchaser. Donna spoke to their representative yesterday and the plans remain as discussed in our November meeting.

Watershed Committee, John Gibbon, and Representative: (31:03) No report was given.

Unfinished Business:

(37:37) Board vacancies: Several Chair positions remain vacant. If anyone is interested in learning more about an area important to them, they should contact Donna Herron. Donna reminded everyone board positions change in the summer. Donna is termed out. She will be helpful from the 1st past President position.

(38:54) Vision Zero and Paint the Neighborhood Orange. Donna showed the signup forms and explained how to get either the medal hanging sign or the cardboard version. Kim displayed the sign on camera.

(41:50) Movies in the Park: Applications are due before the next MKNA meeting, so Donna will submit the application and discuss the desires of the neighborhood at the February meeting.

(43:43) PPB Women's Strength: Donna scheduled another class at the Jewish Middleman's Center starting January 30th. The class filled up within 30 minutes. More classes are not scheduled for a lack of instructors, and the instructors are all volunteers.

(51:05) Suggestion to SWNI Bylaw draft changes. The suggestion is to have the respective Committees select their chairperson instead of having the Chair appointed by the SWNI President, endorsed by the SWNI Executive Committee and voted on by the SWNI board. The logic is a Standing Committee will know better who can lead the committee than a President simply appointing someone and the SWNI board simply giving a vote on people they know little to nothing about.

(54:01) The other suggested Bylaw change is to exclude the 8 SWNI Standing Committee Chair positions from voting. The concern is with 17 neighborhoods in SW Portland plus 4 executive committee positions, the additional 8 standing committee votes effectively dilutes neighborhood votes. Standing committees represent approx. 50% of all votes. The other concern is a very active neighborhood may have several Chair positions on the Standing Committees. This could overweight one neighborhood influence over the others.

(1:01:33) Kim made a motion to eliminate the Standing Committee's votes at board meetings. Jeff Monaghan seconded. All voted in favor to eliminate the votes from the committees. The motion passed. However, as online voting is new territory, Donna plans to bring this up in the next meeting on February 14, 2017.

(1:15:20) Jeff Monaghan motioned to adjourn. Jenna George seconded. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

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