

## MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA) - unapproved MEETING MINUTES FOR May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The MKNA meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Donna Herron, President. All in attendance briefly introduced themselves. Twenty-five people attended this meeting in person: John Baker, Zetta Burton, Diane Ford, Phil Ford, Dennis Freiburg, Jenn George, John Gibbon, Donna Herron, Kim Herron, Eric Levake, Mirza Luqman, Jeff Monahan, Michael Murphy, Nancy Murray, Zahra Rahmani, Bob Wise, Jim Gorger, Tina Isaacson, Rich Ward, Kathy Haynes, Yunis Paisner, Will Fuller, Imtiaz Kau, Ken Doxtader, Gail Doxtader, Trevor Stephenson. Six additional households attended the meeting online but names were not recorded at the time.

Donna announced the meeting was being broadcast live via You Tube. 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.

Donna also announced this is the last meeting at Jackson Middle School's Library as the school will be closed when the June 14 meeting occurs. June's meeting will be at the Multnomah Arts Center in Room 7.

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 meeting, ensured everyone signed in and reminded those whose names appeared shaded in green on the sign-in sheet would count toward the meeting quorum and their vote would be counted. Other members in attendance were welcome to vote but their attendance did not count toward a quorum and their vote would not count toward the official vote to pass a motion.

### **Guest Speaker: Paul Leistner (@6:30)**

Donna announced the honored guest for the meeting and invited him to say a few words prior to the agenda approval and last month's meeting minutes. Paul Leistner, is the Neighborhood Program Coordinator for the City of Portland. He provides support for all 95 Portland Neighborhood Associations and other neighborhood districts and works in the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. He gave an overview of neighborhood democracy that started 40 years ago in the 1970's that gave neighborhoods a way to communicate with the city and the city to the respective neighborhoods as it relates to the livability of our community. Approximately \$2,000,000 of city money is dedicated to the 7 neighborhood districts and about \$100,000 per year go the neighborhood districts small grants program. Paul stated that people from all over the world come to Portland to study and learn about the neighborhood association structure and operations. We are a laboratory of participatory democracy and MKNA is in the spotlight as the first neighborhood to stream live and videotape its meetings via the internet.

**Agenda Approval: (@10:55) Motion to approve meeting Agenda.** John Gibbon moved. Phil Ford seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

**Meeting Minutes Approval for the April 12, 2016 meeting: (@12:10) Motion to approve the April 12<sup>th</sup> minutes.** Pat Spangler moved. John Baker seconded. John Gibbon and Jeff Monaghan abstained. Motion to approve the minutes as written passed.

**Treasurer Report: (@ 15:25)** Zahara Rahmani was not in attendance so Donna gave a summary of Markham's Treasurer's report. Last month we had \$248.63 and when Fred Meyer Rewards and the Bottle Drop donations are added, the Treasury ended the period with \$323.38. A side note of a \$100.00 Bottle Drop transfer which was incorrectly sent to Neighborhood House has not posted to Markham's account. Donna reports this has been corrected and the correct May Treasury was \$423.38.

**Committee Reports:**

**Schools Committee, Amanda Garcia-Snell, Chair:** (@19:00) Schools Committee did not meet last month. The primary topic regarding boundary changes, as discussed in last month's meeting, were approved. As these relate to MKNA, the changes involve mainly Stevenson Elementary and Markham Elementary boundaries.

**Transportation Committee, Jeff Monahan, Chair:** (@20:30) Jeff Monaghan recapped the various BES watershed project at 19<sup>th</sup> and Taylor's Ferry Road has been delayed until this fall. (Audio was difficult at this point) The SW Corridor Plan timeline: June 2016 approval of light rail transit transfer, preferred alternatives to be considered. August/September 2016 opportunity for the public to comment. October/November planning steering committee decisions of type of rapid transit. Early 2018 steering committee adoption of light rail for the Barbur Corridor.

**Land Use Committee, John Gibbon, Chair:** (25:30) John Gibbon reports an application for land division by Todd Carpenter at 10015 SW 25 Ave. Proposal to divide the lot into 2 properties. Todd gave a more detailed overview of the plan with special attention to the preservation of existing mature trees. All plans are preliminary at this time with more planning and permit approvals to come. Todd grew up in this neighborhood and is looking forward to moving back to where he grew up. (@32:25) John also reiterated the SW Corridor Steering Committee met May 9<sup>th</sup> in Tigard and voted to choose light rail as the exclusive high capacity transit to study and voted to not study a tunnel to PCC. Cost being cited as the primary reason. Light rail as the choice forced on the decision makers as there isn't capacity in the bus system to allow for additional bus traffic within the bus mall downtown. To equal the capacity of light rail, busses would be entering and exiting every 90 seconds after 2035. Simply put, light rail is the only alternative that works long term if the system is to expand to downtown Tigard and the Bridgeport Mall areas. Transit alternatives and/or transit support for PCC is still under study. Sidewalks from Taylors Ferry Road along SW 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Barbur can be considered with the overall plan as this is a main walkway street to access Barbur and there are currently no sidewalks or shoulders along this route. John gave a 60-day timeline for Markham to decide if this was important to MKNA and he was preparing presentations. If someone has strong opinions in opposition to sidewalks along this route, to get in touch with John. John asked for a letter in support from MKNA be written. There are 81 critical projects under consideration encompassed with the SW Corridor Plan and John feels strongly this is an opportunity to improve not only 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but access to light rail for the West side of our neighborhood. (@49:12) Mixed use zones were discussed extensively at a meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The only place that affects MKNA is the corner of Taylors Ferry and Spring Garden. It will be up-zoned and changed to mixed-use zone which means it can accommodate buildings as high as 35 feet. These are the kinds of projects the City would like to see all along Barbur. (@52:20) There is a proposed plan for development South of the Maricara Natural Area. This is zoned for R10 but a substantial portion of this property on the West side of Maricara is in an environmental zone. A proposal is for 18 rather large lots and is a long way from becoming a reality. Ingress and egress is still under study and could affect Marshall Park, Arnold Creek, and Markham. (@1:01:55) BES is still planning on removal of the Jackson Middle School tennis courts and daylighting Falling Creek. This is scheduled to begin in 2017. (@1:02:50) John reported he received a call from Liam from Commissioner Fish's office that funding for the Marigold Hydro Park had been found or reallocated and the Hydro Park grounds will be maintained through this budget cycle.

(@1:05:00) Kim Herron made a **motion, (which John articulated) to prepare a letter to send to the steering committee urging them to consider sidewalk creation/improvements for the route along 26<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Eric Levake seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. There was discussion between Donna and John regarding asking for SWNI support. John's feeling is that this is Markham's project to move ahead and

if SWNI is involved, many other projects involving affected neighborhoods will add their projects and ours will be watered down by others.

**Parks and Community Centers: Michael Murphy, Chair:** (@1:07:59) Michael Murphy was absent. Please go to SWNI Website for information for Parks and Community Centers for more information.

**Public Safety: Phil Ford (also NET certified team member)** (@1:08:36) A Neighbor Watch meeting hosted by Kim and Donna Herron on April 25<sup>th</sup> with 22 interested neighbors attending and Mark Wells, Crime Prevention Coordinator, Community Organizing Specialist, City of Portland informed neighbors of how a watch is organized, how signage is available and the importance of knowing your street. Signs were displayed and made available for sale for individuals. (@1:10:35) Phil announced the Emergency Preparedness Fair on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Vision Zero gave a presentation to the SWNI Safety Committee May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Kim and Donna attended this meeting and Kim gave a brief recap of the meeting's high points, including the overall goal of eliminating traffic deaths by slowing speeds, providing adequate bike lanes, and distracted driving issues. Detailed information is available on the MKNA website at [www.markhamneighborhood.com](http://www.markhamneighborhood.com)

Phil ran down the list of Public Safety events that Donna showed on the overhead with dates and times on the meeting's agenda. (@1:17:35)

**Motion to purchase Neighborhood Watch Signs** to support newly formed groups within Markham Neighborhood once they have completed their training. John Baker seconded. Donna reviewed the \$24.00 cost of the signs and 2 signs were authorized for purchase. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**New Business:** (@1:20:15) **MKNA secretary position** is still open and Donna appealed to the attendees for someone to step up as she is quite busy.

(@1:20:41) **Bylaw revisions** need to be voted on. Amanda Garcia-Snell outlined the revisions on the backside of the agenda. This will be voted at June's meeting. (audio difficult to hear) A long discussion ensued regarding numbering of Board Positions to stagger terms to keep the MKNA board from turning over entirely every 2 years. There were some further clarifications of some language deemed vague. Attendees were encouraged to review the highlighted changes and to contact Amanda if any questions need asked.

(@1:34:50) **Movies in the Park** details reviewed. Donna announced a band was secured and details were moving along.

(@1:35:44) **Neighborhood Night Out**, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Marigold Hydro Park was suggested by Donna. A motion to approve made by John Baker. Pat Spangler seconded. Motion Passed.

(@1:37:48) **MKNA Volunteer of the Year**. Phil Ford nominated Jenna George. Eric Levake seconded. All voted in favor and Jenna George was voted Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. (@1:38:25)

May meeting announced to be at the Multnomah Arts Center, Room 7.

(@1:55:12) **Motion to Adjourn**. Kim Herron moved. Richard George seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting concluded.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Herron  
Vice President