

MARKHAM MEETING MINUTES – December 9th, 2014

The meeting of the Markham Neighborhood Association was called to order by Donna Herron, President, at 7:30pm on Wednesday, December 10th, 2014 at Jackson Middle School. Twenty three neighbors and two guests were signed in.

Kathleen Elliot moved to have agenda approved. Bob Hrdlicka seconded. All approved.

Committee & NET Team Reports

Public Safety; Kathleen Elliot reported on the SWNI Safety Committee for Chairperson Ron Magnus:

Jenni Pullen, City of Portland Crime Prevention Coordinator, advised on package theft prevention. A theft prevention handout was circulated at the MKNA meeting.

Felicia Heaton, PBEM Senior Community Outreach and Information Representative, advised registering for the Community Emergency Notification System public alert text messages. To sign up, visit <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/>

Go to BEECN sites in our neighborhood during emergencies, such as earthquakes, for radio communications and information on services. Local sites are at SW Community Center, Holly Farm Park, Stevenson Elementary, Riverdale High School, and Smith Elementary School.

There is a need for additional NET members.

Ron Magnus reminded neighbors of his Nextdoor post regarding NET meeting, posted Sunday 12/7/14, which has the hyperlink to the PBEM site with NET information, including NET purpose and resources: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/31667>

SWNI Safety Committee grant proposal ideas, which include: bike fair/festival for children (\$5 helmets, testing/training for bike safety, etc.); safety social media outreach; pedestrian and traffic safety.

Reminder that as cold weather persists that carbon monoxide detectors should be used when fireplaces or gas appliances are present.

Schools; Scott McClain

The SWNI Schools Advisory committee is looking for additional people to join. Main topics of the committee are boundary changes and transfer policy, equitable solutions for minorities, and state mandated testing. Find out about the Committee by 'liking' the SWNI Schools Committee Facebook page and explore the SWNI website.

Transportation; Jeff Monaghan

Sara Schooley, PBOT Pedestrian Program Coordinator, presented the PBOT Community-Initiated Trails Process draft, dated November 2014. PBOT has many miles of undeveloped right-of-ways that may be unreasonable for development into built-out roads, but could meet valuable pedestrian and bike connections. This policy would provide a citywide framework for communities to develop and maintain trails on existing right-of-ways and is based on the prior work of SW Trails. The policy would provide a lower cost alternative to PBOT development, which must meet federal and state mandated requirements, such as ADA compliance. A main point of contention is the approval process, which requires some percentage of adjacent neighbor approval. Many Committee members expressed that this section amounts to a power of veto that is unfair for a public right-of-way and is inconsistent with other property development policies.

Parks and Community Centers; Markham has no representative

Donna informed that Markham is looking for someone to fill this position. Go to www.swni.org to learn about this committee, and/or attend a scheduled meeting as a guest.

Land Use; John Gibbon

The last land use application for Markham is at the upper end of 29th for a division to develop three houses on a lot that currently has two. This is the only land use application for the past several months.

The last SW Corridor Plan meeting was Monday, December 8th. The steering committee is deciding on a working plan in response to the Tigard and Tualatin ballot measures regarding high capacity transit (HCT) requiring voter approval.

The current proposals for HCT routes are either along Barbur or I-5. If it becomes I-5, Markham may experience a significant increase in noise pollution.

Guest Speakers

Nohra and Miriam Hajj's daughter, Francesca, played two songs on violin for the group, Silent Night and an Irish jig.

Margret Davis, who lives in the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood, spoke of behalf of United Neighborhoods for Reform's Demolition Development Resolution.

Phil Ford moved to support the United Neighborhoods for Reform Demolition Development Resolution. Tom Spangler seconded. Eighteen approved. Two abstained: Ron Magnus, Jeff Monaghan. Motion passed.

Erika Nebel, Policy and Outreach Advisor, West Side Liaison, for City of Portland Commissioner Steve Novick introduced herself as a contact for MKNA. Commissioner Novick's office oversees PBOT and PBEM. Her contact information is Erika.Nebel@PortlandOregon.gov; (503) 823-3114

Additional Business

Karen Koetz, Markham NET co-leader announced that emergency preparedness calendars are available at Capitol Hill Library.

Donna Heron, MKNA President, requested neighbors to review the Markham NA website, www.markhamneighborhood.com. Go to Agenda and Minutes page to review the following materials for discussion and approval at next meeting: 1. PBOT letter. 2. Markham Bylaws. 3. Action plan 4. Grant application.

Tom Spangler moved to approve November, 2014, meeting minutes. Pat Spangler seconded. All in favor. Motion passed

The next Markham Neighborhood Association meeting is scheduled for January 13th at Jackson Middle School.

Submitted by Jeff Monaghan, Transportation Chairperson and Secretary pro tem