

MARKHAM MEETING MINUTES – April 14th, 2015

The meeting of the Markham Neighborhood Association was called to order by Donna Herron, President, at 7:00PM on Tuesday, April 14th, 2015 at Jackson Middle School. Twenty-seven neighbors and one guest signed in. The meeting was broadcast live through the internet on GoToMeetings.com. There were at least 8 people attending through the GoToMeeting website.

Agenda Approval: Agenda amended for Scott Batson (PBOT) to present first. Pat Spangler moved. Nancy Murray seconded. All approved.

March 10th, 2015 MKNA Meeting Minutes Approval: Kathleen Elliot moved to approve. Susan Cato seconded. All approved.

Guest Speaker, Portland Police Officer Becker: Software changes taking place at the department, leaving crime stats unavailable. A neighbor asked about an issue regarding neighbors burning garbage. Previous calls to Police and Fire Departments have not stopped the offender. Officer Becker recommends calling DEQ.

There was a concern about traffic on Tuesdays at 2:15PM near Capitol Hill School. Officer Becker recommends submitting request with the Police Traffic Division for a targeted patrol.

Guest Speaker, Scott Batson, Traffic Engineer, PBOT: Scott Batson presented his findings regarding the Indian Hills intersections, as requested by MKNA. He provided a four page handout to detail the information regarding the following intersections:

Twenty-sixth (26th) and Taylors Ferry: Had the highest reported crashes in Markham.

Eastbound: No changes recommended. One neighbor asked if a flashing red light could be installed. Mr. Batson said that request had previously been reviewed and not approved.

Southbound: Mr. Batson has recommended installation of a flag mounted stop sign.

I-5 Northbound: Exit ramp is shorter than recommended. Contact ODOT with concerns about ramp changes.

Ridge Drive to 30th: Mr. Batson recommends a stop sign on 30th and intersection warning signs on Ridge.

Twenty-sixth (26th) to Stanley and Stanley to Ridge Drive: Two options were presented:

1. Parking removal from one side of street to provide sufficient room for a centerline. PBOT will not remove parking without a demonstration of neighborhood support.
2. Add mini-roundabouts. A version of mini-roundabouts can be seen on north side of Bridlemile School at SW 47th Dr and SW 43rd Ave.

Other Comments\ suggestions:

- The handout highlights future Neighborhood Greenways in blue dashed lines, which would qualify for speed bumps.
- Small changes, presented in bold on the Markham Projects Poster, can have work orders submitted within a week of request. Larger projects would need funding identified.
- Call (503) 823-SAFE for reporting maintenance issues such as worn out paint or vegetation blocking signs.

Treasurer Report: A treasurer report was not giving because Treasurer, Scott McClain left the meeting early for unknown reasons.

Committee Reports:

Schools: Amanda Garcia Snell – PPS 2025 survey is available to all who live in the district until May 8th. Survey will help inform the schools boundary review. Some schools, including Stephenson have applied for noise variances. SWNI is working on a Tech Equity project to promote equal access to technology.

Transportation: Jeff Monaghan – Tryon Stephens Headwaters Neighborhood Street Plan Open House May 7th at MAC. The CWG has a survey deadline April 30th. SW Corridor technical workshop on April 20th at MAC. May 12th Open House, Wilson H.S. to provide general info.

Parks and Community Centers: Nancy Murray – Collins View NA requests MKNA to submit letter of support to maintain ban of mountain bikes in the River View Natural Area.

Land Use: John Gibbon, Chair – One application for adjustment to permit expansion of a house located at 34th and Ridge. Land Use Committee submitted informational comments without taking a position. The Land Use Committee is also reviewing the Tryon Stephens Headwaters Neighborhood Street Plan in regard to zoning issues.

Safety: James Nobel, SWNI Safety Committee Chair, sent a meeting outline to Donna and is posted on www.markhamneighborhood.com

Guest Speaker, Dave Manville, Vice President, SW Trails: Dave Manville introduced himself and the work of SW Trails, a 2 year old 501(c)(3) organization, which had been a committee of SWNI. Mr. Manville handed out information and trails maps. He described the walking and policy advocacy organization. They are developing a list of potential trail building opportunities to create as the Portland Community Initiated Trails Policy is released. The ROW between SW Primrose and 23rd and the BES work on 19th between Taylors Ferry Road and Orchid Street were discussed for possible trail development, as well as finding a connection from SW 26th to Marigold. A May 9th hike will pass through Markham on SW Trail #6 and explore potential connections along the way. SW Trails has requested a liaison from MKNA to communicate future activities.

Additional Business:

- Arnold Creek, West Portland Park and Markham will be combining for the Neighborhood Night Out.
- MKNA is looking for a Treasurer, Secretary, two Movies in the Park\Neighborhood Night Out committee members
- Outstanding Volunteer nomination to submit to SWNI for recognition (deadline is May 15th)
 1. Susan Cato nominated Phil Richmond. Phil was MKNA president for three years, with an interest in environment, transportation, and safety. He was instrumental in closing 19th to vehicles and improving neighborhood walking conditions. He was a Board Member of the Hillsdale Community Foundation and former Main Street Board. As a member of the BTA, he has organized bike rides to advocate safety infrastructure. He is the PTA President at Capitol Hill School and coaches' boys soccer.
 2. Kathleen Elliot nominated Karen Koetz, Markham NET lead.
 3. Eric Levaeke moved to vote for Outstanding Volunteer at the next meeting due to time. Kathleen Elliot seconded. All approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Susan Cato. Nancy Murray seconds. All approve. Next MKNA meeting is May 12th at Jackson Middle School.