

**MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA)**  
**MEETING MINUTES for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - unapproved**

(16:07) The February MKNA meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Donna Herron as she wished all those attending Happy Valentine's Day. Ten people attended the meeting. All in attendance were introduced and welcomed. Donna stated the chat line was open for the duration of the meeting. Attendees included: Donna Herron, Kim Herron, Jenna George, Eric Levake, Amanda Garcia Snell, Jeff Monaghan and John Gibbon Zahra Rahmani, Susan Edwards, Rod Edwards. A quorum was established and verified. (16:50) The meeting agenda and meeting minutes were available on the MKNA website.

(18:05) Eric Levake motioned to approve the agenda as written. Amanda Garcia Snell seconded. With nobody chatting in the negative, the agenda was approved.

(18:40) President Herron announced MKNA was a bit behind with past meeting minutes needing reviewed and voted on to become "approved" for the record. June 14, 2016 minutes were reviewed. John Gibbon motioned to approve the June minutes. Kim Herron seconded. Several misspellings were noted. All voted in favor with Amanda Garcia Snell abstaining as she did not attend the June meeting. June 14, 2016 minutes were approved. (23:10) The August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes were then reviewed. Kim Herron motioned to approve the minutes. Jenna George seconded. Misspellings were noted with no other discussion. The motion passed with John Gibbon and Amanda Garcia Snell abstaining as they did not attend this meeting. August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes approved. (25:34) September 13, 2016 minutes were reviewed. Misspelling again noted. John Gibbon motioned to approve the minutes. Eric Levake seconded. John Gibbon made corrections to some of the statistics regarding approved lots in Portland. John also corrected an error in the identification of the SW Corridor explanation. All voted in favor. The September 13 minutes were approved. (29:21) The January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was held entirely online as Jackson Middle School was closed. Kim Herron motioned to approve the minutes. John Gibbon seconded. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and minutes were accepted as written.

**Treasury Report:** (32:38) Donna summarized the MKNA financial report as Zahra was not at the last meeting. The Bottle Drop program has another \$115.65 to transfer to MNKA whenever requested. The Fred Meyer Rewards program just sent \$80.61 to MNKA. She remarked the Fred Meyer Rewards program began a new year and the need to re-register for the Rewards program.

**Committee Reports:**

**Transportation Committee, Jeff Monahan, Chair: Jeff Monahan** (36:34) Jeff stated the Transportation Committee has not met since November so there is nothing to report from the Committee. The SW 19<sup>th</sup> and Taylors Ferry water garden project to due to begin in the March/April timeframe.

**Schools Committee, Amanda Garcia Snell, Chair:** (39:00) Amanda reported Schools committee had a presentation about Common Core, a model curriculum used for several years now in schools. The committee agreed for committee members will go out and meet with the 14 principals of the Portland schools and ask how the Schools Committee can support them and what they would like to see come from the committee. This will be used to incorporate into their strategic planning efforts.

**Public Safety: Phil Ford, Chair, Kim & Donna Herron reporting,** (40:45) Public Safety Committee meeting was held at the Herron's home as a threat of a snow event made the Multnomah Arts Center closed and unavailable. An hour long chat line was open for anyone who wanted to chat or chime in with questions or concerns. The Committee will be covering Neighborhood Watch with Jenni Pullen, the Crime Prevention Coordinator as well as Map your Neighborhood at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vision Zero will also be discussed with paint the neighborhood orange as a theme to obtain signatures and signs for all 17 Southwest Portland Neighborhoods.

**Parks and Community Centers: Chair Vacant** (44:03) Donna updated the attendees about the Fairy Door issue in Maracara Park. Donna spoke about a possible arrangement with the owners of the south side of the property. Until constructions begins, the owners are going to allow the fairy doors to be put on their property for the children to enjoy that activity, instead of inside the park boundary, which is an environmentally sensitive area. This hopefully will result in a win for all those concerned.

**Land Use Committee, John Gibbon, Chair:** (46:20) John reports the SWNI Land Use Committee has not met for 2 months due to weather. The committee was expecting a request from Multnomah NA and joining them in an appeal, with a letter regarding an objection to the city's residential infill plan, which was adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan. The letter must be reviewed by Land Conservation & Development Commission (LCDC). The City has yet to adopt the necessary ordinances to the State, so the objection can't be submitted yet. (48:48) John received a call from a planner for the developer for the eighteen- unit subdivision south of Maracara Park. (49:30) The other land use item is for a house near 25<sup>th</sup> and Taylors Ferry which has an Alternative Dwelling Unit, (ADU) with a request for license to use the property as an Air BNB dwelling. John stated a permit or license is needed because it is a separate unit. No license or permit is needed if you just use your home as an Air BNB.

**Watershed Committee, John Gibbon, and Representative** (52:00) The committee did meet February 20<sup>th</sup> and spent time talking about having residents report water problems around and within their homes to get a handle on where it works and where it does not. Also discussed was money is available from the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District to pay for additional watershed uses like revegetation to slow or stop erosion.

**Communications Committee: Kim Herron Representative:** (22:35) Kim did not attend the communications meeting therefore has no report to offer the neighborhood.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

(1:04:45) **2017 Movies in the Park Event.** The application was accepted by Portland Parks and Recreation. The dates offered were July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>. Eric Levake motioned to accept the July 9<sup>th</sup> date. John Gibbon seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

(1:11:00) **United Methodist Property.** Donna spoke with the Habitat for Humanity representative today. The sale went through and the church needed boarded up due to vandalism and the possibility of squatters. A cottage cluster of 10-12 homes is planned.

(1:22:45) **SWNI Bylaws.** Discussion about elimination of the Standing Committee Chairs form SWNI Board voting, due to dilution of the neighborhood votes. John spoke about "committee creep". He also said SWNI is funded by the City of Portland, and not be neighborhood donations. (1:31:00) John made a motion to exclude the 8 SWNI Chair positions from SWNI board votes. Kim Herron seconded. The motion was approved with unanimous vote.

(1:34:19) Kim Herron motioned to adjourn. Jenna George seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Herron, Vice President & Secretary Pro-Tem