

MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES – September 8th, 2015

The meeting of the Markham Neighborhood Association (MKNA) was called to order by Donna Herron, President, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 8th, 2015 at Jackson Middle School Library. Twenty-two people signed in including guests Portland Police Bureau (PPB) officers Caspar and Elwood, Portland Police Association (PPA) President, Daryl Turner and Portland Parks Foundation Program Communications Manager, Mattie Courtright. Technical difficulty obtaining an internet connection at the meeting rendered the GoToMeeting.com unavailable for members who wanted to attend the meeting remotely.

Motion to Approve Agenda: Bob Hrdlicka moved. Nancy Murray seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to Approve Minutes: Pat Spangler moved. Phil Ford seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Portland Police Bureau (PPB) Visit/Update: Officers Caspar and Elwood attended our meeting. They reported the PPB is still focusing on clearing the homeless population in some areas and getting them to the homeless services they need. The couple living in their car under the overpass on SW 26th Avenue has moved their vehicle to a new location behind the Jiffy Lube.

Guest Speaker - Portland Police Association President, Daryl Turner: Spoke about the lack of officers employed by PPB and how it leads to longer response times to non-emergent situations. Non-emergent reporting is important but should be done from the area where it happened or the information may not be utilized by the correct responding precinct for assigning enough officers to the various parts of the city.

Guest Speaker - Portland Parks Foundation Program and Communication Manager, Mattie Courtright: Information about the Foley-Balmer Natural Area Trail and a planned volunteer clean-up event will occur on October 9th and 10th. They will remove invasive plant species to provide more space for indigenous plants. She encouraged Markham residents to join them on one or both days. More information can be found at Parkediem.org.

Treasurer Report: Jeffery Franklin, Treasurer - MKNA currently has \$1,564 in its treasury. Total cash donations to-date are \$1,086.72. The total consists of \$74.19 from the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program for the first 2 quarters of 2015 and \$1,009.53 from MKNA residents and personal friends and business associates of MKNA's residents.

The silent auction, at the National Night Out/Movies In The Park event on July 29th generated \$1,155.00.

To date, expenses for the event are \$654.58. Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) has not sent their \$650.00 bill for payment of the movie yet. There are receipts for supplies and equipment that will be submitted for reimbursement in the coming month. All revenue and expenses associated with the event are expected to be accounted for by the next MKNA meeting on October 13th, 2015.

Schools: Amanda Garcia-Snell, chair prearranged to leave the meeting early so Donna Herron reported for her. Schools did not meet last month so there wasn't anything new to report except to remind members of the upcoming Tech Equity Program Event on November 18th, 2015 at Jackson Middle School.

Transportation: Jeff Monaghan, chair said The Tryon-Stephens Headwaters Neighborhood Street Plan final report will be released later this month.

Parks and Community Centers: Nancy Murray, chair reported improvements to Duniway Park are in progress, Marshall Park has a new playground facility for kids and we don't have enough Park Rangers. She said the PPB is not inclined to respond to calls within city parks.

Land Use: John Gibbon, chair reported there were no land use applications submitted over the past several months. The Southwest Corridor Steering Committee is still talking to Portland Community College (PCC) about the future development of the proposed Capitol Highway-PCC Light Rail tunnel.

Public Safety and NET: Ron Magnus, chair was absent. Donna Herron reported that MKNA had a Traffic Safety Vigil at the intersection of SW Taylors Ferry Road and 26th Avenue. The safety vigil is designed to calm the traffic by getting drivers to slow down and drive safe. With the help of James Nobles, Chairperson for the Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI) Public Safety Committee and PPB Officer Dan Speigel (with radar gun in hand); MKNA residents Phil & Diane Ford, Ron Magnus and Kathleen Elliott wore safety vests, stood next to "Drive Safely" signs and waived at drivers. Donna Herron photographed the event. Another safety vigil will be conducted at the same intersection on September 15th, 2015.

The SWNI Public Safety committee will be hosting a Community policing appreciation dinner at the Multnomah Arts Center on October 29th, 2015. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Mayor Hales, City Councilwomen Amanda Fritz and Portland Police Officers are invited. Residents can send recommendations to have an officer recognized to James Nobles, SWNI Public Safety Chairman. This year all officers will be honored for their outstanding policing services to our neighborhoods. Last, Women's Strength Classes will be held October 10th, 17th and the 24th, 2015. The first 40 women registered by phone or online will be accepted.

Spring Garden Traffic Calming Project: Phil Richman, Past President described the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation's (PBOT) Safer Routes to School (SR2S) Engineering Strategies Summary (December 2007). Only one speed bump, of the four recommended in the SR2S report, was installed. He stated the existing speed bump is ineffective and recommends MKNA co-author a letter with South Burlingame Neighborhood (SBNA), Capitol Hill Elementary School and St. Claire School Principals requesting PBOT install all the speed bumps recommended in the SR2S report.

A Motion to approve co-authoring a letter with SBNA, Capitol Hill School and St. Claire School to Mayor Hales and Commissioner Novick requesting PBOT install the 4 speed bumps in the SR2S report for Capitol Hill Elementary School from 2007. Phil Ford moved. Kim Herron seconded. Kathleen Elliot opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

Motion to add Phil Richman as an at large board member. Jeff Monahan Moved. Pat Spangler seconded. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Motion to Table unaddressed items for next meeting. Kathleen Elliot moved. Pat Spangler seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Submitted by Maleia Sheldon, Secretary