

**MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA)
MEETING MINUTES for SEPTEMBER 13th, 2016 - unapproved**

The MKNA meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Donna Herron, President. Forty-two people signed in this meeting as follows: John Baker, Scott Batson, Martina Bell, Martha Couch, Rod Edwards, Susen Edwards, Curtis Eschman, Frank Filz, Diane Ford, Phil Ford, Sara Fredrickson, Scott Fredrickson, Kitta Furrow, Amanda Garcia-Snell, Jenna George, John Gibbon, Meghan Hammond, Donna Herron, Kim Herron, Paul Lesinski, Eric Levake, Gelila Martinsen, Travis Martinsen, Steve Messinetti, Jeff Monaghan, Michael Murphy, Colleen O'Hollaren, Mark O'Hollaren, Karen Papania, Zahra Rahmani, Phil Richman, Laurie Rutenberg, Gary Schoenberg, Molly Silbernagel, Pat Spangler, Dan Symons, Steve Thiel, Sarah Truninger, Chad Velk, Lace Velk, Justin Wilson and Michelle Wuyenkoop. All in attendance briefly introduced themselves.

Donna announced the meeting was being recorded and also intended to be broadcast live via YouTube provided Jackson Middle School's Wi-Fi is working properly and links to meeting recordings can be found on MKNA's website. 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. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was discovered the audio portion of the online video was not working.

Introductions were made and Donna submitted the Meeting Agenda for approval. Donna asked Secretary Pro-Tem, Kim Herron if we have a quorum and Kim said "Yes." Kim Herron motioned to approve the agenda. Eric Levake seconded. All in favor. Agenda was approved without modifications. Donna asked for the minutes and Kim said they were in rough draft form, but not yet finished. Therefore there were no minutes available for this meeting. No one objected to reviewing and approving the minutes at a later meeting.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety: Phil Ford, Chair: (0:00)

Schools Committee, Amanda Garcia-Snell, Chair: (42:40)

Transportation Committee, Jeff Monahan, Chair: (43:00)

Parks and Community Centers: Michael Murphy, Chair: (45:00)

Land Use Committee, John Gibbon, Chair: (55:00) There will be a celebration of the completion of the Comp. Plan. The only thing that relates to Markham Neighborhood on it is the property on the first curve of Lancaster being downzoned from R-10 to R20 because of the landslide hazard. John said he erred in last month's report related to the Comp Plan in that the density component of the plan will affect Markham neighborhood because density housing along centers and corridors and within ¼ mile, which includes Barbur Blvd. However, Commissioner Fish had language added that said "where appropriate." That means that about a block south of Taylors Ferry Road will be included in the density calculations to allow more infill. He said about 90 of 155,000 lots in the City got that designation. John said we submitted a letter asking a sidewalk be installed along 26th Avenue but it still remains in the first bucket and made available for Federal funding.

Watersheds Committee, John Gibbon, Representative: (1:05) The committee has been working to set-up a Storm Water Summit with BES and PBOT for September 29th, 2016. Markham's 19th St. project where PBOT & BES are working together to have that street working as a storm water conveyance is an example of what the Watershed Committee will be working on. They will also focus on improvements to storm water along Capitol Hwy.

Communications Committee: Kim Herron, Rep: The committee is working on providing communications support to neighborhoods and more will come later.

New Business:

Fixing Our Streets: Scott Batson, Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) (1:11) He has not received a response to his question regarding traffic calming particularly on Spring Garden Street and SW 17th between Taylors Ferry Road and Spring Garden. Phil Richman asked Mr. Batson about the letter Markham it co-authored with S. Burlingame, Capitol Hill Elementary and St. Claire Church regarding traffic calming on Spring Garden. Mr. Batson stated PBOT considers Spring Garden a primary route for emergency response across I-5 so it is considered a major response route which are prohibited from having devices that significantly slow down the fire trucks. Fire

trucks are the primary concern because they are so large and heavy and takes a long time for them to speed up after having to slow down. Each bump delays the truck by about 10 seconds. SW 19th is the alternate route for Spring Garden for emergency response too. Alternatively, PBOT is trying out Speed Cushions (currently located at NW Cornell or SW 51st or 52nd in Multnomah into Maplewood Elementary) that they hope will be adopted by PBOT in the transportation system which slow the trucks down by about 2 seconds per device. They haven't figured out how to keep people slowed down as much as they would over a standard speed bump. Speed Cushions have a gaps in the bump for the width of the fire truck tires. People put one tire in that gap to avoid having to slow down as much which defeats the bumps purpose. PBOT has agreed as a good working partner with Portland Fire Bureau not put traffic calming on a major response route unless the PFB gives its approval. PBOT has not received approval from the PFB for Speed Cushions to be installed on Spring Garden. PFD did provide approval for Crystal Springs Street because it is not a major street for their vehicles. With regard to SW 17th, the only part of 17th that can have calming is the flatter portion and would be designed for speeds of 20 MPH. However, there isn't funding for it. Phil also asked about signs being blocked by trees and shrubs being cleared away. Mr. Batson suggested reporting to 823-SAFE.

United Methodist Church property negotiations to sell to Habitat for Humanity for development, Steve Messinetti, President and CEO: (1:36) The Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church currently owns the property. It is located at 25th & Taylors Ferry Road. They help low and middle income families buy and finance their homes through a process of allowing potential owners volunteer their time helping to build their and others houses. The 2-acre R-7 zoned property is large enough to build 12 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses. Neighbors questioned parking and traffic on SW 25th. Mr. Messinetti replied there will be driveways and parking for multiple cars for each home. He went on to say they will be looking at the "Cottage Cluster" you will move the homes closer together and therefore have more Greenspace that would be owned by the families.

Gesher Development adjacent to South side of Maricara Park: Mark Dane: (1:56) Property owners Gary Shoenberg & Laurie Rutenberg were present. There are 2 streets on the property SW 25th & SW 26th. Also present was Dan Simmons, Civil Engineer related to Storm Drain and street design and any other engineering details. Mr. Dane said they are talking to Arnold Creek and Marshal Park neighborhood association meetings after presenting at our meeting. He provided color maps of their plan on the 5-acre R-10 220,000 square foot property for an 18 lot subdivision. About 1/3 of the property is an environmental zone as indicated by the map. It includes a resource and transition area and is heavily treed (approximately 300). The development will be in 2 phases. There will not be construction for at least 1 year and no houses will start building for 18 months.

Maricara Park Fairy Door activity and concerns: (2:10) Neighbors discussed their concerns about an unknown person who removed the doors and posted threatening notes to a mother, stating her name, who visited the park with her child to partake in the fairy door search adventure. Neighbors stated the Parks Department did not remove the doors and said they did not have a problem with the activity, especially if it encouraged enjoyment of the Park. Michael Murphy stated that whomever is putting the doors up should ask permission first but when he heard about it, he talked to SWNI Parks Chair, Fran Laird, who said in response to hearing of the problem that "it seemed pretty harmless." Michael went on to state "it didn't seem to bother anybody in Portland Parks." Michael said the Park is for everyone and people need to respect that and this should be approved by Portland Parks. Michael will look into it and report back. Neighbors stated they did not want to go into Maricara Park knowing that a woman has been threatened with harm if she goes into it. Donna suggested people contact either the Police or Jenni Pullen, Crime Prevention Coordinator, if neighbors have problems with someone or feel threatened.

(2:15) Eric Levake motioned to adjourn. Jenna George seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Kim Herron, Vice President and Secretary Pro-Tem.