

## MINUTES

JWN Executive Board Meeting – November 17th, 2020

Board Members Present: Ted Coopman (Chair); Vanessa Wheeler (Vice Chair), Sue Cummings (Treasurer); Stephanie Coopman, Duncan Rhodes, Eric Dil

Absences: Susan Connolly    Guests: none

### 1. Meeting called to order

Chair called meeting at 6:38 to order. Agenda adjustments: None.

### 2. Brief reports from Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and NLC rep

Chair (Ted) - Would be good if board members join one of two Belonging Training sessions (Thursday, November 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m. or Thursday, December 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m.). / Residential Parking Permit: Had meeting with Travis today. Preposed RPP area: 8-13th Avenue and Jefferson-Tyler. People on Polk want to be part of it too. Initial area could be enlarged later. Confirmation process will start from January 15, 2021 on. Postcard will go out in preposed area and 2 blocks outside of that. Online signature vote will do. Duncan: How many people need to be positive? Chair: There is clear formula: majority of people that respond within one street. Vanessa & Eric: Both emphasise importance that procedure and consequences need to be explained well. Vanessa expresses willingness to write article about it. Chair: It is city's process. RPP can be operational by June 1, 2021 unless someone disputes it. / Canned Food Drive: Do we want to play role in supporting it? If so is there board member who wants to help organise it? Sue: Wasn't Albertson involved in past? I am willing to help. Chair: We don't need to make decision about it now. Eric expresses concern for COVID infections. Chair: Food Drive will be organised 'Covid safe'. / We need Good Neighbor Agreements for Permanent Supportive Housing near Lane Event Centre and Rest stop. / Some progress on solving traffic issues in relation to development church near Fern Ridge trail.

Treasurer (Sue) - Sue reports following totals: OCCU Savings Account: \$ 800. Outreach Investment Funds: \$ 3,566. Petty cash: \$ 58.03. ENI Account: \$ 176.

Secretary (Eric) - Board approves Minutes of October 20th, 2020 Board meeting (all in favour 6:0).

NLC (Ted) - Ted: NLC discussed following. Community recovery. Strategic Plan NLC. Final draft will come soon. End of 2nd term for co-chair. NLC is going to recruit new co-chair. Stephanie: Ted are you interested in co-chair position? Ted: No, I am more interested in coordination of effort to enhance communication of neighborhood associations. Duncan suggests advertising in Eugene Weekly. Ted: We looked into that. Advantage of use of social media is that we can fence it so it will only go to a specific neighborhood. Duncan: How about use of roofed bulletin board? Vanessa: Wonder how effective that will be? Who will manage that? Stephanie: Westmoreland Park has one. Duncan: I know out of experience that parks/ city wants rugged construction. Ted: We maybe could use Neighborhood Matching Grant for it? Duncan: I will send design that

was made for my former neighborhood.

### **3. Brief committee reports**

Neighborhood Matching Grant - Ted: Charnel Mulligan Park mural should be up by Thanksgiving. / Concerning Jefferson EWEB alley we had gone through quite a process that would allow EWEB to close off alley. It is going to happen now. Idea to use NMG to transform nearby nomansland plot by guerrilla gardening. EWEB could bring in mulch.

Outreach - Ted explains procedure to come to Winter newsletter. We will need \$2400 for printing and postage. That leaves us not \$ 1200 necessary for production and distribution of postcard. Sue: We can always borrow from budget for new period. Stephanie: We need to send out postcard especially for April's board election. Ted: Fold-over sheet card cost almost same as postcard and offers more space for information. As potential items for winter newsletter are stated: Renter advisory board, Business profile, Reststop, Yearly survey, Board elections, Permanent supportive housing on Naval Reserve site, Advisory boards.

Events – Ted: No events this year.

Advisory boards - Duncan got response from Renter group.

Friends of parks affiliates - Ted: Finally I got Parks to put roof on Monroe Park restroom building. Duncan: Today restrooms were locked. Ted: They are going to install lighting to restroom building. Duncan: Why not install charging station for unhoused people? Vanessa: There are lot pro's and con's on that. Ted: Parks currently does evaluation on bathrooms in parks.

Committees - Ted: No news on committees.

### **4. Prior general meeting review and attendance strategies?**

Ted: Pretty good program but attendance was low. Vanessa: GM's are pretty long and we program kind of heavy subjects. People want to connect with each other. Stephanie: Last weeks GM was very informative. January GM would normally be our pizza night. Ted explains history of January Pizza GM. Stephanie: Let us use Zoom breakout rooms. Vanessa: Define 3 topics and make people sign in in advance. Can we organise Pizza discount for people that sign in for January GM? Stephanie: One or two of us in each breakout room to manage and take notes. Vanessa: When will survey be launched? Ted: In December and reminder in Winter Newsletter. Chair: Shall we move December Board meeting to Tuesday 8th December? All agree. Vanessa: In December I will be on East Coast.

### **5. Neighbor Perspectives: Background and discussion**

Ted explains background of Neighbor Perspective idea. Neighborhood newsletter is defined as public forum. To fulfil our obligations we could start Neighbor Perspectives. Previous board voted in favour for it but with idea that vice-chair Dillon would run it. Stephanie: A lot of work without real pay off. Vanessa: If we are obligated then we need to do it, but let us then define clear rules, a frame work. But personally I am not eager to

do it. Duncan: What is defined in bylaws? Ted: That newsletter is public forum like General Meeting is public forum. Duncan: I will edit it if necessary.

## **6. Eugene Community Recovery**

Ted refers to documents on Eugene Community Recovery programme that was discussed in NLC. Vanessa: It is not clear to me what they need from us. Ted: Someone within board needs to be kind of point person, person city can contact. Eric: Isn't the chair of each neighborhood association already that person, liaison with city? Ted: In NLC concluded that city doesn't use neighborhood associations as infrastructure. City needs to do better job to partner with neighborhood associations. Vanessa: We definitely could play role in this but it is not clear which role is expected from us, and neither what they (city) want. Ted: I can fangle something playing city's game. We have to conclude that there are lots of things we as neighborhood association would like to do but we don't have resources or enough volunteers. The advantage could be that if there is need for coordination we are in it, but we don't have to make decision on it now. Vanessa: I think it is safe to say that if there would be clear question any of us would step in. When they define what they need then we will be there to take it up. Ted: I will do some work on that. Duncan: We don't have a hand on opinion of people in our neighborhood, and on what is going on in our neighborhood. Ted: We as board of neighborhood association represent people who choose to be involved. People come to us with things they care about. We are better informed than city.

## **7. Emily's List - what do we want to have Emily Semple push for next year?**

Ted: Emily Semple is reelected, it is time to give her our suggestion for some priorities. Ted suggests issues to advocate for, like extension of Planting Strip Trespass rules to alleys, installation of stop sign at 8th and Van Buren (New Frontier crossing) when repaving 8th Avenue, permanent supportive housing at Naval Reserve site. Vanessa: Stop signs are more affordable than speed bumps, and right striping will reduce speed too. Ted: City applied trespassing rules to planting strip that is owned by city but needs to be maintained by adjacent owner. But owner has no possibility to act in case of problems in alley. Until now nobody has any access control. If trespassing ordinance would be also applied to alleys adjacent owners could use that to control what is going on in their alley. Problem with alley is that it is fire lane but city doesn't maintain it. All board member support suggested priorities for Emily Semple.

## **8. Land Use Training, we are losing our resident expert. Response to impacts of HB 2001**

Ted: Paul Conte is willing to train someone on board on land-use issues. We need to request code edit, and we need to be in position to know what would be in for special area zone in relation to HB 2001. Level of complexity is high and city will do insane things even against their own rules. Vanessa: Land-use is part of my work but volunteer fatigue is my concern. Ted suggests to distribute knowledge among more board members; team of people. Stephanie: I am interested. Maybe we need to add someone from outside of board. Eric: I am interested too and support land-use team idea.

## **9. Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm**

## **ACTIONS**

- Contact Rene Kane about question if boundaries of neighborhoods will be adjusted based on census results (action Ted)
- Post PDF of most recent paper newsletter on website (action Ted)
- Send information about response on Giga Bite project to Jason (action Ted)
- Send around Strategic Plan NLC as soon as it is finalised (action Ted)
- Write article about Residential Parking Permit (action Vanessa)
- Send to board design for bulletin board (action Duncan)