

## MINUTES

JWN Executive Board Meeting – September 29th, 2020

Board Members Present: Ted Coopman (Chair); Vanessa Wheeler (Vice Chair, NLC rep), Sue Cummings (Treasurer); Stephanie Coopman, Susan Connolly (part of meeting), Duncan Rhodes, Eric Dil

Absences: none      Guests: none

### 1. **Meeting called to order**

Vanessa: Would like to learn where things stand and get to know each other. Duncan: Will boundaries off neighborhood be adjusted based on results of census? Ted: I will contact Rene Kane about that. Ted explains that JWN used to be two different neighborhoods. Vanessa: JWN is a large neighborhood association. Chair called meeting at 6:39 to order. Agenda adjustments: None.

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

Chair (Ted) - A lot going on. Rest-stops: Chair received phone call from City manager about initiative of city to designate sites for rest-stops. County needs to approve proposed sites. In JWN City is looking at Westmoreland City Park near Albertsons and César E. Chávez Elementary School. Vanessa: What is process to neighbors? Ted: We have experience with 3 months process concerning location for Conestoga huts near Fair Grounds. Board votes based on survey feedback of neighbors. We need to educate people on idea of rest-stops. Sue: Can we expect City to put any pressure on us to do it quicker than within 3 months? Sue: Remember that only recently people were really upset about homeless camps there. Chair: That were unregulated homeless camps. Rest-stop is fenced camp site, with sanitation and active management by organisations like Cahoots. Is basically temporally supportive housing. / Homeless campers: Chair: In general our attitude towards homeless camper is complain driven. / 16th Fern Ridge property: Chair: Together with Paul Conte I am in contact with people who bought centre near César E. Chávez Elementary School. We will probably make covenant with them. We started working with them on potential traffic issue. Idea is to have traffic control in case of meetings. / Permanent Supportive Housing: Work on good neighbor agreement continues. / Naval Reserve Site. Housing on that site would help a lot.

Treasurer (Sue) - Sue reports following totals: OCCU Savings Account: approximately \$ 800. Neighbourhood Outreach Funds: \$ 677 (after Newsletter and yard sign expenditures). Petty cash: \$ 58.03. ENI Account: \$ 176 (Charnel Mulligan Park Mural Project might withdraw \$ 100. Chair explains how Neighborhoods Outreach Funds money is divided under different Neighborhood Associations. Stephanie tells more about work of outreach commission, and recent proposal to buy more banners.

Secretary (Eric) - Board approves Minutes of the August 18, 2020 Board meeting. Chair: Duncan expressed interest in secretary position. Chair asks Eric if he still is motivated for secretary position. Eric confirms that that is the case.

NLC (Ted) - Ted explains the Neighborhood Leaders Council (NLC) as a quasi official body for coordination in between neighborhood associations. NLC discussed broader initiative for homeless shelter. Whiteaker Neighborhood Association got \$ 30,000 grant for outreach concerning COVID-19. They intend to involve people from other neighborhoods as well. Duncan: Is NLC commission on sustainability still operational? Ted: Haven't heard from them for awhile. There is an active land-use committee. And a little bit action on emergence preparedness.

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

Neighborhood Matching Grant - Ted: Last Saturday started painting of mural in Charnel Mulligan Park.

Outreach - Ted: We have batch of new yard signs.

Events – Ted: No events this year. Picnic canceled given COVID pandemic.

Advisory boards - Ted: Advisory boards are not operational. We need someone who jumps on non-profit advisory board. Vanessa: I intended to invest in supporting business advisory board, but what is non-profit advisory board about? Ted: Until now there were 5/6 organisations represented and they focussed on coordination with homelessness issues. Ted: Advisory boards are for us a number of people taking temperature; what are concerns that potentially need action from JWN. Consisting groups are Non-profit, Renters and Business. Susan: In relation to renters advisory board, do you know what breakdown in our neighborhood is? Ted: About 70% of JWN neighbors are renters.

Friends of parks affiliates - Ted: Concerning Monroe Park: Pressured city to reconsider restrooms. Temporary big light is off.

Committees - n/a

### **4. Prior general meeting review**

Vanessa: Good and happy to move forward. Duncan: A pity that not more people joined for this General Meeting. Ted: Received around 40 request for access to GM on Zoom. Before COVID in general 30/40 attendees for GM.

### **5. October GM**

Chair gives board background information by concept agenda for October GM. Main agenda items are people giving information about bond measures, and community engagement specialists (former crime specialists) that will give update on crime in city in general and in JWN in particular. Chair calls community engagement specialists great allies. Chair gives new board members insight in general design of GM's, and how different media (newsletters, e-news, postcards) are used to invite people. June/ July/ August GM were exceptional because until now we didn't organise GM's during summer months. Vanessa expresses special interest in outreach and efforts to get broader involvement. Now we are unfortunately stuck in virtual format. Neighbors feel detached. How do we organise these meetings? She offers to support chat function. Ted: In general we restrict presentations and leave at least 30/45 minutes for a more open discussion with

JWN neighbors. Stephanie suggest to use breakout rooms on Zoom. You can set a time and make smaller group responsible for dynamic. Stephanie recognises challenge to get broader involvement; not even 10% from inhabitants of JWN are on e-mailing list.

Vanessa: We need to keep it interesting and be able to get temperature; maybe use more often poles.

#### **6. MAT GNA discussion and vote**

Ted: Good Neighbor Agreement for Lane County Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic (MAT) is framework for action. Three community members were involved in proces and they are probably going to stick in committee. Vanessa: How was response to neighborhood survey? Ted: It was low and lots of them were not proximate to new site. As board we focussed on communication and took distance from discussion about compliance with zoning. County is likely going to lose in court. But we desperately need that facility. Duncan mailed detailed feedback on text of agreement. Vanessa: Agreement is pretty good. Although I wished City and County would weigh in more. Ted: It is a pathway through bureaucracy. Board approves Good Neighbor Agreement for MAT (6:0 in favour).

#### **7. ARA 20-12 - Aurora West Apartments Letter, discussion and vote**

Sue explains situation right next door from her: a medical clinic that wants to add apartments. Vanessa: We need to be aware of precedent if we let this go. Ted: City needs to enforce code. By sending letter we as neighborhood association give signal that we keep an eye on cases like this. We will send in our comment by email and desire of them to mitigate. Board in favour (6:0) for sending letter.

#### **8. Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 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)
- Inform city that temporary big light in Monroe Park is off (action Ted)
- Compose letter concerning Aurora West Apartments (action Ted & Vanessa)