

## MINUTES

JWN Executive Board Meeting – October 20th, 2020

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

Absences: none      Guests: none

### 1. Meeting called to order

Duncan: Next week opening of new bikeway on 13th.

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

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

Chair (Ted) - Had meeting with Chambers of Commerce about recommendations on homelessness. Did set up an important connection. Try to get them into coalition. But their power is mostly negative power: to stop things not to initiate things. / Got quite a view positive reactions on giga bite project. Will send information to Jason. / Need to set up zoom-meeting with Vanessa, Susan and Travis concerning Residential parking permit. / Need monthly numbers for volunteer hours for year reportage to city. Susan: What is time period of report? Chair: Fiscal year. Vanessa: Can I add hours of volunteer work in Monroe Park? Chair: Yes, hours besides official Monroe Park work party.

Treasurer (Sue) - Sue reports following totals: OCCU Savings Account: \$ 800. Outreach Investment Funds: \$ 667.22. Petty cash: \$ 58.03. ENI Account: \$ 176.

Secretary (Eric) - Board approves Minutes of September 29th, 2020 Board meeting.

NLC (Ted) - Ted: Discussion of Strategic Plan: idea focus on one project at a time. Will send around as soon as it is finalised. Lots of discussion around grant Whiteaker Neighbourhood Association received for COVID related outreach. Vanessa: They seem eager to share. Outreach will be focusses on risk populations (elder, seniors, students).

### 3. Brief committee reports

Neighborhood Matching Grant - Ted: Wait to hear when final installation of mural in Charnel Mulligan Park will take place. Explains Neighborhood Matching Grant program ( <https://www.eugene-or.gov/534/Neighborhood-Matching-Grants> ). Initiatives driven by people in community or by board members. People pledge to spend volunteer hours and city matches that with budget (\$ 23 / volunteer hour). For this year NLC suggested COVID related projects. Vanessa suggests project around additional way finding signs. Ted suggests JWN neighborhood banners on lampposts to mark our territory.

Outreach - Ted: We need to spend remaining Outreach Funds otherwise we will loose it. We earlier thought about buying Feather banners. Vanessa: Invest in postcards for parking permit project? Ted: City will pay for that. Vanessa: Suggest to use outreach money for action directed to make more people sign in on e-mail list. Ted: Currently there are 580 people on e-news list. Susan suggests to make a JWN mask.

Events – Ted: No events this year.

Advisory boards - Ted: No progress yet concerning advisory boards. Duncan: How can I make people to sign up for Renter’s Advisory group. Ted: By more active recruiting and sending message to google group. We can give an other big push in Winter News Letter. Stephanie suggests article about Renter’s Advisory Board in Winter Newsletter.

Friends of parks affiliates - Ted: No news.

Committees - Ted: Little bit email traffic on Climate Action Plan team.

#### **4. Prior general meeting review: November GM**

Stephanie: I was not very happy with number of people that showed up. Vanessa: I agree with that. We need to validate why they should show up. Stephanie preposes to define in agenda for GM how much time we intend to spend on item, what we want outcome to be and what purpose of discussion is. Ted: Before COVID numbers were going up. During these pandemic months I got generally good reactions on reminder and request for Zoom invite. Vanessa suggests to send Zoom invite to everyone on e-news list. Ted: Draft agenda for November GM: EWEB water quality, Westmoreland Park Rest Stop.

#### **5. Westmoreland Park Rest Stop Process**

Ted: Conestoga huts on Lane Event Centre were kind of probe. That is why we could frame it as trajectory that was already going on. For Westmoreland Park Rest Stop Process focus should be on education. There is lot of information available about (in most cases) positive impact. Non-profit organisation Community Supported Shelters is going to manage site. City wants people on site in December. Ted: I have lot of confidence in Regan Watjus and Peter Chavannes (“city homeless department”). City will send draft of initial outreach letter. We as JWN want to cobrand that and need to put survey on JWN website. In November board meeting we need to vote on it based on input in November GM. It would be good to define a Good Neighbor Agreement for rest stop. Sue: What kind of facilities will there be? Ted: Conestoga huts, central warming unit, portable restrooms, trash collection, and enclosing fencing. Sue: Will it be located near bike path? Ted: Presume it will be closer to bike path and to houses. Advised city to stake it out. Stephanie: What is purpose of survey? Ted: Mostly informational. Allows neighbors to express their concerns and allows them to get involved. Susan tells about her experience during tour over rest stop managed by Community Supported Shelters. Susan expresses willingness to write article about her visit. Ted & Duncan suggest idea that people can sponsor Conestoga hut.

#### **6. Other issues**

Susan: Narrow alley behind my new house is already repeatedly damaged on Wednesdays by residential garbage service of Royal Refuse. Ted: Alleys are weird thing. We want to make them easy accessible for traffic but not too easy. Ted suggests to let them pick up trash on street side. Susan: Where can I pick up 20 IS PLENTY yard signs? Ted: You can pick them up at different locations. Ted: I haven’t been as proactive as want to be. I am super exited to have everyone on board.

## **7. Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:12 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)
- Send information about response on Giga Bite project to Jason (action Ted)
- Set up Zoom-meeting with Vanessa, Susan and Travis concerning Residential parking permit (action Ted)
- Send around Strategic Plan NLC as soon as it is finalised (action Ted)
- Send invite for google group Renter's Advisory Group to Duncan (action Ted)
- Write article about experience touring rest stop site (action Susan)
- Check out if rest stop site tours are still organised (action Susan)