

corrected DRAFT MINUTES

JWN Executive Board Meeting – March 16th, 2021

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

Chair called meeting at 6:36 to order. Agenda adjustments: None.

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

Chair (Ted) - Naval Reserve Site Homeless Camp is rolling hot mess. City totally piled on it. Advantage is that thanks to that I now know everyone out there. I have established contact with Caesar Chavez Elementary School Principle and 4JS head of security, Faith Center, the UU Church, and the neighbors (trying to get neighbors organised into team). Having talked with everyone and based on serious deterioration site I launched blistering email at city leadership and coached stakeholders to pile on - which they did. It appears parking control on 14th is likely to happen as soon as 4J is pushing it. Chief Skinner promised that they are going to put mobile unit there to observe. Contacts established at Naval Reserve Site has created framework that will facilitate discussion on our housing proposal and motivated them to want it. I am working with Heather Selicki at White Bird on plan to create framework for sanctioned camping. Perhaps a pilot at Naval Reserve Site to occupy and secure that space. / County is putting Microsite at Lane Event Centre, and wanted help on outreach. Once I got them to be clear what they were asking, it came out they were are doing it and want help with notification. I made suggestions. Site likely to open on April 1. / I created new draft on Declaration of Support tot Preserve and Protect Mature Urban Street Trees and to Expand Canopy in JWN. and ran it by Friends for Trees and they signed off on it. We should discuss if we want member vote or if we just adopt it as Board. / 2021 Survey will get published in April eNews. If anyone has something to add. There is lots of traction on sidewalk issues. I suggest that we look at sidewalk repairs and reverting W. 11th and W. 13th to two-way as projects for 2021/22. Vanessa offers help on that. / Other news: Rene Kane announced her retirement. Sue: we should get her back to do things for board. Ted: Paul already bough gift card that we can give on behalf of JWN board.

Treasurer (Sue) - Sue reports following totals: OCCU Savings Account: \$ 795.10. Neighborhood Investment / Outreach Investment Funds: \$ 2,627.24. Petty cash: \$ 58.03. ENI Account: \$ 176.00. Ted we went to printer for mailing that needed to be in by March 1, they only send it in by March 5, but city could back it. So mailing is already payed for. Sue: Total cost for postcard appears to be more than newsletter.

Secretary (Eric) - Board members agree to give within next couple of days their feedback on Minutes of February 16th, 2021 Board meeting.

NLC (Ted) - Most of last NLC meeting on February 23 was about finalising Strategic

Plan. Next time we will vote on affordable housing (Protecting Housing Affordability and Neighbourhood Liveability under HB 2001). New NLC C-Chair is Jackson.

3. **Brief committee reports**

Neighborhood Matching Grant - Ted: It turned out that there is a mat around EWEB station so they are anxious to do something in direct surroundings. Jefferson Dog Off Lease Area (DOLA) group and neighbors are discussing writing NMG to finish fencing DOLA and doing some landscaping improvements. They will let us know.

Outreach - Ted: Propose to inform about our focus for coming year. We could use again one of these mailers. Last one (You're Invited) quite successful: More people attended GM training and lot of people signed in for e-news. Vanessa suggests to look for outreach items that are more 'green' and meaningful than for example refrigerator magnets.

Events – None.

Advisory boards - Ted: Duncan, anything going on with Renter Advisory Board? Duncan: No. Ted: Ask them if they still want to be involved.

Friends of parks affiliates - Ted: Monroe Park work party is coming Sunday. Park Operations does not want to give us mulch because they say we have enough, and I am fighting them on it. Got lots of positive comment on Park Clean-up: we got our mulch beds pretty good. Park Operations want us to paint wooden benches and picnic tables this season and we will be cleaning and adding sand to sand pit. No word yet from city on bathroom project (that delays our mural efforts) or lighting upgrade. I already put mural artist David Placencia on hold. Fun-for-All-kids program is not coming back for summer 2021 despite strong arguments from myself and our EPD Public Outreach Officer. They may be back in 2022. They cited security issues and low turnout and pointing out that last year was anomalous did not convince them.

Committees -

4. **Prior general meeting review**

Ted: Thoughts on training? Vanessa: Not lot of direct actions. Liked insight in Cahoots. Having lived through lot of these cases it was not as useful as I hoped it would be. Sue: I expected some more new information. Stephanie: People that joined found it useful. It raised awareness and offered tools. Ted: We as group already have more information. I have them feedback. It was much better than earlier de-escalation training. It gets better any time.

5. **RPP Update**

Vanessa: I reached out to Travis but didn't hear back. He asked his supervisor and he is waiting for that. Ted: I would be more direct. We need something in place. We need him to move forward. Ask him if we need to contact his supervisor. Duncan: Isn't Jeff Petry his boss? Vanessa: I will send out something tomorrow. Ted: Inform me tomorrow if we need to escalate.

6. Naval Reserve Site Implementation update and timeline

Ted: Check with Paul if idea still is to discuss draft charter at April GM and vote on it at May GM. Stephanie: People likely want to know who will be on the team. If we can get people to participate. Ted: We have already solid connections with stakeholders. Not yet in touch with people in apartment. Duncan: Should we have a respectable homeless person on team? Board discusses relevance of having two representatives of school. Sue: If you would ask a parent you would hear that parents and school-districts often have very different options.

7. April Election and Implementation Plan presentation

Ted: Please send me an updated candidate statement to be published in April e-news.

8. May Meeting

Presentations from organisations involved with renters. Vote on Implementation Plan. Stephanie: I am happy to help with summary of Implementation Plan.

9. Affordable housing document Protecting Housing Affordability and Neighborhood Liveability under HB 2001

Ted: Started in February. Input through NLC. Dropped it in beginning of March. Current document is send to different boards of neighborhood associations to endorse it. It is a document from JWN board not from JWN association. Duncan: It seems that it excludes apartment complexes. Ted: I to doesn't exclude apartment building because HB 2001 doesn't deal with apartment complexes. Ted: This document is on purpose as specific as possible to force the city in direction to develop code with this in mind. Paul Conte put affordability on their radar. Duncan as long as it only applies for R1 housing then I agree. Stephanie: I am impressed by this document. How clear it is about different options. Lots of thought is put into it. Although it is not a perfect document it shows that neighborhood groups are responding in thoughtful way that is not exclusive. We all so that to canonise it as a strong document. Board votes to endorse the document (all in favour 6:0).

10. Declaration of Support to Preserve and Protect Mature Urban Street Trees and to Expand Canopy in the Jefferson Westside Neighborhood

Ted: Declaration is revised based on feedback from Erik Burke. Duncan: Why not promote use of native trees? Ted: Problem they get big and cause problems on side walks. Ted proposes to discuss declaration in depth at September GM and vote on it at October GM. Stephanie: Where does it go afterwards? Ted: Then we will try to work with it and implement it. Since we have project concerning street safety on track we could combine that: inventarisation of safety of sidewalks and available spots for new trees. Like that we can do also something fun. Duncan suggests to ask people to do that survey / audit in their part of neighborhood during summer. We could use open street GIS stuff. Ted: Using an App for it would be great.

11. Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm

ACTIONS

- Talk with guy who built Amazon Corner Apartment about conditions for building affordable housing. (action Duncan)
- Reaching out to Tamara Craft to ask if she is willing to help with NMG for Jefferson Park/EWEB station (action Sue)
- Send invitation for brainstorm about jump start advisory boards to Vanessa and Duncan (action Ted)
- Inform Ted if you want to be involved with Naval Reserve Housing plan and to what degree. (action all)
- Inform Ted if you want to be involved with revising and expanding JW Special Area Zone. (action all)
- Taking up with Sandy concerning cost postcards (action Sue)
- Make and send an updated candidate statement to Ted (action all)
- Check if people can use open GIS application for inventarisation concerning sideway safety and available spots for trees (action Duncan)