

NWNA Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Kat, Naomi, Chris, Dave, John, and Barb were present via Zoom.

Kat said Lori Stegman, East Multnomah County Commissioner, is available to present at our meeting. John asked that she talk about the library and the rock pit on Division. Kat suggested that we give her about 30 minutes to present.

John verified that it is clear to Stegman that we would like her to address the two topics. Stegman would also like to talk about other topics as they arise during the meeting.

We will schedule her to present early during the meeting.

Community Enhancement Grant:

- Drain disconnect (downspouts) *Naomi said this is a no go for the grant.*
- Push button flashing crosswalk for Birdsdale and 5th (Don Bilyeu expressed interest in this) (Kat said Michael Gonzolas said this may not meet the criteria for the grant)—Naomi said she sees no reason why this would not qualify. Kat said she will look into whether or not this is a project the city would endorse. Chris suggested we invite Don Bilyeu to speak about his ideas/concerns. *Naomi said this is a no go for the grant.*

- Other ideas: rain garden, more benches, trash cans at Bella Vista Park
- Community Garden: not a lot of open fields, space for garden
- Chris talked about ideas he pursued: a water park at Bella Vista, a park along Civic where the new development is, the sidewalks, fixing a downed basketball hoop at the Methodist Church (*all outside of scope except possibly the basketball hoop*) John suggested that if the basketball hoop idea pans out we might also include painting the pavement for a court.

- Naomi said she was going to ask Sue if we could install possibly one more bench in the park, or a trash can near the new development at the south side of the park.

Kat commented that the ideas that we have been bouncing around seem to be “dead ends.”

Barb suggested we narrow it down to a couple possibilities to present during our October 25 election meeting. Chris is interested in the Birdsdale flashing light, and Kat said the Methodist Church basketball hoop idea might work.

Kat said she will ask Michael Gonzolas about the Birdsdale walk and also a flashing radar speed sign. John pointed out that the cross walk is probably more than we could get from the grant.

Naomi said she thinks the only viable idea for the grant is the basketball hoop at the Methodist Church. John suggested we present this one idea and not open it up for a lot of discussion.

Naomi said no matter what we are able to pursue, we do need to let our neighbors know what we've done, what we've researched, and our next steps for this year or next year. Naomi said to give "high level" reasons, like "the parks program will not support....," etc.

John suggested simple list and simple, concise explanation. Chris and Naomi will present together during the meeting.

The July 15, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Kat asked if we should schedule an Adopt-a-Park event. We scheduled tentatively for October 23 from 9:00 until noon.

The historic panel will be installed Monday, October 4, at 9:00 a.m. Naomi said she can be there. Barb said she will be there for a little while.

John will give a land-use update during the meeting. If he can't be there he said he will have a prepared written report that someone can read for him.

This is Dave's last meeting with the board as a board member. Naomi asked him if there was a cost associated with the website set up and other digital goodies we have been enjoying. He said we are in good shape right now.

We will present a slate of nominees:

President: Kat Todd

Vice President: Chris Fast

Treasurer: Naomi Butler

Secretary: Barbara Adams

Land Use Chair: John Bildsoe

Kat will talk to Michael G. about setting up a zoom link for our October 25 election meeting.

Tentative 2022 meeting schedule:

January 31, 2022

May 2, 2022

July 21, 2022 Annual Picnic in the Park

October 24, 2022 Election meeting

Bank balance: \$710.17 (*everything has cleared from the picnic*)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

